

## COMMITMENT

C – CHOICE – The first thing you will have to do is to make a choice as to whether or not you can make a commitment to your State Auxiliary by becoming an officer. You have to understand that this commitment may be for several years. So you have to ask yourself, do I want this enough to commit for the next 6-10 years. Can I serve the State Auxiliary as I am required to do if I accept this position?

O – OBLIGATION – Once you have made the commitment you now have an obligation to the Auxiliary. An obligation is a duty, a promise and a contract by which one is bound. Once this is done everyone assumes that you will keep your promise and that you have taken the oath of office in a serious manner.

M – MEETINGS – You will be required to attend all regular meetings and the State Convention, the September Meeting, the Regional Conference and the Spring Conference.

M – MONEY – You need to know that if you take an office there will be costs involved. There are a lot of times that you will have to stay in a motel and that cost will be your responsibility. Some Auxiliaries will help with this cost, but not all can afford to do that. You will also have the cost of food, banquet tickets, gas and fundraising during the weekends that you travel.

I – INTERGRITY – DEF: Uprightness of character, honesty, the condition or quality of being unimpaired or sound, the state of being complete and undivided. You need to present yourself at all times the image of an officer. This image should be someone that holds themselves as an up standing and honest person. You are a person of good character and your actions should also show that. That doesn't mean that you can't have a good time and have a few drinks during the social time of the weekend. But it does mean that you will not behave in a manner that is not becoming of a lady or a State Auxiliary Officer.

T – THINK – Think before you act and think before you speak. As an officer you should always do this – It states in our ritual that you should never speak ill of a sister. Not everybody gets along with everybody but just remember that you should treat everybody the way you would like to be treated. We are a large group of women that have many different ideas and opinions. Some people might not like your ideas and opinions but they are giving you the chance to express yourself and you should give them the same courtesy. Also, when you give advice make sure you know the answer, if you are not sure of the answer never be ashamed to admit it. If you do give advice and it is incorrect, it will come back and bite you. That is why it is important to know your Rules and Regulations. When you don't know the answer just say that you are not sure and that you will find the right answer. If you cannot find the answer in the Rules and Regulations, you have other avenues open to you and they are more than willing to provide assistance.

**M – MEANINGFUL** – Being an officer has to have meaning to you. You will get as much out of being an officer as you put in, if not more. The importance and significance that you make the job of being an officer can be seen by everyone. Be prepared to memorize our ritual so that you may deliver it with sincerity at all meeting. That new member in the meeting will attach the same importance to the ritual as is displayed by the State Officers. If your attitude is indifference towards this job then you have to ask yourself if this is what you really want and what is best for the State Auxiliary. You are a role model for our future officers and Auxiliary members. If you don't show it in your actions, others can get the wrong impression as to what is expected of you as an officer.

**E – ENTHUSIASM** – You must be so dedicated to your office that you take all your obligation seriously and when you are not sure about your duties, always ask. Before each meeting ask yourself what you need to do to be prepared. Review your By-Laws, read your Standing Rules and any advance information you have received concerning the meeting. Talk to the officers who have served before you for any “customs” or activities that pertain to your office.

**N – NURTURE** – Once you have become a State Officer you need to have the ability to nurture others coming behind you in the State Auxiliary. In order to do this you have to have the knowledge of the Ritual and the Rules and Regulations.

**T – TEAMWORK** – This is a very important part of the structure of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. If you don't have teamwork then that structure will start to fall. We must be able to work together, play together and raise money together. Remember our motto of “PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”. The only way we can make that work is by everybody. Our Past Presidents, current officers, future officers and our State Auxiliary must work together as a team to make everything come together.