

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This statement from the Associate Conductress to the candidates is separate from the "preparation" work the AC recites from the Ritual, Pg 50 in the preparation room. This specific information below should be shared prior to Initiation.

"Our Chapter Room is dedicated to God and the teachings of our Order are moral and its purposes beneficent.

In symbolism, we think of God as above us, and so we permit no one to enter our Chapter after it is in session wearing a hat or head covering, so as not to come between God and themselves.

We do not wear gloves because they are a symbol of something between us and the warm hand clasp of our Sisters and Brothers.

You will be asked to respond to a few questions during the ceremony. The appropriate response is *"I am"* or *"I do."*

You will be handed Bibles at the Altar before the obligation.

During the ceremony, you will be arm in arm with either the Conductress, me, or another candidate. There will be times when you are asked to walk single file, following the Conductress, but we will guide you."