



The Associate Matron

Each officer in a chapter is important. All officers are charged with specific duties at the time of installation. Each officer should strive to perform these duties in a manner becoming the solemnity of our Order. To make our Ritualistic work as impressive as possible, all officers should memorize their work.

Proving the Chapter is the responsibility of the Associate Matron, and the Conductresses are under her direction. The prescribed form is to be followed. Ritual, pages 26 and 27. The Associate Matron will stand during the proving of the Chapter.

The Worthy Matron will be seated after directing the Associate Matron and will remain seated until addressed by her.

After the Associate Matron has instructed the Conductress and Associate Conductress they will step forward from the east side of their pedestals, march to the East, turn and march toward each other with enough steps to prove the East, turn facing the East and pass slowly to the West, carefully observing each person present. They will proceed to a position in front of the Associate Matron to form a triangle. Facing each other, the Associate Conductress will report to the Conductress, they turn in to face the Associate Matron, the Conductress reports to the Associate Matron and they immediately turn toward each other with all three facing the East.

The completion of the Proving of the Chapter and the preceding with the opening

ceremony is in the Ritual, page 27.

If there is a visitor for whom no one can vouch, the instructions are in the Ritual, pages 26 and 27. Refer to the Ritual, page 83, for passing an examination and Ritual, page 17, for the Test Oath.

When the Hollow Square is performed she goes straight to her station after the Worthy Matron has been escorted to the East.

When there are candidates for the degrees she should introduce herself to them prior to the meeting and obtain their names as she welcomes them into the Chapter and introduces them to the Worthy Matron.

In the Prayer Circle she stands in-between Esther and Ruth.

The Associate Matron conducts the roll call and should have a listing of the

Chapters, Chapter Numbers, and Towns. She always commences with the Chapter that is meeting.

As the Associate Matron is to assist the Worthy Matron in the active duties of the Chapter, she should listen closely to what is transpiring in the meetings and be prepared to assist in any way she may be able to do so.

The Associate Matron must be prepared to assume the East when the Worthy Matron is absent.

When a ballot has been spread, she is responsible for showing the Associate Patron the contents of the drawer and reporting the results. One or two black cubes and it is clear. Beyond that it is not clear.

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Worthy Grand Matron