A Rewarding Future

In order to get the most out of your membership, you will want to:

- Attend meetings
- Enjoy social events
- Assist with projects
- Get to know your brothers & sisters
- Stay involved

At the Sound of the Gavel...

Three Raps: Everyone stands
Two Raps: Only Officers stand
One Rap: Calls chapter to order, seats everyone, completes opening* and closing, completes each order of business

*Remain standing after the chapter is declared open, even though the gavel is rapped once.

Common Abbreviations

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Your new member mentor is

Feel free to contact them at

with any questions you might have.

Website: ndeasternstar.org
**Tips for Chapter Meetings**

- When the Bible is open on the altar, no one should walk between the open Bible and the East, except during initiation and installation.
- No pictures should be taken while the Bible is open.
- Try to sit with your mentor or another chapter member who can answer questions you may have at meetings.
- The Reverend Attitude is assumed during all altar ceremonies, when the Conductress or Chaplain enters the Labyrinth, and held until they leave this area.
- The Attitude of Prayer, assumed when the chaplain kneels to pray, is the Reverend Attitude with the head bowed.
- If you would like to speak in chapter meeting, please stand, wait to be acknowledged by the Worthy Matron and start your statement or question with “Worthy Matron, ...”
- Give Grand Honors in one motion by crossing the arms over the breast, the left over the right, with hands open, with a slight bow.

**Entering or Leaving a Chapter Meeting while in session:**

1. When entering knock (** * **) on the south door to the chapter room and wait for the Warder to admit you. If you arrive during the ceremony of opening the chapter, you will be admitted after opening has concluded, before the business starts.
2. Whether entering or retiring, proceed to a position in front of the Associate Matron and Associate Patron and face the East.
3. Give the Salutation Sign and wait for the response from the Worthy Matron.
4. If entering, take a seat on the sidelines.
5. If retiring, wait for the Warder to open the door.
6. Leaving due to illness or an emergency may be done without giving the Salutation Sign.

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Associate Patron & Associate Matron

Associate Conductress

Sentinel (outside the closed door)