Response by Dr. Klein

It is with a feeling of humility and unbounded gratitude that I accept this scroll. I am humbly grateful. Thank you. To be selected by my colleagues to become the recipient of the American Association of Orthodontists' Distinguished Service Scroll is a distinct honor. What a glorious surprise to be rewarded for doing something you thoroughly enjoy!

Very few things are accomplished by one person alone, for most accomplishments are dependent on the cooperation of colleagues as well as on the great heritage of predecessors. The greatest reward for the small contribution I have made to orthodontics is the privilege I have had of working with and rubbing shoulders with such great men as William Roy Humphrey, Spencer R. Atkinson, Harvey Carlyle Pollock, Sr., Leuman Maurice Waugh, Alfred Paul Rogers, Joseph D. Eby, Joseph E. Johnson, Henry Forest Hoffman, Frederick Sumner McKay, Charles R. Baker, George H. Siersma, Oliver H. Devitt, J. Lyndon Carman, Earl E. Shepard, James E. Brophy, and many, many others too numerous to mention. They have all made outstanding contributions to our specialty. Fortunate, indeed, is the man who has the privilege and opportunity to know these men and to work with them. Not one sought fame or fortune but merely attempted to do good. Their many friends always will recognize their greatness.

As your curator, I cannot pass up the opportunity of putting in a plug for the Museum of the American Association of Orthodontists. An AAO Museum Committee was appointed Aug. 29, 1962, for the purpose of collecting materials of a historical nature and placing them in a satisfactory depository where they can be identified, catalogued, and indexed, pending the establishment of a permanent museum and a director.

A policy for this museum has been established and patterned after the policy of the Smithsonian Institution and other leading museums in the country. Much valuable material has been collected, but we have just scratched the surface.

Valuable orthodontic historical materials are not difficult to find. They are everywhere—in attics, garages, basements, public libraries, and even in our offices. Collecting historical material for our museum is not a means of cleaning house and getting rid of something you do not want. The museum should house contributions suitable for study and research, not a mass of curios and junk. The museum should serve a purpose similar to that of a library. Send all the historical material you have stored to the AAO Central Office, 7177 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63130. Include background information pertaining to the individual item, so that it can be properly catalogued and identified.

My family joins me in thanking you for this award.

Distinguished Service Scroll presentation to Richard A. Lowy

The last is never least, and I now refer to Richard A. Lowy, who also is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Scroll. Dick, as he is universally and a®-
Richard A. Lowy (left) receives the Distinguished Service Scroll from Harold K. Terry, immediate past president of the American Association of Orthodontists.

fessionally known, is a native of the state of New Jersey. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the D.D.S. degree—and that means “Dramatic Demonstrative Storyteller.” He entered the practice of orthodontics with his uncle, Ralph W. Waldron, who was one of the illustrious pioneers of the specialty of orthodontics.

Through this association with Dr. Waldron, Dick was fortunate to obtain instruction from and have free entry into the offices of such outstanding orthodontists as Milo Hellman, J. Lowe Young, John V. Mershon, Charles Hawley, Martin Dewey, A. P. Rogers, James D. McCoy, and Paul Simon.

It is appropriate that Dr. Lowy should receive this award here in Colorado. His efficiency and astute planning ability showed early, in that he combined his thirst for orthodontic knowledge and spent his honeymoon with his charming wife, Maxine, at the AA0 meeting in 1929 at Estes Park. It was at this meeting that the American Board of Orthodontics was organized. The Association boasted of having 300 members at that time. Dick entertained all of them with his atrocious sense of humor, and he has been at it ever since, including yesterday and today. We wish him to know that this effort on his part is appreciated by some, but that is certainly not what singles him out for this high honor.

Dick served the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists as president in 1950-1951. He received his ABO certificate in 1939. He has lectured extensively throughout the United States and in foreign countries, and he assisted Benno Lischer in presenting courses on gnathostatics.

Dr. Lowy represented the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists in many other important capacities, such as alternate director to the AAO Board of Directors for 8 years and as Director for 2 years. As Trustee from the North-
eastern Society, he has been one of the most valuable and most active members of the AAO Board of Trustees for the 5 years since the reorganization of this Association's method of operation. It is to Dr. Lowy that we have turned in the Trustee's meetings, knowing that his homework was done with all "i's" dotted and "t's" crossed.

It is his outstanding service in this capacity, plus his dedicated service in the planning and production of all the AAO sessions held in New York City, as well as those meetings of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists held there for the past 25 years, which earns our high esteem.

Dick, the presentation of this award has received the unanimous enthusiastic approval of the Awards Committee, and I am certain that the AAO membership at large will agree with this decision. It is my great pleasure at this time to present this certificate to you.

Response by Dr. Lowy

You know, I really should quit now. I think I'm ahead!

I know that the Board of Trustees will be amazed at my next statement, but, really, I am speechless. I don't know how to express my thanks and gratification for the honor that has been bestowed on me.

I have felt over the years that when one plagiarizes, one is likely to get into trouble, but I have decided that I would like to plagiarize a few things, so I am going to explain what I have stolen. Oh, yes, before I tell you what I have stolen, I might say that I was also instructed by my good wife, Maxine, not to say anything good about her. Well, I won't, but she actually deserves all the credit.

Now, what I stole came from the Reader's Digest. It says that a speaker has a solemn responsibility and that the man who makes a bad 30-minute speech to 200 people wastes only a half hour of his time but he wastes 100 hours of the audience's time—more than 4 days—and that should be a hanging offense.

I have just one more thing to say before I close, and that I also stole. I stole it from the Academy Awards for the Oscars. Let me also just say: "Thank you. I assure you you couldn't have given this award to a nicer fellow."