

Disarranging the Word

Before a Chapter is closed arrange with the Senior Grand Chapter Officer present to disarrange the word. If none are present, then arrange for a past 1st Principal to do this.

On formal occasions the Director of Ceremonies may escort him to the North placing the person disarranging the word opposite the pedestal, the D. of C. can then return to his station.

While giving the closing charge the Officer remains in the North, this should not be treated as a "walking charge".

Companions come to Sign of Fidelity, the officer will Advance to the pedestal giving the Reverential Sign on the 3rd 5th and 7th steps, then disarrange the word. The three greater and three lesser lights are extinguished.

Companions drop the Sign of Fidelity when the lights are extinguished.

The officer should not move his feet, he must stay where he is, he can turn his body slightly but should not move his feet.

Companions resume the Sign of Fidelity, "Nothing remains...", and everyone says "So mote it be".

The 1st Principal gives one final knock to complete the closing of the chapter.

Rt. Ex. Comp. George Fairbairn
Grand Third Principal
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