

Christmas Observance

Christmas Music until signal to start

1. All visitors and Sir Knights are ushered into the room and seated.
2. Eminent Commander will welcome everyone and introduce the speaker. After speaker has finished the Eminent Commander will ask Sir Knights that are participating at the triangle to retire.

Sir Knights, not on the triangle, and Visitors will be served cups for the toasts being sure to have a choice of wine, grape juice or water.
3. All lights except at the triangle are extinguished. A spotlight will be positioned above the triangle.
4. At the musical Cue: “El Capitan”.
Two Sir Knights enter from adjacent doors, approach the triangle and light the candles, then take their places at the triangle.
5. The Sir Knights that are to read the sentiments approach the triangle from adjacent doors and take their places.
6. The two Sir Knights filling the goblets enter from adjacent doors and take their places at the triangle.
7. Three Sir Knights, in uniform and chosen to attend at the triangle, enter room adjacent doors and take their places at the triangle.
8. The Sir Knight Eminent Commander enters and takes his place at the head of the triangle. **STOP MUSIC “EL CAPITAN”**
9. Cups and glasses for all Sir Knights and visitors will be provided so they may participate in toasts.
10. Box for fraternal assistance be placed at the door. (*Be sure to explain where the monies will be dispensed*)

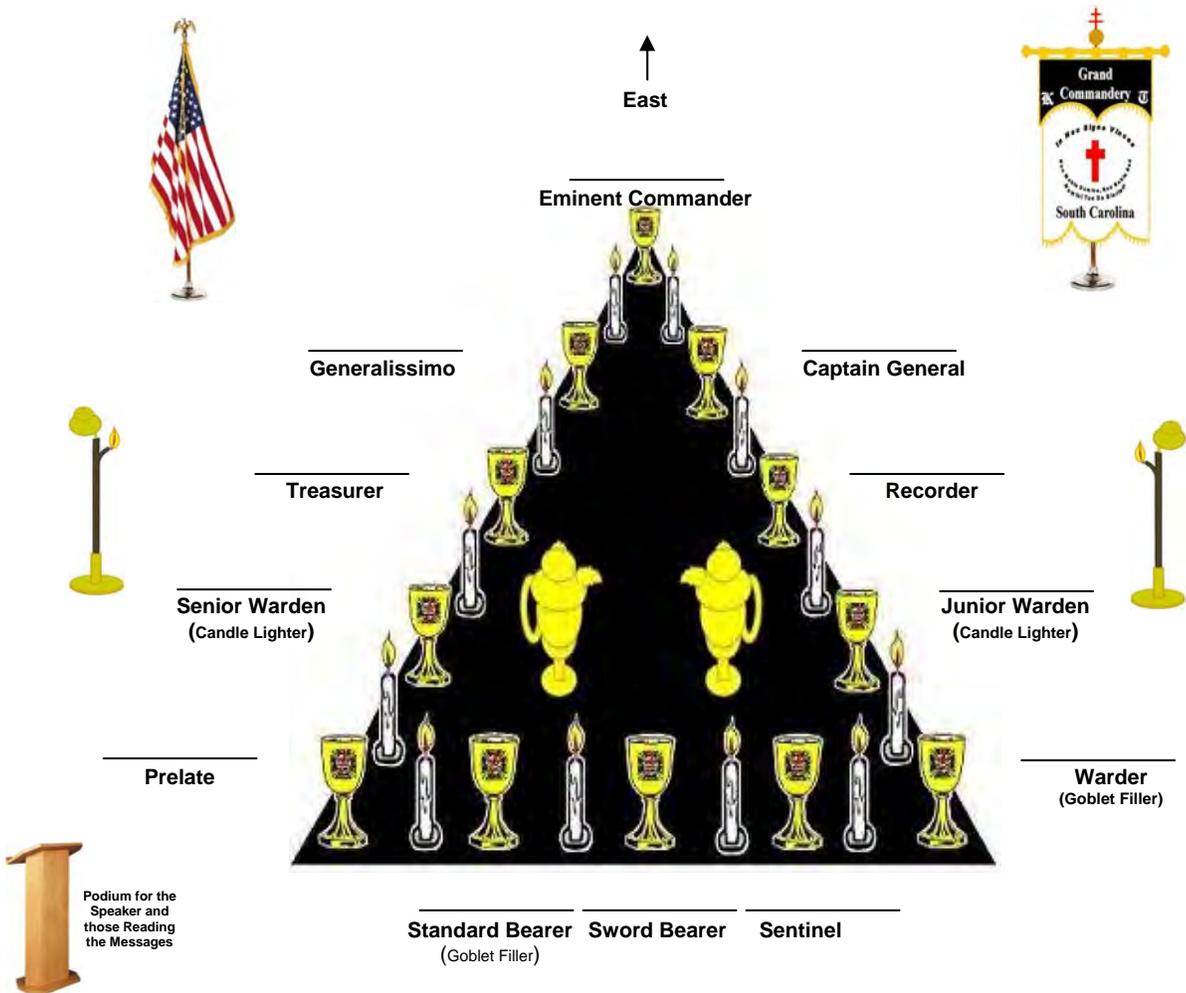


Table with Wine & Grape Juice for the Visitors & Sir Knights Not on the Triangle



Drawings not to scale
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Music continues through **“El Capitan”** ----- **Music stops**

EMINENT COMMANDER: Excellent Prelate, please read the old - old story.

PRELATE: Reads Isaiah XI: 1-5 and Luke II: 1-14 ----

(start music at) --- “because there was no room for them at the inn” Little **Town of Bethlehem.** **ENDING WITH** “and on earth, peace, good will toward men.”

EMINENT COMMANDER:

Sir Knights, on this glorious day we commemorate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, Emmanuel, author of our salvation, and the Great Captain under whose Banner we have all enlisted. Two thousand years ago, there was born in Bethlehem of Judea, one who laid aside the God-Head, and assumed mortal flesh; one whose glory, worth and grace no language can express, one who was born that our lives might be purified and who died that our souls might be redeemed from the penalty of sin.

Let us, as true Soldiers of the Cross, strive to profit by the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of that Divine Master and remain His faithful soldiers unto death. Seeking strength to continue that struggle, let us now accompany our Excellent Prelate to the throne of Heavenly grace. --- **(Music stop) Excellent Prelate, lead our devotions.** Sir Knights to your devotions --- **uncover.**

EXCELLENT PRELATE: Prayer – Amen. (Lord’s Prayer)

ALL SIR KNIGHTS: Amen.

EMINENT COMMANDER: **Sir Knights – re-cover.**

Let the libations be poured into the goblets on the triangle. (Ladies, Gentlemen and Sir Knights we have 4 toasts – do not drink all your libations at one time. Partake for each toast with the Sir Knight at the Triangle. **Done.**

EMINENT COMMANDER: Sir Knight _____, read the sentiments of the Committee on Religious Activities.

SIR KNIGHT _____: (steps to podium and reads sentiments).
(Returns to Triangle)

EMINENT COMMANDER: **Sir Knights Uncover - - advance - - take cups.**
“To our Grand Master.”

TOAST #1

SIR KNIGHTS AT TRIANGLE: (repeat) “To our Grand Master.”

EMINENT COMMANDER: **Sir Knights - - Partake - - Replace cups ----- Recover.**

EMINENT COMMANDER: Sir Knight _____ , read the Grand Master's response.

SIR KNIGHT: _____ (steps to Podium and reads response).
(Return to Triangle, *no toast*).

EMINENT COMMANDER: Sir Knight _____ , read the sentiments of the Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT _____ (Steps to Podium and reads sentiments).
(Return to Triangle)

EMINENT COMMANDER: "Sir Knights, **Uncover, advance, take cups**
"To the Grand Commander, Knights Templar of South Carolina."

TOAST #2

SIR KNIGHTS AT TRIANGLE: (repeat). To the Grand Commander, Knights Templar of South Carolina.

EMINENT COMMANDER: **Sir Knights ---- Partake. (Remain uncovered)**

EMINENT Prelate: Sir Knight _____ , read the Sentiments of the Grand Prelate.

SIR KNIGHT: _____ (Steps to Podium and reads sentiments).
(Return to Triangle, *no toast*).

STANDARD BEARER: _____ To all Knights Templar, wherever dispersed.

TOAST #3

SIR KNIGHTS AT TRIANGLE: (repeat) "To All Knights Templar . . ."

EMINENT COMMANDER: **"Partake."**

SWORD BEARER: _____ "To all Knights Templar who have shed their blood in defense of Liberty and Christianity."

TOAST #4 (bow heads)

SIR KNIGHTS AT TRIANGLE: (repeat) To all Knights Templar who have shed their blood in defense of Liberty and Christianity.
(Bow heads)

SENTINEL:

“To the Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina.”

TOAST #5

SIR KNIGHTS AT TRIANGLE:

(repeat) “To the Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina.”

EMINENT COMMANDER:

“**Partake**”

EMINENT COMMANDER:

“Let us recall the hallowed memories of the Fraters of our own jurisdiction who have joined the silent majority”. **Sir Knights replace cups.**

EMINENT COMMANDER:

Sir Knights, let us bow our heads in memory of the dead of this jurisdiction during this year of our Lord – **2003.**

Knights at the triangle will bow their heads until music ends (Music Starts)

“O HOLY NIGHT” (Music ends)

EMINENT COMMANDER:

“Sir Knights, we have been refreshed by these hallowed memories; now let us receive the benediction of our Excellent Prelate.”

PRELATE:

May the Lord bless thee and keep thee; may the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. AMEN.

EMINENT COMMANDER:

“Sir Knights - - **Recover.**”

(All Sir Knights will march out in pairs to the music of Joy To The World. Commander First – then Sir Knights. Last two will extinguish the candles.)

All Sir Knights will march back into the room single file on the cue of the music “Silent Night” facing the audience. With lights turned on, the **Commander** will thank guests, introduce Sir Knights according to rank, wish everyone a Merry Christmas and dismiss Sir Knights.

ISAIAH 11: 1 - 5

1. And There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots;
2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after hearing of his ears.
4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.



LUKE 2: 1 – 14

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. (*And this taxing was first made when Cy-re 'ni - us was Governor of Syria.*)
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought fourth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the Inn.
8. And there were in the same Country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them. Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this *shall* be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.