

On the Alter, open Bible, Square and Compass, Crossed Swords, Charter, Constitution Laws and regulations of Minnesota and Grand Encampment. Sword for Sentinel. Jewels are to be in the hands of and are to be pinned on by the officers ladies when the Grand Commander says “you will now be invested with the jewel of your office”.

Installing Officer, Installing Prelate, Installing Recorder and Installing Marshal enter and take their positions and are introduced by the Grand Commander.

Grand Commander: Sir Knights, ladies and friends, we are about to install the officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota for the year of _____.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Officers elect and appointed into the asylum. (officers enter with their ladies in reverse order, the Sentinel first and the Grand Commander last. Escort ladies to their seats on the side and the officers to their chairs facing East and remain standing).

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Installing Recorder, you will read the names of the officers chosen to represent this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year. (Recorder reads names)

Grand Commander: All please rise and join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. (All be seated except the officers)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present these Knights who have been chosen as officers of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year and are now ready to enter upon the duties of their several stations. Officers chosen, Draw Swords!! Present Swords!!

Grand Commander: As Masons, we are charged never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. Officers chosen, carry swords! Order swords!! Commandery and ladies and guest, attention!! Sir Knights, uncover!! Eminent Grand Prelate, lead our devotions.

Grand Prelate: (offers a prayer)

Most Holy and Gracious Lodge God! We approach you with reverence, and implore your blessing on this Sir Knight, elected to preside over this Commandery. Fill his heart with Your love, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Your Glory. Make him steadfast in Your Service, grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach Your Judgment and Your laws, and be a true and faithful servant. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Hear our prayer. Forgive our transgressions, and, finally, receive us into the celestial asylum above, where You forever reign. Amen

Grand Commander: Sir Knights, Re-cover!! Officers chosen, Carry Swords!! Return Swords!! Sir Knights and ladies on the side lines, be seated!! Sir Knights, you behold before you those who have been chosen as officers of this Grand Commandery. We believe them to be tried and true, worthy and well qualified, zealous in the service of Templary and true exemplars of the great tenets of the order, but if any one of you knows of any reason why they or any one of them should not be installed, let him now speak out or forever hold his peace. Hearing no objection, we will proceed with the installation.

Officers, before investing you with the honors and responsibilities of your respective stations, it becomes my duty to administer to you the vow of office. Do you severely consent to take upon yourself that vow?
(They assent)

Grand Marshal, place the officers elect in to position to take upon themselves the vow of office.

Grand Marshal: (will place the Grand Commander elect at the alter kneeling)
Officers, count twos!! Numbers one, Draw Swords!! Point Swords to left!! Numbers two, grasp blade with right hand!! Un-cover!! (includes Grand Commander) Right Eminent Grand Commander, the officers are in proper position.

Grand Commander: Commandery, Attention!! Officers chosen, you will say I, pronounce your name in full and repeat after me: I do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, and that I will faithfully Discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

Sir Knights on the sidelines, be seated!!

Grand Marshal: (Grand Commander recovers, arises and returns to position) Officers chosen, Re-cover!! Numbers two, Relinquish sword blade!! Numbers one Carry Swords!! Return Swords!! Be seated!!

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, present the Grand Commander elect.

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, having been called by the members of this Grand Commandery to fill the highest position in their gift, I congratulate you upon having received this exalted honor. You will now be invested with the jewel of your office. (Done) These honors are accompanied by weighty responsibilities. Your authority will at all times be respected, and your orders cheerfully obeyed, but it is expected that you will have a watchful care over the interest of the order in this jurisdiction and enforce prompt obedience to its constitution, laws, rules and regulations; that you will yourself exemplify in your daily walk and conversation the excellent tenets of our order; that your ears will never be closed to the cry of the widow and the orphan; that you will not turn aside from injured innocence and the wayfaring frater

in distress.

I also commit to your keeping the Holy Bible, the Great Light of Masons of every Degree. It confirms our belief in the existence of the Eternal Jehovah, the one living and true God, the Creator and Judge of all things in heaven and earth.

The Crossed Swords resting upon the Holy Bible reminds us that we should be “strong in the Lord and in the power of his might,” that we should put on the whole armor of God, to be able to wrestle successfully with principalities, powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. I also present to you the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota. You should familiarize yourself with them that you may rule your Grand Commandery with justice and moderation.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Commander to the east. (Will conduct Grand Commander to the east, hand salute)

Grand Commander: And now Sir Knight _____, I induct you into the chair of your Grand Commandery. (Done) I offer you my sincere congratulations on your accession to this honorable station. It will be your special duty to preserve inviolate the laws of the order, to dispense justice, reward merit, and expound the sublime principles of universal benevolence. You will inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality and govern the Grand Commandery with justice and moderation and finally, my frater, may the illustrious lives of the heroes of the past ages whose matchless valor has shed undying luster over the name of Knights Templar, encourage and animate you to the faithful performance of every duty.

Grand Commander: Commandery attention! Sir Knights, behold your Grand Commander! Grand Commander, behold your Grand

Commandery! Sir Knights on the sidelines be seated! (Officers may be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation. (Each Sir Knight will be taken to the altar and remain standing during their part of the installation)

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is at the right of your Grand Commander. You shall perform all duties which may be assigned to you by the Grand Commander. You are to assist him in the discharge of his various duties and in his absence to preside. In his absence you will act as the Grand Commander and will assume the duties of his office.
Eminent Grand Marshall: conduct the newly installed Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander to his chair here also in the east.
(V.E.D.G.C. hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Generalissimo of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is at the right of the Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander. I charge you therefore to familiarize yourself with the duties of your office that you may adequately discharge them. Be faithful to the Knights with whom you are associated, put them often in remembrance to those things which

tend to their everlasting peace. Finally, preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine, ever remembering the promise, “be tho faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Generalissimo to his chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Captain General of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is on the left of the Grand Commander. Your duty among other things is to see that due preparation is made for the various Conclaves of the Grand Commandery and that the asylum is prepared for the dispatch of business. I exhort you that with fidelity you perform every duty and “whatsoever ye do, do heartily to the Lord, and not unto men, continue in prayer,” ever bearing in mind the promise, “be not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.”

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Captain General to his chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Senior Warden of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate

you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is at the southwest angel of the Triangle and upon the right of the first Division. You will attend to your duties and let it be your constant care that the warrior be not deterred from duty nor the penitent molested on his journey. Finally, “let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Senior Warden to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is at the northwest angel of the Triangle, and on the left of the third division. Your duty is to attend weary pilgrims traveling from afar, conduct them on their journey, plead their cause, and in due time recommend them to the Commander. Impress upon them the motto of our order. **“Magna Est Veritas Et Prevalebit”** and that although the path of life may be thorny, crooked, adverse and forlorn, yet by faith and fidelity, courage and constancy, patience and perseverance, they may gain admission into the Asylum above, there to carry on the high labors begun here below. Finally, “Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” that you may be a shining light in the word. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Junior Warden to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has be appointed to the office of Grand Prelate of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were appointed. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is on the right of the Grand Generalissimo. Your duty is to officiate at the altar and offer up prayers to Deity. Your jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you. May “he, who is able, abundantly furnish you for every good work, preserve you from falling in to error, improve and strengthen, establish and perfect you” and finally greet you with “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Prelate to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Treasurer of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: The qualities which recommend a Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity - accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursement - fidelity in carefully preserving all the

property and funds of the Grand Commandery that may be placed in his hands and rendering a just account of the same whenever called upon for that purpose. I am sure that your attachment to the Grand Commandery and your earnest solicitude for a good name which is better than riches will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Treasurer to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been elected to the office of Grand Recorder of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were elected. You will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

Grand Commander: Your station is on the left of the Grand Captain General. The essential qualities of a Recorder are promptitude in issuing notifications and orders of his superior officers: punctuality in attending the conclaves of the Grand Commandery: correctness in recoding the proceedings: judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing: integrity in accounting for all moneys that pass through his hands, and fidelity in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these qualities, I presume, had led to your selection for this important office. I doubt not that you will discharge its duties with benefit to the Grand Commandery and honor to yourself.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Recorder to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been appointed to the office of

Grand Standard Bear of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were appointed. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is in the West and in the center of the second division. Your duty is to display, support and protect the Banner of our Order, which I now confide to your keeping. You will remember that it is our rallying point in time of danger. When unfurled in a just and virtues cause, you will defend it as long as life endures.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Standard Bearer to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been appointed to the office of Grand Sword Bear of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were appointed. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is on the right of the Standard Bearer and on the right of the second division. Your duty is to assist in protecting the banner of our order.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Sward Bearer to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been appointed to the office of Grand Warder of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares

himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were appointed. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: Your station is on the left of the Standard Bearer and upon the left of the second division. Your duty is to sound the Assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Grand Commander, post the sentinel and see that the Asylum is duly guarded. I charge you to be punctual in your attendance, and tireless in the discharge of your important duties. Though yours is among the lower offices of the Grand Commandery, it is by no means the least important.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Warder to his Chair. (Hand salute and be seated)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knight _____, who has been appointed to the office of Grand Sentinel of Knights Templar of Minnesota, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were appointed. You will now be invested with the jewel of you office.

Grand Commander: I present you this sword. The sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him to effectually guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers and to suffer none to pass or repass but such as are qualified. It morally serves as a constant admonition to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions, thereby excluding every unworthy thought, word, or deed. As applications of visitors for admission into the Commandery are generally made to the Sentinel. Your station will often present you to the

observation of strangers. It is therefore essential that he who holds this office should be a frater temperate, affable and discreet, of good morals, steady habits and strict discipline. I am sure that a due regard for the honor and reputation of this institution will ever impel you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Sentinel to his Chair. (*Hand salute and be seated*)

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____, you have been chosen Guards.
The jewel of you office is a Hollow Square with a Battle-axe thereon. You will therefore, be vigilant, challenge with sprit, examine with caution, admonish with candor, relieve cheerfully, protect with fidelity and fight valiantly.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Guards to their chairs. (*Hand salute and be seated*)

Grand Marshal: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present Sir Knights _____, who has been appointed Grand Organist of the Grand Commander of Minnesota, and who now declares them self's ready for installation.

Grand Commander: Sir Knight _____, I congratulate you upon your accession to the office to which you were appointed. Your duties are to provide music at the Grand Commandery session.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, conduct the newly installed Grand Organist to his place. (*Hand salute and be seated*)

Grand Commander: Sir Knights, I congratulate you again upon your accession to the offices to which you were elected or appointed. Your duties are those which are assigned to you by the Grand Commandery or

are delegated to you by the Grand Commander and which will include your acting as instructors of the ritual, manual of ceremonies, and the statutes, rules and regulation of this Grand Commandery. If you are to perform your assignments in an efficient manner, it is necessary that you be thoroughly familiar with these various subjects; and to do so will require constant and continued study on your part. You will at all times be a representative of this Grand Commandery, and at others, also be called upon to act as the personal representative of the Grand Commander. I am sure that a due record for the honor and reputation of this institutions will ever impel you to preform with fidelity, the trust reposed in you to the end that this valiant and magnanimous order shall forever flourish.

Grand Commander: Eminent Grand Marshal, proclaim the installation of the officers of this Grand Commandery.

Grand Marshal: Commandery, Attention!

Official Proclamation

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! In the name of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, I proclaim that the officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota have been duly installed in their respective stations. This proclamation is made to the North; to the South; to the East; and to the West. Let all valiant and magnanimous Knights of the Temple take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Grand Marshal: Sir Knights, be seated!