

Common Abbreviations:

OES	Order of the Eastern Star
WGM	Worthy Grand Matron
WGP	Worthy Grand Patron
PGM	Past Grand Matron
PGP	Past Grand Patron
GGCCM	General Grand Chapter Committee Member
DGM	Deputy Grand Matron
COA	Chairman of Arrangements
WM	Worthy Matron
WP	Worthy Patron
PM	Past Matron
PP	Past Patron

Your first Chapter meetings:

1. The chapter may have a guest book to sign.
2. Your chapter may have a printed program, sometimes called an Ode Book, and calendar. Ask for a copy. Check for special events on the chapter calendar. The chapter may hold social events, special project meetings, Honor Nights for Grand Officers, etc.
3. Your chapter may have an Opening and Closing Ode [songs]. These are often found in the chapter program or a special handout.
4. If an officer needs assistance with the Ritual memory work, the assigned prompter will help.
5. Your mentor or other chapter members can help you better understand the meetings.
6. Please ask your mentor or Worthy Matron questions concerning appropriate attire at chapter meetings.

Entering or Leaving a Chapter Meeting while in session:

1. Place your purse or other items down in the West.
2. Proceed to a position in front of the Associate Matron and Associate Patron and face the East.
3. Give the Salutation Sign. [Your mentor will discuss and practice this with you.]
4. If entering, take a seat on the sidelines.
5. If retiring, wait for the Warder to open the door of the chapter room.
6. Leaving due to illness or an emergency may be done without giving the Salutation Sign.

Respect for the Bible:

1. When the Bible is open on the altar, no one should walk between the open Bible and the East, except during initiation and installation.
2. No pictures should be taken while the Bible is open.
3. It is not customary to applaud the ritualistic work.

Reverent Attitude:

1. Ask a member to demonstrate the Reverent Attitude.
2. This Reverent Attitude is assumed during all altar ceremonies, when the Conductress or Chaplain enters the Labyrinth, and held until they leave this area.
3. The Attitude of Prayer is the Reverent Attitude with the head bowed.
4. Bow your head as the Chaplain kneels or begins the prayer.
5. At the end of the prayer, join in the prayer response. [Your mentor will review this with you.]