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ALTAR -- CLOSING CEREMONY

When the Worthy Matron declares the Chapter closed, Associate Matron lights a tall candle (handy beside her chair). Organist plays softly.

Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress and Associate Conductress leaves stations, slowly walking to Altar - arriving together - standing at four sides respectively:

Worthy Matron:

And now that our Sacred Book is closed

And our ceremonies are done Our Associate leaves a parting thought

In the hearts of every One.

Associated Matron:

I have lighted a candle of service

That we who have seen His Star

May think of the poor and needy,

And help them, wherever they are.

Conductress:

May envy, and hate, and malice Just wither before this flame

And the eternal fire of God,

Light up our hearts in the Father's Name.

Associated Conductress:

May all who have come to this meeting,
With heartx overburdened with care,
Go forth, with their burdens lightened
And peace, find a dwelling place there.

Associate Matron: (Blows out candle)

As the light of the candle goes out

And the day is o'er,

May we who go forth from this chapter tonight, Be permitted to meet here once more.

All officers turn and walk back to their stations. Organist plays softly.

Sentinel retires flag.

Officers retire.