

2024 Bylaw Amendment
Section 222. Book of Instruction – Memorial for Departed Members

Currently reads:

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The following suggested form MAY be used. The drape should be at the Marshal's station.

Worthy Matron: "Sister Conductress, _____ Chaplain and _____ Marshal (who rise and bow), you will drape the Altar in memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers."

The Worthy Matron calls up the Chapter. The Conductress, Chaplain and Marshal march West until opposite Esther's station; Marshal following Conductress, and approach the Altar on diagonal lines from southwest; Chaplain approaches Altar on diagonal line from northwest. If necessary to move Bible, Conductress shall pick up and hold Bible, and the Chaplain on the north and Marshal on the south shall drape the Altar. Chaplain and Marshal step back; Conductress replaces the Bible. They bow, turn and leave; Marshal between Adah and Ruth, Conductress between Ruth and Esther, and Chaplain between Esther and Martha, turn out and return to their station. *2014 Grand Chapter(housekeeping)

Appropriate music and prayer may be used as desired. If it is not necessary to move the Bible, the drape should be at the Conductress' station and the Marshal need not assist.

Change to read:

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Rational: Entrance and exit of the Marshal and Chaplain between Adah and Ruth and Martha and Electa makes the floor work more ceremonial.

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