

FLAG CEREMONY, G.G.C., O.E.S.

RETIRING

Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron: SISTER OR BROTHER MARSHAL, YOU WILL RETIRE THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY.

Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron: Calls up Chapter with three raps of the Gavel.

The Marshal will proceed west to the Station of the Conductress, turn right proceed to the Station of Associate Conductress, followed by the Conductress, passing through the Labyrinth, west of the Altar, to the Station of the Associate Conductress. All three face the East, forming a triangle, with the Marshal at the point, and proceed to the Station of the Flag. (If Chapter will not accommodate this movement, they will proceed single file, led by the Associate Conductress.) In either event, upon reaching the Flag Station, three abreast with the Associate Conductress on the left of the Marshal, stopping on the East marching line. The Marshal then steps forward to remove the Flag from the Standard, faces west and advances to a position between the Conductresses, stopping two paces ahead of them, who at this time, will turn towards each other, completing the triangle, and proceeding west to the Station of the Associate Conductress. They now turn left, the Conductress leading single file to her Station, all pausing momentarily, facing the East at the Altar. Upon reaching the Conductress's Station, they turn left, again forming a triangle, marching to the Marshal's Station where the Conductresses will stop at the East marching line while the Marshal replaces the Flag in its standard, at the right of the chair, then returns to the left of her chair, after which the Conductresses will turn toward each other, facing west, and march to the Conductress's Station, where she will assume her regular duties, the Associate Conductress turns right and, passes through the Labyrinth, goes directly

to her Station, where she assumes her regular duties.

Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron seats Chapter.

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