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PRESENTING THE FLAG TO THE EAST.

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When the Chapter is opened the Flag should be in a standard at the left of the Associate Patron's station. After the Chapter has been declared open the Flag may be presented in the following manner.

Worthy Matron:

Sister Marshall (or Flag Bearer, as the case may be)

Marshall: Bowing to Worthy Matron.

Worthy Matron.

Worthy Matron:

You will present the Flag of our Country to the East.

The Marshall marches to the West and is presented with the Flag by the Associate Patron. She carries it before her at an angle of 45 degrees, with the staff beneath her right arm. Officers and members rise, without the sound of the gavel, as the Marshall receives the Flag, and stand with the right hand over the heart until the Flag is placed in the standard in the East.

The Marshall marches to the Altar entering the labyrinth between the stations of Esther and Ruth. She pauses a moment before the Altar holding the Flag above the Bible but does not let it touch either the Bible or the Altar; then carries it to the East where she places it in the standard. She then steps back to a position near the Chaplain's station.

Worthy Matron:

Sisters and Brothers, let us honor the Flag of our Country by singing one verse of America. After the song the Marshall returns to her chair.

The same ceremony may be used by having the Associate Patron bring the Flag to the East. The Matron then says:

Sister Marshall, you will escort the Associate Patron as he presents the Flag to the East.

The Flag, also may be held at the Altar while the Star Spangled Banner is sung or while the Flag Salute is given.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."