

2024 Proposed Ritual Changes

1. Pg 4 Paragraph 5, Item: Landmarks of the Order (Housekeeping)

Currently Reads:

The Obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain the Degree, and are framed upon the principle that whatever benefits are due by the Masonic Fraternity to the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step- daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc., each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth, corresponding benefits are due from them to the Brotherhood. The granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers must be directly related (not by marriage) to a Master Mason, who is in good standing in his Masonic Lodge.

Change as it would appear:

The Obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain the Degree, and are framed upon the principle that whatever benefits are due by the Masonic Fraternity to the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step- daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, or to Ladies of the age of eighteen (18) or over not related to a Master Mason in good standing, upon the recommendation of two Master Masons in good standing in their Masonic Lodge both of whom shall be acquainted with the applicant, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters or the Organization of Triangle, Inc. or Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc., each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth, corresponding benefits are due from them to the Brotherhood.

2. Pg 4 Paragraph 7, Item: Objects of Organization and Incorporation (Housekeeping)

Currently Reads:

The principal objects for which the organization is formed are fraternal, social and charitable, to wit: to unite in one body and its Subdivisions, known as Grand Courts and Subordinate Courts, Master Masons in good standing in the Masonic Fraternity and the wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, widows, sisters, half-sisters, nieces, grand nieces, aunts, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of Master Masons, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority, of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of Job's Daughters, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Amaranth;

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3. Pg 11 Paragraph 4, Item: Advance Night

Currently Reads:

Officers shall advance at least once a year to show their proficiency in the work.

Change as it would appear:

Officers may advance at least once a year to show their proficiency in the work.

4. Pg 11 New Paragraph 4 Item: General Instructions: Addition of new first paragraph

Currently Reads:

Once the Court is open, the Square can only be entered from the West, with the exception of the RM (except where noted in the Ritual).

ADVANCE NIGHT

Change as it would appear:

Once the Court is open, the Square can only be entered from the West, with the exception of the RM (except where noted in the Ritual).

In Opening and Closing Ceremonies., the charges of all officers must be given. Even if the station is empty or vacant. (The charge may be read by the prompter.)

ADVANCE NIGHT

5. Pg 12 Paragraph 11 and Pg 13 paragraph 1, Item: General Instructions – Instructions for the Conductresses

Currently Reads:

For all recreation the AC removes the Wreath from the Bible, placing it directly to the right of the Bible (or resting it on the edge of the Bible if the Altar is not wide enough), replacing it on the Bible when instructed by the Presiding Officer. Note: In removing the Wreath do not allow the thumbs to be extended over the top of the Wreath. In attending the Altar for ALL recreation, the AC follows the same line of march as when the Conductresses are working together (except at Installations) and will recognize the Throne with an inclination of the head but does not give a sign.

After removing the Wreath, the AC DOES square the Altar as she returns to her Station.

Change as it would appear:

In attending the Altar for ALL recreation, the AC shall leave her station and march directly to the Inside marching line then West to three-quarters of the distance between the West of the Square and the StB's station. She will then turn and march South to the Center then marches East to the West Side of the Altar. (At this point she is close enough that she cannot take any more steps forward). She will **then** acknowledge the Throne with an inclination of the head (no sign is given). The AC **then** removes the Wreath from the Bible placing it directly to the right of the Bible (or resting it on the edge of the Bible if the Altar is not wide enough). When the Presiding Officer has requested the AC to attend the Altar to return the Court to labor from recreation, the AC follows the same line of march as above (except at Installation). When she stops West of the Altar, she replaces the Wreath and **then** acknowledges the Throne with an inclination of the head (no sign is given). After removing or replacing the Wreath, the AC DOES NOT STEP BACK but turns North and Squares the Altar to exit the Square. NOTE: When handling the Wreath at any time do not allow the thumbs to extend over the Wreath. The hands should have all fingers and thumbs together, so the thumbs do not "fly" out.

6. Pg 13 Paragraph 2, Item: General Instructions – Instructions for the Conductress, move to Pg 30 after Paragraph 6, Item: Taking up the Password

Currently Reads:**Pg 13:**

... as she returns to her Station.

In taking up the Password, if the Conductresses find Members without the Password, they will be invited to proceed to the Throne and receive the Password from the RM (if Members of that Court). If Members are directed to the Throne for the Password, the Conductresses do not wait for their return, but proceed with the other Members. If not Members of the Court, they must be vouched for, as the RM of one Court cannot give the Password to the Members of other Courts. If unable to be vouched for, they will be asked to retire and pass an examination.

The Conductresses are not escort Officers....

Pg 30 paragraph 6

When space does not permit the Conductresses to take the Password and Grip according to form as adopted, they shall be permitted to take the Password and Grip by leaning over the front row, thereby taking both rows at one time.

After taking the Password...

Change as it would appear:**Pg 13**

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Pg 30

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After taking the Password ...

7. Pg 13 paragraph 5, Item: General Instructions - Instructions for the Examining Committee (Housekeeping)

Currently Reads:

If the Visting Member passes a satisfactory examination,

Change as it would appear:

If the Visiting Member passes a satisfactory examination,

8. Pg 14, Paragraph 1, Item: General Instructions – Instructions for the Warder and Sentinel. Addition of new first paragraph

Currently Reads:

After the line of march has entered the Court Room, the Sent shall close ALL doors and allow no one to enter the Court Room thereafter without showing their dues card and giving the Password and Grip.

Change as it would appear:

Prior to the meeting, the Warder and Sentinel shall check that all entrances to the Court Room are closed except the one used for the officers to enter the Court Room in the Opening and the one guarded by both the Warder and Sentinel.

After the line of march has entered the Court Room, the Sentinel shall close that entrance door and the one guarded by the Warder and Sentinel. Thereafter, no one may be permitted to enter the Court Room without showing their dues card and giving the Password and Grip.

9. Pg 15-16 Paragraphs 7, 8, 9, Item: General Instructions – Password

Currently Reads:

The annual Password shall be communicated to the Members at the first Stated Meeting after receiving it from the GRM, or SRM, in Code form, providing they have not received it in person.

The annual Password shall be given as the first order of Business under New Business. The RP, Conductresses, War and Sent must receive the new Password before the Opening Ceremonies begin.

The annual Password shall be received by the Officers and Members from the RM or the AM presiding in the absence of the RM, or a PRM presiding in the absence of both, by forming a line on the North. Led by the AM and AP, they approach the Throne to receive the Password and return by way of the South.

Change as it would appear:

The annual Password shall be communicated to the Members of the Court at the first Stated Meeting after the RM receives it from the GRM, or SRM, in Code form, providing the Members have not already received it in person. Members holding membership in two Courts may receive the annual Password from either the RM of their Parent Court or their Dual Court.

Before the Opening of this meeting the RM shall communicate the new annual password to the RP, Conductresses, Warder, and Sentinel providing those offices are filled by Members of the Court. If these offices are filled by visiting members who have not already received the annual Password, the RM may not communicate the password to such officer and shall instruct all members to use the previous Password.

The annual Password shall be given as the first order of Business under New Business. The annual Password shall be received by the Officers and Members from the RM or the AM presiding in the absence of the RM, or a PRM presiding in the absence of both. The Officers and Members shall form a line on the North. This single file line shall be led by the AM, AP, MW and StB, The RM shall descend the Throne to give the password and grip to each HL and SK as they approach. The Officers and Members shall return to their seats by way of South, West, and North.

10. After Pg 17; Add New Section Item: Bible Ceremony

New Section:

Section Title Page

BIBLE CEREMONY

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Bible Ceremony

This ceremony will be used by all Subordinate Courts. The Bible, Wreath and 4 candle holders with candles to be carried by the HLs of the Square will be placed in the Preparation Room prior to the Ceremony.

RM - All officers assume your stations and be seated.

After the officers have assumed their stations and seated.

RM – Officers participating in the Bible Ceremony assume your positions.

A suitable music selection is played. The HLs of the Square face out simultaneously, Truth and Charity will step to the marching lines followed by Faith and Wisdom, then by the Conductress and Associate Conductress. The HLs of the Square will face north and south, one step at the back of the square abreast followed by the Conductress and Associate Conductress face West to the Associate Matron's station and turn South, then proceed to Preparation room's door.

The RM calls up the Court(***) as the HLs of the Square and the Conductresses enter 2 steps of the MW's station, all will march in front of the Associate Matron's station, all face East, Truth and Charity will march in line with the edge of the Altar, followed by Faith and Wisdom, the HLs of the Square will stop slowly at the (4) corners of the Altar. Truth faces Wisdom, Charity faces Faith.

The Conductresses enter and follow the HLs of the Square who carry the candle holders, with in 2 steps of each other, the C holds the Bible with both hands and AC holds the Wreath with both hands palms upward (not allowing thumbs to extend over the Top of the Wreath) to in front of the Associate Matron's Station, turn East, march within two steps of the Altar, both nod slightly.

C steps diagonally forward two steps, places the Bible at the center of the Altar, steps diagonally back two steps, AC steps diagonally forward two steps, place the Wreath on Top of the Bible, steps diagonally back two steps and both nod again.

After the Conductresses nod, the HLs of the Square face East, march to within one step East of the Square, turn north and south to the marching lines, then West to within one step back of the Square, turn north and south abreast, facing west proceed to the Associate Matron's station, place the candle holders at the bottom of the pedestal/table, face north and south 2 steps in front of MW and St Bearer proceed to the marching lines and to their stations. Truth and Charity; Faith and Wisdom, will face each other, take one step forward then all will face East. The Conductresses will start to move when Faith and Wisdom just passed by the Stations of Truth and Charity, both C and AC square the Altar to their Stations.

The RM seats the Court (*)

RM - The Officers will go to the Preparation Room for the Opening Ceremonies.

The RM raps (**) to call up the Officers. The RM and the RP will descend the Throne; RM steps on the marching line followed by the ME, will lead the officers on the North side to the West to 2 steps of the StB station then to the Preparation room. RP steps on the marching line followed by the Prelate, will lead the officers on the South side to the West to 2 steps of the MW station then to the Preparation room, then the officers from the south side will join the officers at the Preparation Room for the Opening Ceremonies. The AM and AP are the last officers who will leave on the South and North side respectively.

11. Pg 20 Paragraph 5, Item: Opening Ceremonies

Currently Reads:

The RP rises and salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation.

Change as it would appear:

The RP rises.

12. Pg 25 paragraph 3 line 1, Item: Opening Ceremonies - Entrance of Officers***Currently Reads:***

The RP salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation as he addresses the RM.

Change as it would appear:

The RP salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation, then addresses the RM.

13. Pg 27 Paragraphs 1-6 Item: Opening Ceremonies - Saluting the Flag; and Page 117 Paragraphs 4-4: Item: Opening for Open Installation***Currently Reads:******Pg 27 Paragraphs 1-6***

When the ME has arrived at her Station, she deposits her Staff, right about faces, steps forward two steps, faces and marches South to opposite the right side of the RM's Station, ascends the Throne, left faces, stands at attention, salutes the Flag, takes the Flag with the right hand, faces West, holding it moderately high and slightly to the right (in a position similar to that of carrying the Staff).

RM - Attention! (The RM pauses after saying "Attention," until all Officers and Members have faced the Flag.) **You will unite with me in pledging allegiance to the Flag of our Country.**

All except the ME assume the proper position for saluting the Flag by standing with the right hand over the heart until the National Anthem has been completed and the Flag is deposited. Veterans, even though not in uniform, may use the military salute rather than hand over the heart.

In deference to a citizen's loyalty to her or his own Country, these Members repeat the Pledge of Allegiance as required by their own Country.

ALL REPEAT - "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

SONG

National Anthem shall be sung.

After the song the ME deposits the Flag, salutes, then returns to her Station by descending the Throne to one step opposite the front of her Station, turns and marches North to in front of her Station and faces West. As the ME leaves the Throne, all who faced the Flag again resume their original position. The RM seats the Court after the ME arrives at her Station (*).

RM - ...

Pg 117 paragraphs 4-5

The ME presents the Flag following all instructions as in the Opening Ceremony. All except the ME assume the proper position for saluting the Flag by standing with the right hand over the heart until the National Anthem has been completed and the Flag is deposited, then lowering the hand to the side.

RM - Honored Ladies, Sir Knights and Guests, you will unite with me in pledging allegiance to the Flag of our Country and singing our National Anthem.

The Court is seated (*).

Change as it would appear:***Pg 27***

When the ME has arrived at her Station, she deposits her Staff, right about faces, steps forward two steps, faces and marches South to opposite the right side of the RM's Station, ascends the Throne.

NOTE: The Flag of the Sovereign Nation in which the Court meeting is held shall be presented by the ME according to the Nation's Flag Protocol. If the Sovereign Nation has an official "Pledge" as the Flag is presented the RM shall say the RM's part show below and then the National Anthem shall be sung. If the Sovereign Nation has no official "Pledge" this part shall be omitted and only the National Anthem sung. After the completion of the National Anthem, the ME shall deposit the Flag, then returns to her Station by descending the Throne to one step opposite the front of her Station, turns and marches North to in front of her Station and faces West. The RM seats the Court after the ME arrives at her Station(*).

In the United States, the following shall be performed.

The ME left faces, stands at attention, salutes the Flag, takes the Flag with the right hand, faces West, holding it moderately high and slightly to the right (in a position similar to that of carrying the Staff).

RM - Attention! (The RM pauses after saying II Attention,11 until all Officers and Members have faced the Flag.) **You will unite with me in pledging allegiance to the Flag of our Country.**

All except the ME assume the proper position for saluting the Flag by standing with the right hand over the heart until the National Anthem has been completed and the Flag is deposited. Veterans, even though not in uniform, may use the military salute rather than hand over the heart.

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After the song the ME deposits the Flag, salutes, then returns to her Station by descending the Throne to one step opposite the front of her Station, turns and marches North to in front of her Station and faces West. As the ME leaves the Throne, all who faced the Flag again resume their original position. The RM seats the Court after the ME arrives at her Station (*).

RM - ...

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The ME presents the Flag following all instructions as in the Opening Ceremony.

NOTE: The Flag of the Sovereign Nation in which the Court meeting is held shall be presented by the ME according to the Nation's Flag Protocol. If the Sovereign Nation has an official "Pledge" as the Flag is presented the RM shall say the RM's part show below and then the National Anthem shall be sung. If the Sovereign Nation has no official "Pledge" this part shall be omitted and only the National Anthem sung. After the completion of the National Anthem, the ME shall deposit the Flag, then returns to her Station by descending the Throne to one step opposite the front of her Station, turns and marches North to in front of her Station and faces West. The RM seats the Court after the ME arrives at her Station (*).

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RM - Honored Ladies, Sir Knights and Guests, you will unite with me in pledging allegiance to the Flag of our Country and singing our National Anthem.

The Court is seated (*).

14. Pg 27, Paragraph 6 & Paragraph 8, Item: Opening Ceremonies - Saluting the Flag;

Currently reads:

Paragraph 6

After the song the ME deposits the Flag, salutes, then returns to her Station by descending the Throne to one step opposite the front of her Station, turns and marches North to in front of her Station and faces West. As the ME leaves the Throne, all who faced the Flag again resume their original position. The RM seats the Court after the ME arrives at her Station (*).

Paragraph 8

The War rises, salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation then responds:

Change as it would appear:

Paragraph 5

After the song the ME deposits the Flag, salutes, then returns to her Station by descending the Throne to one step opposite the front of her Station, turns and marches North to in front of her Station and faces West. As the ME leaves the Throne, all who faced the Flag again resume their original position. The RM seats the Court after the ME arrives at her Station (*). The Warder remains standing.

Paragraph 8

The War salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation then responds:

15. Pg 31 Add new Paragraph; Item: Opening Ceremonies – Taking Up the Password

Currently reads:

[RM - The Examining Committee will please retire with this person {these persons} and report.]

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it gives me pleasure to extend a courteous welcome to all.

Change as it would appear: (Actual page number may need to be modified to reflect actual page prior to printing)

[RM - The Examining Committee will please retire with this person {these persons} and report.]

First Visitation of Master Mason(s)

In the event there are Master Mason(s) visiting the Court for the First time refer to Page 267 for the proper procedure to prepare and obligate the Master Mason(s).

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it gives me pleasure to extend a courteous welcome to all.

16. Pg 32, Paragraphs 6 & 7; Item: Opening Ceremonies

Currently Reads:

The RM seats the Court (*). The RM is seated.

Each Officer, on being addressed, rises, faces the Throne, salutes, then responds and remains in that position until her/his charge is completed, turns to a standing position squarely in front of her/his chair and remains standing until seated by the RM.

Change as it would appear:

The RM seats the Court (*). The Warder remains standing. The RM is seated.

Each Officer, on being addressed, rises (except the Warder (already standing), faces the Throne, salutes, then responds and remains in that position until her/his charge is completed, turns to a standing position squarely in front of her/his chair and remains standing until seated by the RM.

17. Pg 32, Paragraphs 6 & 7; Item: Opening Ceremonies

Currently Reads:

The RM seats the Court (*). The RM is seated.

Each Officer, on being addressed, rises, faces the Throne, salutes, then responds and remains in that position until her/his charge is completed, turns to a standing position squarely in front of her/his chair and remains standing until seated by the RM.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Warder.

Change as it would appear:

The RM seats the Court (*). The RM remains standing.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Warder.

18. Pg 32- 38; Item: Opening Ceremonies

Currently Reads:

War – By the Sentinel, stationed outside the entrance door of the Court Room.

RM - Where is your Station and what is your duty?

War - My Station is at the entrance door of the Court Room and my duty is to announce all Members duly vouched for and seeking admission.

RM - Honored Lady Standard Bearer. StB - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

StB - To lead all processions of the Court, make all Proclamations and display the Standard of our Order.

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the West. MW - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

MW - To assist in the formation of processions and tableaux, assist in the escort work and perform such other duties as may be required.

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the East. ME - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

ME - To assist in the formation of processions and tableaux; display the Flag of our Country; act as an escort to the Royal Matron; assist in the escort work and perform such other duties as may be required.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Prelate. Prel - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Prel - To lead in the devotional exercises of the Court and have a watchful care over the spiritual needs of its Members.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Chairman of Trustees. Ch Trust - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Ch Trust - To cooperate with my associate Trustees in preserving the property and funds of the Court and submit an annual report in writing.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Historian. Hist - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Hist - To compile and submit an annual report of the events of the Court that may be of interest to the Order.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Musician. Mus - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Mus - To attend and direct the musical exercises of the Court which are essential to the beauties of the Degree.

RM - Honored Lady Truth. Truth - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Truth - To represent the cause of Truth, that divine attribute established upon a rock that cannot be shaken or destroyed and to teach the greatness of Truth which is eternal, all powerful and fearless, crowning with honor all who possess it.

RM - Honored Lady Faith. Faith - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Faith - To keep Faith in all things, in the sun when it is hidden, in the spring when it is gone; to see with the eye of Faith the silver lining of the dark clouds and so uplift the weary and downcast that they will have a constant Faith in our Divine Ruler.

RM - Honored Lady Wisdom.

Wisdom - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Wisdom - To explain the grandeur and power of Wisdom, whose ways are ways of pleasantness and whose paths are paths of peace; to teach the attributes of holiness, also yielding obedience to God's commands.

RM - Honored Lady Charity. Charity - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Charity - To demonstrate that Charity is loving in all her ways, kind, just, long suffering, tender and forgiving, throwing her broad mantle over all our imperfections.

RM - Honored Lady Associate Conductress. AC - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

AC - To prepare Candidates for the Degree of the Order and to assist the Honored Lady Conductress in the performance of her duties.

RM - Honored Lady Conductress. C - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

C - To see that all present are entitled to remain; to receive and conduct Candidates through the Degree of the Order and extend a cordial welcome to visiting Members.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Treasurer. Treas - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Treas - To receive all money from the Secretary, giving my receipt therefore; keep a correct account of the same and pay all bills approved by the Court and signed by the Royal Matron.

RM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Secretary. Secy - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

Secy - To make a proper record of the proceedings of the Court; conduct its correspondence; receive all monies due, paying the same to the Treasurer, taking her/his receipt therefore and keep a correct account between the Court and its Members.

RM - Sir Knight Associate Patron. AP - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

AP - To preside in the absence of the Royal Patron and assist in the performance of his duties.

RM - Honored Lady Associate Matron. AM - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

AM - To preside in the absence of the Royal Matron and assist in the performance of her executive duties.

RM - Royal Patron. RP - Royal Matron.

RM - What are your duties?

RP - To assist and advise with the Royal Matron in the performance of her duties; preside during initiation of Candidates, Election and Installation of Officers; enforce the requirements of the Constitution of the Supreme Council (and Bylaws of the Grand Court - to be omitted in Subordinate Courts under Supreme Jurisdiction) and the Rules and Regulations of this Court; also perform such other duties as may be required.

Change as it would appear:

War – By the Sentinel, stationed outside the entrance door of the Court Room.

is about to be opened. That we may fully understand their responsibilities, the officers will explain their duties."

RM calls up the officers with two raps of the gavel. ()**

RP - As Royal Patron, I assist and advise with the Royal Matron in the performance of her duties; preside during initiation of Candidates, Election and Installation of Officers; enforce the requirements of the Constitution of the Supreme Council (and Bylaws of the Grand Court - to be omitted in Subordinate Courts under Supreme Jurisdiction) and the Rules and Regulations of this Court; also perform such other duties as may be required..

AM - As Associate Matron, I preside in the absence of the Royal Matron and assist in the performance of her executive duties.

AP - As Associate Patron, I preside in the absence of the Royal Patron and assist in the performance of his duties.

Treasurer - As Treasurer, I receive all money from the Secretary, giving my receipt therefore; keep a correct account of the same and pay all bills approved by the Court and signed by the Royal Matron.

Secretary - As Secretary, I make a proper record of the proceedings of the Court; conduct its correspondence; receive all monies due, paying the same to the Treasurer, taking her/his receipt therefore and keep a correct account between the Court and its Members.

Conductress - As Conductress, I see that all present are entitled to remain; receive and conduct Candidates through the Degree of the Order and extend a cordial welcome to visiting Members.

Associate Conductress - As Associate Conductress, I prepare Candidates for the Degree of the Order and assist the Honored Lady Conductress in the performance of her duties.

Truth - As Truth, I represent the cause of Truth, that divine attribute established upon a rock that cannot be shaken or destroyed and to teach the greatness of Truth, which is eternal, all powerful and fearless, crowning with honor all who possess it.

Faith - As Faith, I keep Faith in all things, in the sun when it is hidden, in the spring when it is gone; to see with the eye of Faith the silver lining of the dark clouds and so uplift the weary and downcast that they will have a constant Faith in our Divine Ruler.

Wisdom - As Wisdom, I explain the grandeur and power of Wisdom, whose ways are ways of pleasantness and whose paths are paths of peace; to teach the attributes of holiness, also yielding obedience to God's commands.

Charity- As Charity, I demonstrate that Charity is loving in all her ways, kind, just, long suffering, tender and forgiving, throwing her broad mantle over all our imperfections.

Marshal in the East - As Marshal in the East, I assist in the formation processions and tableaux; display the Flag of our Country; act as an escort to the Royal Matron; assist in the escort work, and perform such other duties as may be required.

Marshal in the West - As Marshal in the West, I assist in the formation of processions and tableaux, assist in the escort work, and perform such other duties as may be required.

Standard Bearer - As Standard Bearer, I lead all processions of the Court, make all Proclamations and display the Standard of our Order.

Historian - As Historian, I compile and submit an annual report of the events of the Court that may be of interest to the Order.

Chairman of Trustees - As Chairman of Trustees, I cooperate with my associate Trustees in preserving the property and funds of the Court and submit an annual report in writing.

Prelate - As Prelate, I lead in the devotional exercises of the Court and have a watchful care over the spiritual needs of its Members.

Musician - As Musician, I attend and direct the musical exercises of the Court which are essential to the beauties of the Degree.

Warder - As Warder, I announce all Members duly vouched for and seeking admission.

19. Pg 38, Paragraphs 1 & 2, Item: Opening Ceremonies

Currently Reads:

RM - Honored Lady Associate Matron, where is the Royal Matron stationed?

AM - On the Throne, (the RM rises) at the right of the Royal Patron. (The AM does not give the sign prior to saying this charge.)

Change as it would appear:

RM - Honored Lady Associate Matron

AM - Royal Matron

RM - Where is the Royal Matron stationed?

AM - On the Throne, at the right of the Royal Patron.

20. Pg 40, Add new Paragraph 5, Paragraph 13; Item: Opening Ceremonies

Currently Reads:

Paragraph 4 & 5

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, let a spirit of unity and kindness actuate all our proceedings and may we, in our deliberations, be guided by Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity. I now declare ___ Court, No. ___, Order of the Amaranth, open.

RM – Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Warder.

Paragraph 13

The RM seats the Court (*).

Change as it would appear:

Paragraph 4, new Paragraph 5,

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, let a spirit of unity and kindness actuate all our proceedings and may we, in our deliberations, be guided by Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity. I now declare ___ Court, No. ___, Order of the Amaranth, open.

The RM seats the Court (*). The Warder remains standing.

RM – Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Warder.

Paragraph 13 (which, with the new Paragraph 5, is now Paragraph 14)

Following the response, the Warder is seated.

21. Pg 45 New paragraphs 2-8; Item: Escort Duties; Pg 47 new paragraph 3; Pg 48 Paragraphs 1-7; Item: Escorting Grand Lecturer on Her//His Official Visit to a Subordinate Court.

Currently Reads:

Pg 45

... When escorting RMs, RPs, PRMs and PRPs, the Marshals change their Staffs in front of the Square as they turn North and South respectively.

PRIORITY OF RANK

Pg 47 Paragraph 3

The Marshals will escort the Grand Lecturer....

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... awaiting orders.

When a SRM or GRM; SRP or GRP, or both are present, they must be escorted to the Throne prior to any other escort duty. When more than one Officer under each Priority of Rank is present, all are escorted at one time in a body to the Throne.

Members who are physically unable may be excused from escort. Their presence shall be noted in the minutes.

When space is available on the Throne, the following shall be invited to remain on the Throne: SRM, SRP, GRMs, GRPs, PSRMs, PSRPs, Supreme Officers, PGRMs and PGRPs.

Officers escorted to the Throne are entitled to one escort only; under the highest Title they hold in the Order of the Amaranth. A PSRM or PSRP, holding a Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Court Office is escorted as a PSRM or PSRP, introduced as such, then by their present Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Court Title and saluted with Supreme Honors. A PGRM or PGRP, holding an Elective Grand or Subordinate Court Office is escorted as a PGRM or PGRP, introduced as such, then by their present Grand or Subordinate Court Title and saluted with Grand Honors.

The SRM and SRP are introduced from back of the Square by the SMar when making an Official Visit and at no other time.

The GRM and GRP are introduced from back of the Square by the GMar when making an Official Visit and at no other time.

Officers escorted to the Throne and introduced, who do not wish to remain on the Throne, return to seats among the Members (without escort).

ESCORT OF OFFICERS ENTITLED TO GO THROUGH THE SQUARE

Change as it would appear

Pg 45 new paragraphs 2-8 (previously on pg 48)

When escorting RMs, RPs, PRMs and PRPs, the Marshals change their Staffs in front of the Square as they turn North and South respectively.

When a SRM or GRM; SRP or GRP, or both are present, they must be escorted to the Throne prior to any other escort duty. When more than one Officer under each Priority of Rank is present, all are escorted at one time in a body to the Throne.

Members who are physically unable may be excused from escort. Their presence shall be noted in the minutes.

When space is available on the Throne, the following shall be invited to remain on the Throne: SRM, SRP, GRMs, GRPs, PSRMs, PSRPs, Supreme Officers, PGRMs and PGRPs.

Officers escorted to the Throne are entitled to one escort only; under the highest Title they hold in the Order of the Amaranth. A PSRM or PSRP, holding a Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Court Office is escorted as a PSRM or PSRP, introduced as such, then by their present Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Court Title and saluted with Supreme Honors. A PGRM or PGRP, holding an Elective Grand or Subordinate Court Office is escorted as a PGRM or PGRP, introduced as such, then by their present Grand or Subordinate Court Title and saluted with Grand Honors.

The SRM and SRP are introduced from back of the Square by the SMar when making an Official Visit and at no other time.

The GRM and GRP are introduced from back of the Square by the GMar when making an Official Visit and at no other time.

Officers escorted to the Throne and introduced, who do not wish to remain on the Throne, return to seats among the Members (without escort).

PRIORITY OF RANK

Pg 47 new paragraph 3, current paragraph 3 becomes paragraph 4

These instructions will also apply when a S Lect (for SCJ), DSRM or DSRP (for SCJ), AGL, DGRM, or DDGRM officially visits a Subordinate Court.

The Marshals will escort the Grand Lecturer...

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... awaiting orders.

ESCORT OF OFFICERS ENTITLED TO GO THROUGH THE SQUARE

22. Pg 45 Section PRIORITY OF RANK & Pg 57 All (move to follow PRIORITY OF RANK); Item: Escort Duties

Currently Reads:

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PRIORITY OF RANK

The RM rises and calls up the Court (***) when the Marshals turn to the center back of the Stations of Truth and Charity, when escorting through the Square; and as the Marshals pass in front of the Stations of Truth and Charity when escorting outside the Square.

NOTE - The following priority of rank must not be changed at any time.

- 1- SRM and/or SRP through the Square; Supreme Honors
- 2 - GRMs and/or GRPs through the Square; Grand Honors (On the Official Visit of the GRM, if the SRM, SRP or both are present, they are to be escorted first and given the Honors; then the GRM and GRP retire.)
- 3- PSRMs and/or PSRPs through the Square; Supreme Honors
- 4- Present Elective Supreme Officers through the Square; Supreme Honors
- 5- Present Appointive Supreme Officers through the Square; Supreme Honors
- 6- PGRMs and PGRPs through the Square; Grand Honors
- 7- Present Elective Grand Officers through the Square; Grand Honors (At Supreme Assembly only GAMs and GAPs are to be escorted.)
- 8- (a) Grand Representatives attending the Annual Session of the Jurisdiction to which they have been appointed.
(b) Present Appointive Grand Officers through the Square; Grand Honors
- 9- RMs and RPs outside the Square; Secret Sign of Salutation

10- PRMs and PRPs outside the Square; Secret Sign of Salutation

NOTE - (At Supreme Assembly only those RMs, RPs, PRMs and PRPs of Courts under direct Supreme Jurisdiction are escorted.)

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GENERAL

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we are honored tonight with the presence of _____ (Name Priority of Rank to be escorted.)

RM - Will this (these) Officer(s) please rise? RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the East.

ME - Royal Matron.

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the West. MW - Royal Matron.

RM - You will escort this (these) Officer(s) to the Throne.

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, I have the pleasure of presenting the/these (Rank) _____ Officer(s): State the Name, Full Title and Jurisdiction of Member(s) being presented. Priority of Rank is listed on page 45.

After presenting Ranks 1, 3, 4 and 5 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

After presenting Ranks 2, 6, 7 and 8 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth.

After presenting Ranks 9 and 10 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Order of the Amaranth.

RM - You will unite in extending (the appropriate) honors to these members.

When the escort work is completed, the RM dismisses the Marshals with an inclination of the head. The Marshals inward about face, march West to within one step of the Square, then North or South. The ME turns east one step North of Charity's Station, marches directly to her Station and remains standing until the MW reaches her Station. The MW turns West one step South of Truth's Station, continuing West to her Station. Both Marshals deposit their Staffs, about face and are seated simultaneously.

Change as it would appear (PRIORITY OF RANK to be on an even page followed by ESCORT on the facing odd page – if necessary add a page prior to PRIORITY OF RANK which states “This page left intentionally blank”. Wording removed from pg 57):

Even page:

PRIORITY OF RANK

The RM rises and calls up the Court (***) when the Marshals turn to the center back of the Stations of Truth and Charity, when escorting through the Square; and as the Marshals pass in front of the Stations of Truth and Charity when escorting outside the Square.

NOTE - The following priority of rank must not be changed at any time.

1 - SRM and/or SRP through the Square; Supreme Honors (For Official Visit - See Escorting Grand or Supreme Royal Matron and Patron Official Visit of Grand or Supreme Royal Matron)

NOTE: If SRM or SRP are present at the Official Visit of the GRM, the SRM and/or SRP are escorted first, given the Honors and then the GRM, GRP, G. Marshal and G. Page retire.

2 - GRMs and/or GRPs through the Square; Grand Honors (For Official Visit - See Escorting Grand or Supreme Royal Matron and Patron Official Visit of Grand or Supreme Royal Matron)

NOTE: All GRMs and GRPs are escorted together unless it is the Official Visit of the GRM. If other GRMs or GRPs are present at the Official Visit of the GRM, the Official Visit Escort is done first. After which all visiting GRMs and GRPs are then escorted.

3 - PSRMs and/or PSRPs through the Square; Supreme Honors

4 - Present Elective Supreme Officers through the Square; Supreme Honors

5 - Present Appointive Supreme Officers through the Square; Supreme Honors

6 - PGRMs and PGRPs through the Square; Grand Honors

7 - Present Elective Grand Officers through the Square; Grand Honors (At Supreme Assembly only GAMs and GAPs are to be escorted.)

8 - (a) If Jurisdiction has an Official Visit to the Subordinate Court of Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Royal Matron, Deputy Grand Royal Matron, or Assistant Grand Lecturer, for the Official Visit this Officer is Escorted through the Square, Grand Honors (See Escorting the Grand Lecturer on Her/His Official Visit to a Subordinate Court)

(b) Grand Representatives attending the Annual Session of the Jurisdiction to which they have been appointed.

(c) Present Appointive Grand Officers through the Square; Grand Honors

9 - RMs and RPs outside the Square; Secret Sign of Salutation (At Supreme Assembly, only RMs and RPs from Courts under Supreme Council Jurisdiction are escorted.)

10 - PRMs and PRPs outside the Square; Secret Sign of Salutation (At Supreme Assembly, only RMs and RPs from Courts under Supreme Council Jurisdiction are escorted.)

Next Page:

ESCORT

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we are honored with the presence of _____ (Name Priority of Rank to be escorted.)

RM - Will this (these) Officer(s) please rise?

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the East.

ME - Royal Matron.

RM-Honored Lady Marshal in the West.

MW -Royal Matron.

RM - You will escort this (these) Officer(s) to the Throne.

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, I have the pleasure of presenting the/these (Rank) _____ Officer(s): State the Name, Full Title and Jurisdiction of Member(s) being presented. See Priority of Rank.

After presenting Ranks 1, 3, 4 and 5 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

After presenting Ranks 2, 6, 7 and 8, the RM will say:

RM - Of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth.

After presenting Ranks 9 and 10 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Order of the Amaranth.

After presenting each Rank

RM - You will unite in extending (the appropriate) honors to these members.

When the escort work is completed, the RM dismisses the Marshals with an inclination of the head. The Marshals inward about face, march West to within one step of the Square, then North or South. The ME turns east one step North of Charity's Station, marches directly to her Station and remains standing until the MW reaches her Station. The MW turns West one step South of Truth's Station, continuing West to her Station. Both Marshals deposit their Staffs, about face and are seated simultaneously.

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23. Pg 48 Paragraph 3: Item: Escort Duties

Currently Reads:

Members who are physically unable may be excused from escort. Their presence shall be noted in the minutes.

Change as it would appear:

Members who are physically unable or do not wish to be escorted, when the Royal Matron calls for their rank, shall rise, give sign and request to be excused.

24. Pg 54, Paragraph 10 Item: Escorting Grand or Supreme Royal Matron and Patron...

Currently Reads:

The War (GWar) faces East, salutes, then announces:

Change as it would appear:

The War (GWar) about faces in front of the open door, faces the Throne, salutes, then announces.

25. Pg 57, All: Item: Escort Duties

Currently Reads:

GENERAL

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we are honored tonight with the presence of _____ (Name Priority of Rank to be escorted.)

RM - Will this (these) Officer(s) please rise? RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the East.

ME - Royal Matron.

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the West. MW - Royal Matron.

RM - You will escort this (these) Officer(s) to the Throne.

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, I have the pleasure of presenting the/these (Rank) _____ Officer(s): State the Name, Full Title and Jurisdiction of Member(s) being presented. Priority of Rank is listed on page 45.

After presenting Ranks 1, 3, 4 and 5 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

After presenting Ranks 2, 6, 7 and 8 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth.

After presenting Ranks 9 and 10 the RM will say:

RM - Of the Order of the Amaranth.

RM - You will unite in extending (the appropriate) honors to these members.

When the escort work is completed, the RM dismisses the Marshals with an inclination of the head. The Marshals inward about face, march West to within one step of the Square, then North or South. The ME turns east one step North of Charity's Station, marches directly to her Station and remains standing until the MW reaches her Station. The MW turns West one step South of Truth's Station, continuing West to her Station. Both Marshals deposit their Staffs, about face and are seated simultaneously.

Change as it would appear:

WORDING FOR GENERAL ESCORT

SUPREME OFFICERS

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we are honored with presence of _____,
(Priority of Rank 1, 3-5)

RM - Will this (these) Officer(s) please rise?

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the East.

ME - Royal Matron (First Time only while still at Station-nod only for succeeding escort)

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the West.

MW- Royal Matron (First Time only while still at Station-nod only for succeeding escort)

RM - You will escort this (these)Supreme Officer(s) to the Throne. (*) ***

RM - Honored Ladles and Sir Knights, I have the pleasure of presenting this/these Supreme _____.
(State the Name, Full Title and Jurisdiction)

RM - Of the Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth Inc.

RM - You will unite in extending Supreme Honors to this/these member(s). (*)

GRAND OFFICERS

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we are honored with presence of _____.
(Priority of Rank 2 & 6-8)

RM - Will this (these) Officer(s) please rise?

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the East.

ME - Royal Matron (Nod)

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the West.

MW- Royal Matron (Nod)

RM - You will escort this (these)Grand Officer(s) to the Throne. (*) ***

RM - Honored Ladles and Sir Knights, I have the pleasure of presenting this/these Grand _____.
(State the Name, Full Title and Jurisdiction)

RM - Of the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth.

RM - You will unite in extending Grand Honors to this/these member(s). (*)

SUBORDINATE COURT OFFICERS

RM - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights we are honored with presence of _____.
(Priority of Rank 9 & 10)

RM -Will this (these) Officer(s) please rise? RM - Honored Lady Marshal In the East.

ME - Royal Matron (Nod)

RM - Honored Lady Marshal in the West.

MW- Royal Matron (Nod)

RM -You will escort this (these)Officer(s) to the Throne. (*) •**

RM - Honored Ladles and Sir Knights, I have the pleasure of presenting this/these _____.
(State the Name, Full Title and Jurisdiction)

RM - Order of the Amaranth.

RM -You will unite in extending the Secret Sign of Salutation to this/these member(s). (*)

* (***) Refer to Priority of Rank for appropriate time for the RM to call up the Court (non-Official Visit)

When the escort work is completed, the RM dismisses the Marshals with an inclination of the head. The Marshals inward about face, march West to within one step of the Square then North or South. The ME turns east one step North of Charity's Station, marches directly to her Station and remains standing until the MW reaches her Station. The MW turns West one step South of Truth's Station, continuing West to her Station. Both Marshals deposit their Staffs, about face and are seated simultaneously.

26. Pg 58, Pg 60 New paragraph 1; Item: Balloting

Currently Reads:

*Pg 58***BALLOTING**

Every Member of the Court present must ballot unless excused by unanimous consent.

All Officers must ballot.

Supreme Constitution, per Part IV, Section 29 (B)

*Pg 60***BALLOTING**

It is the duty of the AC to see that the Ballot Box is properly prepared before the Court opens and that it is placed in back of the ME's Station, with open end facing South. The Ballot Box is never to be placed upon the Holy Bible or the Amaranthine Wreath.

Change as it would appear:

*Pg 58***BALLOTING***Pg 60***BALLOTING**

Every Member of the Court present must ballot unless excused by unanimous consent. All Officers must ballot per Supreme Constitution, per Part IV, Section 29 (B)

It is the duty of the AC to see that the Ballot Box is properly prepared before the Court opens and that it is placed in back of the ME's Station, with open end facing South. The Ballot Box is never to be placed upon the Holy Bible or the Amaranthine Wreath.

27. Pg 60, New Paragraph 7; Item: Balloting

Currently Reads:

The Sent (if a Member of the Court) must ballot before balloting is completed and the ballot is inspected.

The RM stands while announcing the report of the Committee.

Change as it would appear:

The Sent (if a Member of the Court) must ballot before balloting is completed and the ballot is inspected.

Balloting occurs after a favorable report by the Committee. If there is an unfavorable report, there is no balloting.

The RM stands while announcing the report of the Committee.

28. Pg 62, Paragraph 3; Item: Balloting

Currently Reads:

The AC presents the Ballot Box to the Mus (who ballots without rising) in relation to the position of the musical instrument in the Northeast, Southeast, Northwest or Southwest of the Court Room, using the most direct route (at all times observing square corners) to the Officer.

Change as it would appear:

The AC presents the Ballot Box to the Mus (who ballots without rising) at the position of the musical instrument. If the musical instrument is in the Northeast or Southeast, the AC turns North or South (as appropriate) after descending from the Throne. After the Mus ballots, the AC returns to the Center and continues her march to the AM and AP. If the musical instrument is in the Northwest or Southwest, the AC turns North or South (as appropriate) after descending from the Dias in the West. After the Mus ballots, the AC returns to the Center to continue her duties.

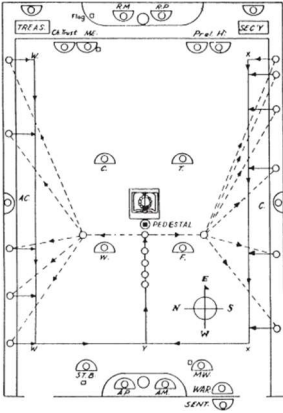
29. Pg 63, Paragraph 6; Item: Balloting

Currently Reads:

After the Officers are seated, all Members of the Court rise simultaneously and proceed to ballot by taking two steps out from their seats, then directly West on lines X-X and W-W to a line two steps East of the MW's and StB's Stations, then North or South to the center (marked Y) then East to the Altar where they salute and ballot. Members ballot alternating beginning on the North. Members do not square the Altar after balloting. Members are seated immediately after they reach their seat.

Change as it would appear:

After the Officers are seated, all Members of the Court rise simultaneously and proceed to ballot in the same manner as the officers, including alternating from North side and South side to the Altar, saluting, balloting and squaring out of the Altar. Members are seated immediately after they reach their seat.

30. Pg 65, Balloting of Members Image (remove & renumber pages as needed); Item: Balloting*Currently Reads:**Change as it would appear:*

(Page removed and pages renumbered as needed)

31. Pg 79 Paragraph 2, 3, 8, 9; Item: Initiation*Currently Reads:**Paragraphs 2, 3*

The MW closes the door and after the line of march has entered, goes directly to the StB's Station by marching East to opposite the StB's Station then South to in front of the StB's Station, and stands, facing East.

SONG: Tune - Arlington, C.M.
**Come spirit of celestial love,
 With might and pow'r divine;
 Upon thy servant from above,
 Let heavenly graces shine.**
 (This or any other appropriate verse.)

When the song is finished, the C delivers her charge.

Paragraphs 8, 9

The C and AC now offer the towels to the Candidates. If the class is too large to assemble around the Font at the same time, the Conductresses will divide them in groups, and the C will deliver her charge to each group as they perform the Ceremony. When all have finished and resumed their original position in line the C continues: **"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart. May our Heavenly Father keep you and shower His choicest blessings upon you."**

SONG: Tune - Arlington, C.M.
**Remove afar all dread and fear.
 All doubt and burdened care;
 Protect them as they enter here,
 In our great work to share.**
 (This or any other appropriate verse.)

The RP seats the Court (*) and delivers his charge. The MW remains standing.

*Change as it would appear:**Paragraphs 2, 3*

The MW closes the door and after the line of march has entered, goes directly to the StB's Station by marching East to opposite the StB's Station then South to in front of the StB's Station, and stands, facing East.

The C delivers her charge.

Paragraphs 8, 9

The C and AC now offer the towels to the Candidates. If the class is too large to assemble around the Font at the same time, the Conductresses will divide them in groups, and the C will deliver her charge to each group as they perform the Ceremony. When all have finished and resumed their original position in line the C continues: **"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart. May our Heavenly Father keep you and shower His choicest blessings upon you."**

The RP seats the Court (*) and delivers his charge. The MW remains standing.

32. Pg 83, Paragraphs 4, 5; Item: Initiation*Currently Reads:*

The RP calls up the Court (***) then goes directly toward the Altar, slowly as the song is being sung, arriving in his position on a line directly between the Stations of Truth and Charity as the song is finished and gives the Obligation. As the RP approaches the Altar, the StB steps forward on a

line between the Stations of Faith and Wisdom. The Tableau now formed is a Square within a Square. When the RP calls up the Court, preparatory to giving the Obligation, the HL's of the Square turn slowly inward facing the Altar. Truth will face Wisdom and Faith will face Charity. They do not move from in front of their chair while turning. They remain in that position until the RM leaves the Altar after the Sacred Emblems have been presented.

SONG: Tune - Arlington, C.M.
**Spirit of power and might; behold
 Thy willing servants here;
 With Thy protection them enfold,
 And free their hearts from fear.**
 (This or any other appropriate verse.)

RP - That you may faithfully represent the Order, maintain its honor and dignity, and preserve (C).

Change as it would appear:

The RP calls up the Court (***) then goes directly toward the Altar to a position directly between the Stations of Truth and Charity as the song is finished and gives the Obligation. As the RP approaches the Altar, the StB steps forward on a line between the Stations of Faith and Wisdom. The Tableau now formed is a Square within a Square. When the RP calls up the Court, preparatory to giving the Obligation, the HL's of the Square turn slowly inward facing the Altar. Truth will face Wisdom and Faith will face Charity. They do not move from in front of their chair while turning. They remain in that position until the RM leaves the Altar after the Sacred Emblems have been presented.

RP - That you may faithfully represent the Order, maintain its honor and dignity, and preserve (C).

33. Pg 87 Add new Paragraph 1, current Paragraph 1 becomes Paragraph 2; Item: Initiation

Currently Reads:

RM - Honored Ladies who form the Square about the Altar: (The RM pauses while the HL's of the Square rise and stand in front of their chair) **make known to these Candidates the important lessons taught in this Degree and the beautiful precepts they inculcate.**

Change as it would appear:

As the Conductresses are escorting the Candidates to seats in the Northeast, all available Sir Knights will rise and retire to the Preparation Room without interfering with the marching formation. They will wait quietly with the door barely open waiting for their turn to sing the reply during Charity's lecture. When they hear the Honored Ladies singing, they will open the door slightly more. Following the singing they will remain in the Preparation Room until the HL Charity has finished her lecture. As the HL's of the Square are replacing their banners the Sir Knights will quietly resume their Stations.

RM - Honored Ladies who form the Square about the Altar: (The RM pauses while the HL's of the Square rise and stand in front of their chair) **make known to these Candidates the important lessons taught in this Degree and the beautiful precepts they inculcate.**

34. Pg 90 Paragraph 3, First sentence; Item: Initiation

Currently Reads:

There is a beautiful legend extant which recites an incident that on the shores of the Adriatic Sea, the wives of the fishermen, who have gone far off upon the deep, are in the habit at eventide of going down to the seashore and singing a verse of some favorite hymn.

Change as it would appear:

There is a beautiful legend that still exists which recites an incident that on the shores of the Adriatic Sea, the wives of the fishermen, who have gone far off upon the deep, are in the habit at eventide of going down to the seashore and singing a verse of some favorite hymn.

35. Pg 99, Paragraphs 4, 5, 6; Item: Initiation

Currently Reads:

The AM steps back to her position in front of her chair, and replaces the Wreath on the pedestal. The song starts as soon as her lecture is finished.

SONG: Tune - Coronation, C.M.
**Oh, Crown immortal, Wreath sublime,
 That speaks the joys unseen;
 Its leaves defy the frost of time;
 'Tis Heaven's unfading green.**
 (This or any other appropriate verse.)

After the song, the AM resumes her seat. This is the cue for the dissolving of the Tableau. The Kneeling Bench/Pillow is removed after the Tableau is dissolved, by a designated member. Each C will extend an arm to her Candidate, face South in marching formation, and march to the marching line, then East to within two steps West of the Square, then North to a distance so that the line will halt behind the Square, then wheel into line facing the Throne. This makes a hollow Square in the West. The HL's of the Square inward about face, march East on the inside line to beside the rear of their Stations, all deposit their Banners, step forward beside the front of their chairs, face the center, take one step to in front of their Stations, face East and are seated simultaneously.

Change as it would appear:

The AM steps back to her position in front of her chair, and replaces the Wreath on the pedestal, The AM resumes her seat. This is the cue for the dissolving of the Tableau. The Kneeling Bench/Pillow is removed after the Tableau is dissolved, by a designated member. Each C will extend an arm to her Candidate, face South in marching formation, and march to the marching line, then East to within two steps West of the Square, then North

to a distance so that the line will halt behind the Square, then wheel into line facing the Throne. This makes a hollow Square in the West. The HL's of the Square inward about face, march East on the inside line to beside the rear of their Stations, all deposit their Banners, step forward beside the front of their chairs, face the center, take one step to in front of their Stations, face East and are seated simultaneously.

36. Pg 101-102 Paragraphs 4, 5, 6; Item: Initiation

Currently Reads:

**"Where'er I roam, whatever land I see,
My Heart untroubled, fondly turns to thee."**

They are reminded of Home, Sweet Home, with all its tender, endearing associations; and such a moment filled with heartfelt emotions can never be forgotten.

SONG: Home, Sweet Home
(All Members sing this Verse and Chorus)
**'Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.
Home! Home! Sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home!
There's no place like home!**

The Standard of our Order with the "All Seeing Eye" upon it is the Symbol of Eternal Truth. The winged messenger bearing in its beak the olive branch of peace, reminds us of Him whose Eye is ever watchful and who in His own good time will give to His beloved, peaceful rest...

Change as it would appear:

**"Where'er I roam, whatever land I see,
My Heart untroubled, fondly turns to thee."**

The Standard of our Order with the "All Seeing Eye" upon it is the Symbol of Eternal Truth. The winged messenger bearing in its beak the olive branch of peace, reminds us of Him whose Eye is ever watchful and who in His own good time will give to His beloved, peaceful rest...

37. Pg 102 Paragraph 1; Item: Initiation

Currently Reads:

The Standard of our Order with the "All Seeing Eye" upon it is the Symbol of Eternal Truth. The winged messenger bearing in its beak the olive branch of peace, reminds us of Him whose Eye is ever watchful and who in His own good time will give to His beloved, peaceful rest. The five-pointed Star is emblematic of the Star which guided the wise men of the East to the place of nativity of the world's Redeemer. It is to us an emblem of Truth; greatest virtue of all; and by the exercise of this virtue may it lead you before Him who sitteth forever on the Throne of Life Eternal. The Amaranthine Wreath, symbol of immortality, reminds us by the endless circle of its unfading blossoms of a life everlasting for all those who prove faithful to the end and by lives of purity and virtue are made worthy to receive the commendation of our Father in Heaven, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord." By the unification of the Crown and Sword, emblems of Royalty and Power, we are taught that in union there is strength and although as individuals, we may be powerless to carry forward the great work of our Order, yet bound together by the strong bonds of sincere affection and mutual confidence, we may carry the lighted lamp of Truth into the dark corners of the earth, dispelling the ignorance and superstition existing therein. Our principles, founded upon Truth and Charity, must eventually be found in every nation, among all people where justice and right prevail and o'er whose fair land shall float forever the Flag of freedom.

Change as it would appear:

The Standard of our Order with the "All Seeing Eye" (Std. Bearer points to 'eye' with index finger of left hand) upon it is the Symbol of Eternal Truth. The winged messenger (Std. Bearer points to 'winged messenger' with index finger of left hand) bearing in its beak the olive branch of peace, reminds us of Him whose Eye is ever watchful and who in His own good time will give to this beloved, peaceful rest. The five-pointed Star (Std. Bearer points to 'five-pointed star' with index finger of left hand) is emblematic of the Star which guided the wise men of the East to the place of nativity of the world's Redeemer. It is to us an emblem of Truth; greatest virtue of all, and by the exercise of this virtue may it lead you before Him who sitteth forever on the Throne of Life Eternal.

The Amaranthine Wreath, (Std. Bearer points to wreath with index finger of left hand) symbol of immortality, reminds us by the endless circle of its unfading blossoms of a life everlasting for all those who prove faithful to the end and by lives of purity and virtue are made worthy to receive the commendation of our Father in Heaven, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord." By the unification of the Crown and Sword, (Std. Bearer points to the 'crown' and then the 'sword' with index finger of left hand) emblems of Royalty and Power, we are taught that in union there is strength and although as individuals, we may be powerless to carry forward the great work of our Order, yet bound together by the strong bonds of sincere affection and mutual confidence, we may carry the lighted lamp of Truth into the dark corners of the earth, dispelling the ignorance and superstition existing therein. Our principles, founded upon Truth and Charity, must eventually be found in every nation, among all people where justice and right prevail and o'er whose fair land shall float forever the Flag of freedom.

38. Pg 102 Paragraphs 1; Last Sentence; Item: Initiation***Currently Reads:***

Our principles, founded upon Truth and Charity, must eventually be found in every nation, among all people where justice and right prevail and o'er whose fair land shall float forever the Flag of freedom.

Change as it would appear:

Our principles, founded upon Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity, must eventually be found in every nation, among all people where justice and right prevail and o'er whose fair land shall float forever the Flag of freedom.

39. Pg 109 Paragraphs 5, 6, 7; Item: Closing; Pg 252, Paragraphs 4,5; Item: Closing Ceremony***Currently Reads:******Pg 107 Paragraphs 5, 6, 7***

RM - Make known that this Court is about to be closed.

The StB follows the same line of march as in the opening Proclamation; however, since this is not a Proclamation she does not assume the position of the Proclamation (raising of the hand). The StB then returns to her Station as in the opening.

StB - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, by order of the Royal Matron this Court is about to be closed.

Pg 252, Paragraphs 4, 5

GRM - Honored Lady Grand Standard Bearer, make known that this Annual Session (Assembly) of the Grand Court (Supreme Council), Order of the Amaranth, (Inc), is about to be closed.

GStB - By order of the Grand Royal Matron, I declare this Annual Session (Assembly) of the Grand Court (Supreme Council), Order of the Amaranth, (Inc), about to be closed.

Change as it would appear:***Pg 107 Paragraphs 5, 6, 7***

RM - Proclaim that this Court is about to be closed.

The StB follows the same line of march as in the opening Proclamation; The StB then returns to her Station as in the opening.

StB - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, by order of the Royal Matron, I proclaim this Court is about to be closed.

Pg 252, Paragraphs 4, 5

GRM - Honored Lady Grand Standard Bearer, proclaim that this Annual Session (Assembly) of the Grand Court (Supreme Council), Order of the Amaranth, (Inc), is about to be closed.

GStB -By order of the Grand Royal Matron, I proclaim this Annual Session (Assembly) of the Grand Court (Supreme Council), Order of the Amaranth, (Inc), about to be closed.

40. Pg 113 Paragraph 3, Item: Closing***Currently Reads:***

The C lowers the Bible as she raised it in the Opening, steps diagonally back two steps; the AC steps diagonally forward, places the Wreath on the Bible and steps diagonally back. Both salute the Throne with an inclination of the head and resume their Stations. As the Conductresses leave the Square, the HLs of the Square slowly turn and face East.

Change as it would appear:

The C lowers the Bible as she raised it in the Opening, steps diagonally back two steps; the AC steps diagonally forward, places the Wreath on the Bible and steps diagonally back. Both salute the Throne with an inclination of the head. The Conductresses then square the Altar and march to a position in front of their Stations (in front of the pedestal, if used) standing on the sideline. As the Conductresses leave the Square, the HLs of the Square slowly turn and face East.

41. Pg 114, Add new paragraphs after paragraph 9, Item: Closing***Currently Reads:***

War - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Sentinel, this Court is closed.

The RM dismisses the Court with one rap of the Gavel (*).

Change as it would appear:

War - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Sentinel, this Court is closed.

The War about faces, stands in front of the open door, salutes the RM with the Public Sign of Salutation, then says:

War – RM, the Sentinel has been informed that the Court is Closed.

The RM dismisses the Court with one rap of the Gavel (*).

42. Pg 114, Add new paragraphs at end, Item: Closing***New Paragraphs*****RECESSIONAL MARCH**

After the RM has declared the Court closed, one rap (*) to seat the Court and then raps twice (**) for the Officers to stand.

The RP presents the Sword to the RM by coming to Carry Swords after drawing, then lowering the blade to the left side taking hold of the blade with the left hand, palm downward, releasing the right hand. He will present the Sword over his right forearm, which is slightly raised, hand and elbow parallel and about on a level with the chest. The RM will Carry Sword. As the sword is presented, the Warder shall open the Preparation Room Door and return to his Station.

The RM and RP will descend the Throne. They will approach the Altar and stop in between the stations of Truth and Charity.

The AM and AP approach the Altar from their Stations, stop between the stations of Faith and Wisdom, make a nod to the RM and RP then move forward within 2 steps of the Altar, return to the marching lines by SQUARING THE ALTAR, march west, turn north and south one step beyond the back of the stations of Faith and Wisdom, meet at the center and face West, march to in front of AM/AP station and face East.

As the AM and AP approach their stations, all Officers led by the Marshal in the East and Prelate will form a line as in balloting, march west on the marching line, turn north and south, march to the Center in front of the AM/AP, in pairs turn and march East, stop between the stations of Faith and Wisdom, nod to the RM and RP, return to the marching line by squaring the Altar, march west to within 2 steps in front of the stations of MW and StB, then to the Preparation Room door, forming a V formation at the door.

As soon as the last officers (Warder and Sentinel) had finished, the RM will put the Sword near the Bible, she will also remove her Crown put it beside the Sword, at the same time, the C and AC proceed within 2 steps of the Altar as in Bible Ceremony, AC and C remove the Wreath and the Bible on the Altar, face north and south make 2 steps, face East, make 2 steps, face north and south, stop at the marching lines, while the RM and RP inward about face, proceed to the foot of the Throne. The C and AC will remain in that position and wait for the RM and RP; AM and AP before proceeding to the V formation.

As the C and AC turn north and south to the marching lines, the AM and AP will proceed to the East passing thru the Altar, stop in line with the Royal Matron and Royal Patron, who at this time, inward about face proceed to one step of the stations of Truth and Charity, turn north and south to the marching lines, turn West and the C and AC will lead the march on the north and south side, both turn one step back of the stations of Faith and Wisdom. Followed by the Royal Matron and Royal Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron meet at the center West of the Square, and then proceed to the V formation.

Should there be guests sitting on the Throne, the Royal Matron and Royal Patron will invite them to join in the Recessional March.

43. Pg 116, Paragraph 4, Item: Opening for Open Installation***Currently Reads:***

This Ceremony is to be used for Open Installation at a Special Meeting. It may also be used at a Stated Meeting when the Court has been Opened, then recessed, by omitting the words within the brackets on pages 117 and 118. The Court Room shall be arranged as for a Stated Meeting. At the hour appointed for Opening, the Mus is in position at the instrument having assumed the position informally. All other Officers will assemble in the Preparation Room, except the RP, AP and StB, who assume their Stations. The RP will call the meeting to order with one rap of the Gavel (*).

Change as it would appear:

This Ceremony is to be used for Open Installation at a Special Meeting. It shall also be used at a Stated Meeting when the Court has been Opened, then recessed for the purpose of an Open Installation, by omitting the words within the brackets on pages 117 and 118. The Court Room shall be arranged as for a Stated Meeting. At the hour appointed for Opening, the Mus is in position at the instrument having assumed the position informally. All other Officers will assemble in the Preparation Room, except the RP, AP and StB, who assume their Stations. The RP will call the meeting to order with one rap of the Gavel (*).

44. Pg 123, Paragraph 11 Lines 1-2, Item: Uncrowning Ceremony***Currently Reads:***

RP (GRP) - I now declare a recreation for the purpose of arranging the Court (Grand Court) Room for Installation. (If the RP (GRP) retires with the outgoing Officers, a PRP (PGRP) may give this charge.)

Change as it would appear:

RP (GRP) - I now declare a recreation to reconvene at the specified time for Installation of Officers. (If the RP (GRP) retires with the outgoing Officers, a PRP (PGRP) may give this charge.)

45. Pg 136, Paragraph 1, Item: Installation of Officers (Housekeeping)***Currently Reads:***

IO/AIO - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, you have been selected to conduct the affairs of _____ Court for the ensuing year. Are you willing to receive the Obligation and all that is implies? (The Officers will respond.)

Change as it would appear:

IO/AIO - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, you have been selected to conduct the affairs of _____ Court for the ensuing year. Are you willing to receive the Obligation and all that it implies? (The Officers will respond.)

46. Pg 137, New Paragraph 1, Item: Installation of Officers***Currently Reads:***

...Faith and Wisdom, step back to one step West of the Square, face inward and march to the center, turn West and nod to the Officer(s) to be presented. These movements are all simultaneous. The Mar and Aide inward face then square the Altar followed by the Officer(s) being presented.

The Mar and Aide escort the Officer(s) installed to their Station(s), when instructed by the IO/AIO by stepping forward one step...

Change as it would appear:

...Faith and Wisdom, step back to one step West of the Square, face inward and march to the center, turn West and nod to the Officer(s) to be presented. These movements are all simultaneous. The Mar and Aide inward face then square the Altar followed by the Officer(s) being presented.

When the IO/AIO instructs the Marshal and Aide to invest the Officer(s) with the jewel(s) of their office. The Aide will take a step back tum to the table with the jewels, the Aide will pick up the jewel(s), tum to the east, take 2 steps forward, tum to the Marshal, who places it on the Officer(s).

The Mar and Aide escort the Officer(s) installed to their Station(s), when instructed by the IO/AIO by stepping forward one step...

47. Pg 140, Bottom of page, move to top of next page; Item: Installation of Officers (Housekeeping)**Currently Reads:**

CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Change as it would appear:

Adjust line spacing so that these words appear on top of next page

CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

48. Pg 194 Paragraph 4, Page 195, Paragraph 3, 11; Item: Installation of Officers Subordinate Court Grand Court Supreme Council (After Scheduled Annual Installation)**Currently Reads:****Pg 194 Paragraph 4**

The IO/AIO shall be addressed by his proper Title (i.e., RP, GRP, SRP, PSRP, etc).

Pg 195 Paragraph 3

IO - Honored Lady Marshal and Aide, present the Officer(s) at the Altar for obligation.

Pg 195 Paragraph 11

IO - Honored Lady Marshal, present the _____ (Name of Office) for Installation.

Change as it would appear:**Pg 194 Paragraph 4**

The IO/AIO shall be addressed by his proper Title (i.e., RP, GRP, SRP, PSRP, etc). The Marshal shall be addressed by Title appropriate to the level of Installation being performed (i.e., for Subordinate Court Installation as Marshal, for Grand Court Installation as Grand Marshal, for Supreme Council Installation as Supreme Marshal). For each level of installation, the officers performing the installation QO, Marshal, Aide) shall be a member of that level,

Pg 195 Paragraph 3

IO - Honored Lady (G) (S) Marshal and Aide, present the Officer(s) at the Altar for obligation.

Pg 195 paragraph 11

IO - Honored (G) (S) Lady Marshal, present the _____ (Name of Office) for Installation.

49. Pg 196, Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, Item: Installation of Officers Subordinate Court Grand Court Supreme Council (After Scheduled Annual Installation)**Currently Reads:**

Subordinate Court - Beginning with the charge, "**According to the usages of our Order,**" etc to the end of Installation.

Grand Court -Beginning with the charge, "**Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it has fallen to your lot,**" etc to the end of Installation. [Grand Officer(s) must be standing.]

Supreme Council - Beginning with the charge, "**Supreme Officers, it has fallen to your lot to be elevated,**" etc to the end of Installation. [Supreme Officer(s) must be standing.]

Change as it would appear:

(Current page number in Ritual is listed, since page numbers may change, actual page number printed should reflect position in updated Ritual)

Subordinate Court - Beginning with the charge (Page 146), "**According to the usages of our Order,**" etc. to the end of Installation.

Grand Court - **IO: Those Grand Officers just installed (**)** (New Grand Officers Rise) then beginning with the charge (Page 169), "**Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it has fallen to your lot,**" etc to the end of Installation.

Supreme Council - **IO: Those Supreme Officers just installed (**)** (New Supreme Officers Rise) then beginning with the charge (Page 190), "**Supreme Officers, it has fallen to your lot to be elevated,**" etc to the end of Installation.

50. Pg 196, Paragraph 2, 3, 4, Item: Installation of Officers Subordinate Court Grand Court Supreme Council (After Scheduled Annual Installation)

Currently Reads:

Subordinate Court - Beginning with the charge, "**According to the usages of our Order,**" etc to the end of Installation.

Grand Court –Beginning with the charge, "**Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it has fallen to your lot,**" etc to the end of Installation. [Grand Officer(s) must be standing.]

Supreme Council - Beginning with the charge, "**Supreme Officers, it has fallen to your lot to be elevated,**" etc to the end of Installation. [Supreme Officer(s) must be standing.]

Change as it would appear:

Subordinate Court – Beginning with the charge, "**According to the usages of our Order,**" etc. to the end of the installation. When instructing the Marshal to make the Proclamation, omit the word "elected" if only Appointed Officers(s) is/are being installed and "except those not present" when all Subordinate Court Officers have been installed.

Grand Court – Beginning with the charge, "**Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, it has fallen to your lot,**" etc. to the end of the installation. [Grand Officer(s) must be standing]. When instructing the Grand Marshal to make the Proclamation, omit the word "elected" if only Appointed Officers(s) is/are being installed and "except those not present" when all Grand Court Officers have been installed.

Supreme Council – Beginning with the charge, "**Supreme Officers, it has fallen to your lot to be elevated,**" etc. to the end of the installation. [Supreme Officer(s) must be standing]. When instructing the Supreme Marshal to make the Proclamation, omit the word "elected" if only Appointed Officers(s) is/are being installed and "except those not present" when all Supreme Council Officers have been installed.

51. Pg 236, Paragraph 6, 10; Page 237 Paragraph 3, 5; page 239, Paragraph 8; Page 240, Paragraph 2, 6; Page 241 Paragraph 3; Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening

Currently Reads:

Page 236 Paragraph 6, 10; Page 237 paragraph 3, 5
GStB - Honored Lady Grand Marshal

Page 239, Paragraph 8
GAC - Honored Lady Grand Marshal.

Page 240, Paragraph 2
GRM - Honored Lady Grand Marshal

Page 240, Paragraph 6
GC - Honored Lady Grand Marshal

Page 241, Paragraph 3
The GMar assumes her Station on the Throne at the left of the GRP.

Change as it would appear:

Page 236 paragraph 6, 10; Page 237 paragraph 3, 5
GStB - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Grand Marshal

Page 239, paragraph 8
GAC - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Grand Marshal.

Page 240, paragraph 2
GRM - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Grand Marshal

Page 240, paragraph 6
GC - Honored Lady (Sir Knight) Grand Marshal

Page 241, paragraph 3
The GMar assumes her/his Station on the Throne at the left of the GRP.

52. Pg 237, Paragraph 10, Last Sentence; Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening

Currently Reads:

When the line is formed the Grand Officers will face inward.

Change as it would appear:

When the line is formed, the GMar will nod to the Grand Officers who will then face inward.

53. Pg 239, Paragraph 4 and Paragraph 5, Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening

Currently Reads:

The GSwB comes to "Present Swords" while the Crown is being placed. When the GAC steps back into line the GSwB advances to a position at the SE corner of the Kneeling Bench, faces North and presents the Sword to the GRM in proper form and resumes his position in line.

The Kneeling Bench is removed.

Change as it would appear:

The GSwB comes to "Present Swords" while the Crown is being placed.

When the GAC steps back into line the Kneeling Bench is removed. The GSwB steps out and advances to a position one step to the right of the GRM. He then right about faces and proceeds to present the Sword to the GRM in proper form and then resumes his position in line. As the GSwB returns to his position in line, the GRP advances to his position at the right side of the GRM.

54. Pg 239, Paragraph 4, Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening***Currently Reads:***

When the GAC steps back into line the GSwB advances to a position at the SE corner of the Kneeling Bench, faces North and presents the Sword to the GRM in proper form and resumes his position in line.

Change as it would appear:

When the GAC steps back into line the GSwB advances to a position at the SE corner of the Kneeling Bench, faces North and presents the Sword to the GRM in proper form, over his left arm, and resumes his position in line.

55. Pg 241, Paragraph 3, 4, Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening***Currently Reads:***

GMar - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, I have the distinguished honor of introducing to you our Grand Royal Matron, Honored Lady _____ of _____ and our Grand Royal Patron, Sir Knight _____ of _____. You will observe the Throne and extend to them the Public Sign of Salutation. Grand Royal Matron, I present to you the Gavel, emblem of your authority and request you to open the Grand Court Session (Supreme Council Assembly) according to the Forms and Ceremonies of the Order.

The GMar presents the Gavel to the GRM after the GRM passes her Sword to the GRP. The GMar assumes her Station on the Throne at the left of the GRP.

Change as it would appear:

GMar - Honored Ladies and Sir Knights, I have the distinguished honor of introducing to you our Grand Royal Matron, Honored Lady _____ of _____ and our Grand Royal Patron, Sir Knight _____ of _____. You will observe the Throne and extend to them the Public Sign of Salutation.

The GMar takes a step back. After the GRM passes her Sword to the GRP, the GMar takes a step forward.

GMar – Grand Royal Matron, I present to you the Gavel, emblem of your authority and request you to open the Grand Court Session (Supreme Council Assembly) according to the Forms and Ceremonies of the Order.

The GMar presents the Gavel to the GRM and assumes her Station on the Throne at the left of the GRP.

56. Pg 241, Paragraph 8, Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening***Currently Reads:***

The reception line of Grand Officers will face West. The GMarshals and GConductresses face and march North and South to one step outside the chairs of the Square, turn and march West outside the Square and approach the GAM and GAP whom they salute with a nod. The GC offers her right arm to the GAM, the GAC offers her left arm to the GAP to escort them (four abreast) to their Stations in the West. The GME and GMW form an arch with the Staffs. The Staff of the GME shall be toward the Station of the GAM. The GAP passes through the arch first and assists the GAM to her Station.

Change as it would appear:

The reception line of Grand Officers will face West. The GAM and GAP, upon hearing the word West, will face North and South, then step together to within one step of each other, and then face West. The GMarshals and GConductresses face and march North and South to one step outside the chairs of the Square, turn and march West outside the Square and approach the GAM and GAP whom they salute with a nod. The GC offers her right arm to the GAM, the GAC offers her left arm to the GAP to escort them (four abreast) to their Stations in the West. The GME and GMW form an arch with the Staffs. The Staff of the GME shall be toward the Station of the GAM. The GAP passes through the arch first and assists the GAM to her Station.

57. Pg 242, Paragraph 5, Item: Opening Ceremony – Informal Opening***Currently Reads:***

The GStB acts as Color Bearer and the GME and GMW act as Color Guard. The Grand Officers return immediately bearing the "Colors", the Color Bearers in the center (flag(s) carried in the right hand (see Fig. 2, page 42) and the Guard on either side. As the "Colors" appear in the Session Room (Assembly Room); the GMus will play and all members will stand at attention with the right hand over the heart or rendering the appropriate honors of their Country. US Veterans may use the military salute.

Change as it would appear:

The GStB acts as Color Bearer. The GME on her right and the GMW on her left act as the Color Guard. Then Grand Officers return immediately bearing the "Colors", the Color Bearers in the center with the flag carried in the right hand (see Fig. 2, page 42) and the Guards on either side. As the "Colors" appear in the Session Room (Assembly Room); the GMus will play and all members will stand at attention with the right hand over the heart or rendering the appropriate honors of their Country. US Veterans may use the military salute.

58. Pg 243, Paragraph 8 Item: Opening Ceremony – Opening Charges***Currently Reads:***

All Grand Officers, on being addressed, will rise salute with the Public Sign of Salutation, then respond "**Grand Royal Matron.**" (The GRM will give the Officers time to rise, salute and respond before continuing with the charge.) Officers will remain standing until seated by the GRM. All floor work is done according to Subordinate Court instructions.

Change as it would appear:

All Grand Officers, when addressed each time, will rise or remain standing, salute with the Public Sign of Salutation, then respond "**Grand Royal Matron.**" (The GRM will give the Officers time to rise, salute and respond before continuing with the charge.) Officers will remain standing until seated by the GRM. All floor work is done according to Subordinate Court instructions.

59. Pg 252, Paragraph 1 Item: Closing Ceremony of Grand Court or Supreme Council***Currently Reads:***

Only Members of the Order may participate.

Change as it would appear:

The public is welcome to attend the Closing Ceremony, however, only Members of the Order may perform the work.

60. Pg 255 & Pg 260, Title; Item: Memorial Service and Ceremony for Draping the Altar***Currently Reads:***

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CEREMONY FOR DRAPING THE ALTAR
(White Gowns are Required)**

Change as it would appear:

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CEREMONY FOR DRAPING THE ALTAR
(White Gowns are Required for all Honored Ladies in the Court Room)**

61. Pg 255, Paragraph 10; Item: Memorial Service and Ceremony for Draping the Altar***Currently Reads:***

The ME marches West followed by the Eulogist, Charity and Wisdom. The MW marches East to a point two steps East of the Station of Truth, where she is met by the Prel who is carrying the Altar Drape. Here the MW about faces and marches West followed by the Prel, Truth and Faith. The Marshals lead their lines due West to a point two steps beyond the Stations of Wisdom and Faith and march North and South to the center where they meet. The Officers march West to a point within two steps of the AM's Station where they turn North or South, march to a point opposite the Preparation Room door, then to the Preparation Room. The War attends the door.

Change as it would appear:

The MW begins her march East on the inside marching line simultaneously with the StB's movement. If the Preparation Room is in the North, the Warder also marches forward at the same time to two steps past the MW station turning to the North behind the MW. The War then advances to a point centered on the Preparation Door(s), turns West, advances to the door(s) and faces South. As the MW reaches the back of the Square the ME and the Prel begin their march to the West. The Prel who is carrying the Altar Drape meets the MW two steps East of the station of Truth. The Eulogist follows the ME. The MW inward about faces and is now partnered with the ME. The HLs of the Square step into line as the line passes them. (ME Eulogist Charity Wisdom- MW Prel Truth Faith) The Marshals proceed to lead their lines to a point two steps beyond the stations of Wisdom and Faith and march North and South to the center where they meet. The Officers march West to a point within two steps of the StB where they turn North or South to a point opposite the Preparation Room door. The Warder attends the door, and the Marching formation exits the room, and the Warder closes the door.

62. Pg 256 Paragraph 2; Item: Memorial Service and Ceremony for Draping the Altar***Currently Reads:***

When the Officers are assembled in the Preparation Room, the Prel gives the Altar Drape to the HLs of the Square. The Officers enter the Court Room (All Members rise and the RP begins his charge) in two lines. The ME followed by the Eulogist, Charity and Wisdom on the North side; and the MW followed by the Prel, Truth and Faith on the South side. The Marshals lead due East to a point one step East of the Station of the StB or MW's Station then North or South to the center in front of the AM's Station, then East. The War closes the door and returns to her/his Station after all Officers have entered the Court Room.

Change as it would appear:

When the Officers are assembled in the Preparation Room, the Prel gives the Altar Drape to the HL's of the Square. The Warder opens the door(s) of the Preparation Room immediately after the Conductresses have returned to the front of their Stations and are facing the Altar. The Officers enter the Court Room (All Members rise and the RP begins his charge) in two lines. The ME followed by the Eulogist, Charity and Wisdom on the North side; and the MW, Prel, Truth and Faith on the South side. The Marshals lead due East to a point one step East of the Station of the StB or MW's Station then North or South to the center in front of the AM's Station then East.

63. Pg 259 Paragraph 8; Item: Memorial Service and Ceremony for Draping the Altar***Currently Reads:***

The RM then right about faces and is escorted to the Throne by the ME. The MW marches to her Station outside the Square. At the same time the StB marches to her Station.

Change as it would appear:

The RM then right about faces and is escorted to the Throne by the ME. The MW will inward about face with the ME and march three abreast with the RM to two steps past Truth then turns South marches to the inside marching line turns West and returns to her Station. At the same time the StB marches to her Station and the Warder will leave from the Preparation Room door (if it is in the North) and returns to his/her Station passing in front of the MW station prior to her arrival.

64. Pg 259 Paragraph 10; Item: Memorial Service and Ceremony for Draping the Altar***Currently Reads:***

The HLs of the Square face East. The RM seats the Court (*) and the lights are turned up. The RM will give any Member the privilege of placing flowers at the Altar in memory of any HL or SK. Members wishing to place flowers do NOT square the Altar when leaving but go straight to the sidelines. Baskets or vases shall be placed on the floor, by pages or designated Members, on the North and South side of the Altar and touching the same for the deposit of flowers by the Members. This is done as the RM about faces returns to the Throne. Those placing the baskets or vases shall enter the Square from the West and leave by way of the North and South.

Change as it would appear:

The HLs of the Square face East. The RM seats the Court (*) and the lights are turned up. The RM will give any Member the privilege of placing flowers at the Altar in memory of any HL or SK. Flowers are placed only for Amaranth members who have passed away since the last Memorial Service held, (Supreme, Grand, or Subordinate Court). Members wishing to place flowers do NOT square the Altar when leaving but go straight to the sidelines. Baskets or vases shall be placed on the floor, by pages or designated Members, on the North and South side of the Altar and touching the same for the deposit of flowers by the Members. This is done as the RM about faces returns to the Throne. Those placing the baskets or vases shall enter the Square from the West and leave by way of the North and South.

65. Pg 268, Item: Glossary (Housekeeping)***Currently Reads:***

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66. Before Abbreviations currently Page 267, Add new section with title page***New Section******Title Page*****OBLIGATION FOR MASTER MASON(S)*****Section Pages*****OBLIGATION FOR MASTER MASON(S)
Where Master Masons are Allowed to Visit**

Prior to the meeting the RP informs the Cond. and Assoc. Cond. that there are first time visiting Master Masons and that during opening they will skip taking the pass from them. The RP will direct the visiting Master Masons to sit on the North Side of the Court Room to the Right of the Associate Conductress. (If there are Master Masons visiting that have visited previously and can be vouched for by the Royal Patron the Ceremony would be eliminated except for the Royal Patron reporting to the Royal Matron that the visiting Master Masons are entitled to remain). On the Occasion that the Pass is taken at the Door the RP will advise the C/AC, Warder/Sentinel of the presence of the Visiting Masons. The AC and C would still report them as visiting to the AM. If an Initiation is to be held at the meeting that the Master Masons are visiting (1st time or Prior) they will be asked to retire from the Courtroom during the Initiation Ceremony. They may return following the Ceremony.

The Assoc. Matron calls on the Cond. and Assoc. Cond. to ascertain if all present are entitled to remain. The Cond. and Assoc. Cond. take up the pass as usual skipping the visiting Master Masons.

AC - Honored Lady Conductress, I find all members on the North in possession of the Password. There are ___ (First time) Visiting Master Masons on the North.

C - Honored Lady Associate Matron, all members present are in possession of the Password. The Associate Conductress reports there are ___ (First time) Visiting Master Masons on the North.

AM - (public sign) Royal Matron, all members present are entitled to remain. The Conductresses have reported that there are (First time) Visiting Master Masons on the North.

(If the Master Masons have visited before the RP would report to the RM (last line of Ceremony) and the Opening would continue)

RM - Royal Patron

RP - Royal Matron (Salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RM - As there is a report that there are First Time Visiting Master Masons present, you will preside for the Ceremony of Obligation for Master Masons. RM hands the gavel to the RP.

RP - Would the Master Masons who are visiting a Court of the Amaranth for the first time please rise?

After the Master Mason(s) have risen.

RP - Brother (Brothers), the Order of the Amaranth is a fraternal organization composed of the female relatives of Master Masons, Master Masons and Ladies, aged 18 or over, recommended by Master Masons and active or Majority members aged 18 or over of female Masonic Youth Groups. As a fraternal Organization the Order of the Amaranth has secret signs and passwords.

In the State (Province, Country) of _____ Master Masons are privileged to attend Court meetings, but the rules of the Order require that each Master Mason shall give a pledge that he will not divulge any of the secrets of the Order. If you are willing to assume this obligation, place yourself (yourselves) in the West in front of the HL Associate Matron's Station.

With the assistance of the Conductresses, the Brother(s) will stand in a line in the West facing the Throne.

RP - Honored Lady Conductress

C - Royal Patron (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RP - Honored Lady Associate Conductress

RP - Royal Patron (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RP - Prepare the Altar for the Obligation of Master Masons.

When the RP has completed his instructions, the C and AC will assume a position directly in front of the Brother(s), proceed directly to the Altar, open the Bible, place the Wreath upon it and retire to the North and South Sides of the Altar (as in Initiation Obligation). No sign or nod to be given.

RP - Honored Lady Marshal in the East

ME - Royal Patron (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RP - Honored Lady Marshal in the West

MW - Royal Patron (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RP - Place the Brother(s) in proper position to be obligated.

The ME advances to the West Line, turns South and advances to the Left side of the first Master Mason in Line. Simultaneously as the ME turns South the MW turns North from her Station and advances to the right side of the Master Mason in Line.

ME - Brother(s) please advance to the Altar in a straight line.

They all walk East to within one step of the Altar.

ME - Royal Patron, (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation) **our visiting Brother(s) are in position to be obligated.**

RP calls up the Court (***)

RP leaves the Throne, goes to a position between Truth and Charity and says:

RP - Brother(s), (Repeat first clause of obligation beginning with "you will place your left hand' etc., ending with "of this Degree," and add) **which I am about to, or may hereafter be instructed in. This pledge I promise faithfully to keep upon my honor as a Master Mason.**

RP - You may lower your hands.

RP - (The RP does not face the Throne while explaining the sign.) **"The Secret Sign of Salutation...."** Explain the Secret sign of salutation **"standing until recognized."** Do not explain its use as an Honor Sign.

RP - During our meeting we will be rehearsing and using various signs as a means of acknowledging the status of the Officers being introduced. These signs are to be used only by the Members of the Order.

RP - You will join me in saluting the Royal Matron. (The Royal Patron about faces to accomplish this motion). Then turns back to the Master Masons.

RP - My Brother(s) as Royal Patron of _____ Court # _____ and on behalf of the officers and members of this Court, I wish to convey to you our extreme pleasure with your presence here this evening and express the hope that you will enjoy witnessing the beauties of our ceremonies. It is also our hope that you will be so impressed with the principles of fraternity, that you will want to visit our Court again, and eventually choose to become a member of the Order.

The RP returns to the Throne by turning East, marches to his Station and about faces.

RP - Honored Lady Marshal in the East

ME - Royal Patron (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RP - Honored Lady Marshal in the West

MW - Royal Patron (salutes with the Public Sign of Salutation)

RP - Escort our Visitors to their Seats.

ME - Please follow me. The Marshals then conduct the Master Masons out of the Square directly to the North sidelines to their seats in the North. (where they started). The Marshals then return to their stations by way of the West Marching line, to the back of the Square, then North and South, then East and West to their Stations.

As the ME and MW escort the Visiting Master Masons to their seats The Conductresses return to the West side of the Altar, close the Bible and replace the Wreath in the normal manner. No sign or nod to be given. They then return to their stations in the usual manner by squaring the Altar.

RP Seats the Court (*)

RP - Royal Matron, the visiting Master Mason(s) are entitled to remain. The RP returns the gavel to the RM. (This is the line stated if the Master Masons have visited before)

RM - Honored Ladies, Sir Knights and visiting Master Mason(s), it gives me pleasure to extend a courteous welcome to all.

The RM calls up the Court (***)

(Continue with the Opening Ceremony-StB Proclamation)