

DRAPING THE ALTAR

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After the Secretary has read the names or name for whom the Altar is to be draped the Worthy Matron says:

"We will now drape the Altar in memory of these departed loved ones."

A chord is played as a signal for the Chaplain, Marshal, Conductress and Associate Conductress to rise.

Music: "Nearer My God To Thee".

The Chaplain and Marshal (who carries the drape) march West, Conductress and Associate Conductress falling in line as their stations are passed. They enter the labyrinth between Martha and Esther and Ruth and Esther's stations respectively.

The Conductress and Associate stand on the North and South sides of the Altar, the other two on the West side. When this position has been reached the Matron calls up the Chapter.

The Marshall hands the drape to the Conductress, then removes the open Bible and handing it to the Chaplain. The Conductress and Associate Conductress assist each other in placing the drape on the Altar. The Marshal then takes the Bible from the Chaplain and replaces it.

The Worthy Matron says:

"At home in the beautiful hills of God,
In the valley of rest so fair,
Some day, some time when our task is done,
With joy we shall meet them there."

The Chapter is seated and the officers return to their stations.