

PEACE AND GOODWILL

Retiring Jewel March

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The Organist plays very softly. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron rise (as do all the Officers) and leave their stations to stand in front of their pedestal. The Worthy Matron (or Worthy Patron) says: 'Silently let us join at the altar and form a circle of brotherly love.'

Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron stand watching the Officers as they come forward and form a circle around the Altar.

The order in which the Officers leave their stations and go East on the side lines is as follows:

Associate Matron and Associate Patron (who leave space when they reach a point in front of before the altar and in front of Adah and Electa's chairs. This space is left for the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron). In proceeding to the East they keep to the side lines until they reach a point in front of the Chaplain and Marshal; then they turn West and start forming the circle.

The Officers follow in this order: Conductress and Associate Conductress, Chaplain and Marshal, Treasurer and Secretary. The Star points move to the side lines while the other Officers are taking their places. Now they are ready and have been joined by the Warder who marches opposite Esther. They go forward and fill in the circle. Last of all the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron come from the East through the center of the circle and complete it.

Music is played very softly, and they join hands when all are in their proper places.

WORTHY MATRON SAYS:

Because the jewels that we wear
Have been chosen with such care,
We will them on the altar lay,
E'er we go upon our way.

Let each Officer advance,
Tell their true significance,
And let us each reflect their light
Until we meet another night.

Each Officer drops hands, and in turn advances to the altar. When he or she has placed the jewel on the altar, with hand still on jewel, each gives the key note of her (or his) charge.

Then after each gives her key word, she returns to the original position.

(JEWEL PLEDGE)

Matron--Divine Understanding
Associate Matron--Light
Associate Conductress--Leadership
Chaplain--Devotion
Treasurer--Security
Electa--Love
Martha--Faith
Esther--Peace

Patron--Supervision
Associate Patron--Brotherly Love
Conductress--Fulfillment
Marshal--Direction
Secretary--Faithfulness
Adah--Fidelity
Ruth--Industry
Warder--Goodwill

The last two, Esther and Warder, should emphasize their key words. When all are in position again the Officers may now sing a verse from any song and then take own places to music and retire, the officers lining up diagonally outside the door forming an aisle through which the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron pass.