

AFTER DINNER PROTOCOL

- Before you start the introductions first check to see that your new Knight is present with his Lady (if applicable).
- Review the sign in sheets of visiting Commanderies and place them in order.
 - Remove any that do not have a regular member in attendance.
 - Introduce highest ranking officer present. He will speak for and introduce the remaining Sir Knights. If only Honorary Member is listed on sheet, do not call on that Commandery.
 - Bark River Commandery No. 1313 is the last Commandery introduced. Call on the Grand Senior Warden (if present) to introduce Bark River. If not present, call on Grand Junior Warden or Inspecting Officer.
- Make sure you have all your presentations ready to give out.

AFTER DINNER INTRODUCTIONS:

Commander's Welcome:

“Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, my name is (insert here). As the Commander of (Commandery name), along with Lady (insert your Lady’s name), I wish to welcome you to our inspection. I hope the day has gone well for you and that you enjoyed (or are enjoying dinner).”

“At this time, I wish to introduce my officers and their Ladies for this Templar year.”

“Sir Knight Sr. or Jr. Warden, please introduce our newest Sir Knight and his Lady.”

Inspecting Officer will give a toast to the new Sir Knight

“I would ask all the Sweethearts of (Commandery name) to rise and be introduced.”

“Will the remaining Members, Honorary Members and Ladies of (insert Commandery name) please rise and be recognized.”

“At this time, I’d like to introduce the Officers, Knights and Ladies of our visiting commanderies.” (use sign-in sheets)

“Next I’d like to welcome the Presiding Officials and Officers of other Grand Bodies. Will any person elected or appointed to our Michigan Grand Bodies along with Past Presiding Officers, please rise and introduce yourself.”

“Thank you all for attending our inspection and for the tireless work you do.”

“I would now ask that all Grand Commandery Committeemen and their Ladies please rise and be recognized” (pause). On behalf of (insert Commandery name) I wish to thank you for your dedicated service to us and to the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Awards:

“At this time, I’d like to introduce the recipients of several Templar Awards.

Will any Knight who has received the Meritorious Service Award this year please stand and introduce yourself and your Lady (pause)? Will all holders of the Meritorious Service Award please stand to be recognized?

Will any Knight who has received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor this year please stand and introduce yourself and your Lady (pause)? Will all holders of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor, please stand?

Will any Knight who has received the Knight Commander of the Temple, this year please stand and introduce yourself and your Lady (pause)? Will all holders of the Knight Commander of the Temple, please stand?

To all the recipients of these awards, thank you for your service. Your dedication to our craft is greatly appreciated.”

The Companion of the Temple Recipients will be introduced by the Inspecting Officer

Presentations: (if you have any)

“It’s my great pleasure to take a few minutes to recognize some outstanding members of this Commandery with the following awards.”

To officers or ladies of your Commandery:

- Grand Commander’s Service Award
- Meritorious Service Award
- Companion of the Temple (should be presented by Inspecting officer)

To Inspecting Officer and Lady: (if you have any)

- Presentation to the Inspecting Officer’s Lady
- Gift or Honorary Membership for your Inspecting Officer

“At this time, I’d like to introduce the elected and appointed officers of our Grand Commandery.”

- *Will all Aides to the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Battalion Commanders please rise and introduce yourself and your Lady?*

Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Sentinel

Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Warder

Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

Sir Knight, Loren A. Winn, Eminent Grand Recorder

Sir Knight, William P. Herlihy, Eminent Grand Treasurer
Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Prelate
Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Senior Warden

Our Past Grand Commanders: (see attached sheet)

“Please give these Officers and their Ladies a welcoming applause.”

“The following are the Dais Officers of our Grand Commandery.”

Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Captain General
Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Sir Knight, _____, Very Eminent Deputy Grand
Commander

“Sir Knights, please be upstanding for:

Sir Knight, _____, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Are there any announcements?

“Sir Knights and Ladies, please be upstanding and join me in welcoming our Inspecting Officer representing the “Grand Commandery of Michigan” Sir Knight, _____, Eminent Grand _____ (name and position).

Inspecting Officer:

***“Excellent Prelate you will dismiss the gathering with a
Benediction.”***

Past Grand Commanders

Please check or highlight those present

Darel W. Winslow, (2019)
Shawn M. Bashore, (2018)
Michael Whiting, (2017)
Donald L. Trumbull, (2016)
Lloyd A. Darling, (2016) Honorary Past Grand Commander
Albert F. Johnson, (2015)
Paul W. Roggow, (2014)
Howard H. Crumit Jr. (2013)
Cortland C. Rule (2012)
Roy A. Ickes (2011)
Loren A. Winn PDC (2010)
William P. Herlihy (2009)
David L. Seyferth (2008)
Glenn V. Leeper Jr. (2007)
Emmett W. Mills Jr. (2006)
Vernon T. Barnhart (2005)
James E. Hawn (2003)
Richard E. Hansen (2001)
James C. Costello (2000)
Richard D. Erspamer (1998)
Stanley O. Simons HPDC (1997)
Tommy R. Amidon (1994)
Claude A. Miller (1990)
Erwin W. "Doc" O'Dell (1982)

Please write in visiting Past Grand Commanders from other states: