

PRESENTATION OF ALTAR BIBLE TO CHAPTER  
BY RETIRING WORTHY MATRON AND WORTHY PATRON

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Feeder 4

Worthy Matron: Sisters and Brothers, our chapter year is closing, a new year is opening, a new regime will replace that of 19\_\_.

This has been a happy year for your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, made so by the loving service and cooperation of this fine (name) Chapter Number \_\_\_\_, officers and members. It has been a joy to work with and for you.

We feel a deep sense of gratitude toward this chapter and we would in retiring from our high offices which you have so graciously conferred upon us, like to leave with you some tangible and lasting tribute. We have considered the matter and have decided that nothing would better express our appreciation than a Holy Bible to be placed upon our Altar.

When the Pilgrim Fathers "moored their bark" on the shores of this fair land of ours they came seeking freedom to worship God in their own way.

They landed upon a rock-bound coast, a wilderness, peopled only by savages from whom they could expect possibly nothing but hostility.

Nothing daunted however they established on that bleak shore their primitive church, builded upon the solid rock of faith in God's almighty arm, and for chart and compass placed their dependence upon his written word.

Even so has the Eastern Star built upon this solid rock, and for their guiding light have chosen the bright Star which heralded the coming to earth of his only begotten son, Christ Jesus.

The officers will form the altar circle, and our Chaplain will lead us in prayer.  
(Summon chapter to rise.)

The altar circle being formed, the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, the Patron carrying the Bible, will advance to the altar, pass around to the west side and face east, leaving space between them for the Chaplain. Place the Bible. The Conductress will approach and open the Bible in the regular manner and the Chaplain advances also in the regular way. The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and the Chaplain kneel together for the prayer. The officers retire from the altar circle in regular form.

PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, we come before thee in all humility as we place upon our altar, dedicated to Charity, Truth and Lovingkindness this beautiful Bible.

We thank thee that thou hast given us this, thy holy word, and ask thy divine help that we may ever be guided by its teachings.

We are grateful for having had the service of this conscientious sister and brother, and thank thee that thou hast prompted in their hearts the wish to give to their chapter this Holy Bible as token of their love.

Wilt thou bless this service to our use, and may we go forth better fitted to do our work, to benefit mankind and honor thee.

In the name of thy dear son we ask it.

Amen.