

**CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF A SUBORDINATE CONCLAVE  
ADOPTED AT 123RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 9, 1995.**

*(When the officers of a Subordinate Conclave are ready for Installation the Reigning Sovereign, or a Past Sovereign designated by him, shall appoint a Marshal and direct him to place the Puissant Sovereign-elect directly West of the Altar facing East, with the other elected and appointed officers behind him in line; except that upon reelection of either the Treasurer, Recorder or a Trustee, it will not be necessary to install that Officer.)*

*((CONSTITUTION) Article I. Section 8. RANK. (a) No Knight Companion shall be qualified to preside over a Conclave of the Order until he shall have been duly invested with the Grade of Sovereign in the Imperial Senate, nor shall the grade be conferred upon anyone who has not previously been consecrated a Viceroy and who has not been duly conferred as a member of the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. Where the restriction of membership in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist work a hardship. The Grand Sovereign, or the Intendant General, acting in his behalf, may grant a waiver in each instance.*

*(b) No Knight Companion shall be qualified to sit in a Conclave as a Viceroy who shall not have been duly consecrated to the Priesthood of Eusebius in the Imperial College of the Order and who has not been duly conferred a member of the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. Where the restriction of membership in the Orders of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist work a hardship, the Grand Sovereign, or the Intendant General acting in his behalf may grant a waiver in each instance.)*

**INSTALLING OFFICER:** Knight Companion Recorder, read the names of the officers to be installed. Knight Companion Marshal, place the Puissant Sovereign-elect West of the Altar facing East, the other officers in line behind him.

*(As the Recorder reads each name of elected or appointed officer, the officer rises and is conducted by the Marshal to his place West of the Altar.)*

**INSTALLING OFFICER<sup>1</sup>:** In Freemasonry we are admonished never to engage in any great or laudable undertaking without first invoking the blessings of Deity. All please rise. Knight Companion \_\_\_\_\_, Acting Prelate, please give the invocation.

**ACTING PRELATE:** Gracious God, Great Architect, and Blessed Trinity, made known to us through Jesus Christ whom we acknowledge as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we

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<sup>1</sup>These lines are to be used only in the case of an open installation when the Conclave is not open.

beseech Thy blessing upon this, our present undertaking, as we install the officers who now assume leadership in conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

May he who would now command be imbued with the courage and constancy, and compassion of our Illustrious Founder, Constantine. May he be an exemplar of faith, unity, and zeal within this Conclave and in all his doings. May he be loyally supported by all the Knights Companions so that this Conclave and our Order may thrive to the honor and glory of Thy kingdom. All this we ask in the name and for the sake of the all-conquering cross Bearer, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Dr. Harold A. Dunkelberger, Ill. Grand Chaplain, 1987)

**INSTALLING OFFICER:** (*addressing those present*) You may be seated.

**INSTALLING OFFICER:** Puissant Sovereign-Elect, previous to your installation, it is necessary that you signify your assent to these ancient rules and regulations which point out your duties as a Sovereign.

Do you solemnly promise, upon your Honor as a Christian Knight:

1. That you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your Brother Knights Companions?
2. That you will not confer the dignity of Knighthood upon anyone who is not of the Christian religion and upon only such as you have reason to believe will cheerfully conform to all our laws and precepts?

3. That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order upon all convenient occasions?

4. That to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnity of our Ceremonies, and conduct yourself in open Assembly with the most profound respect and reverence as an example to the Knights Companions under your rule?

5. That you will not acknowledge, nor have intercourse with, nor visit, any Conclave which does not work under a constitutional charter from a recognized Grand Imperial Council of the Order?

6. That you will ever maintain and support the authority of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines, and enforce due obedience to its Edicts, Statutes, and Regulations, and strictly observe its ancient traditions and general principles?

7. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?

Do you submit to all these ordinances, and promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

*(After Puissant Sovereign-Elect has answered, the Installing Officer will approach the Altar and obligate him and the other officers as follows:)*

**INSTALLING OFFICER:** Puissant Sovereign-Elect, you and your associate officers will now be obligated according to the

rules and regulations of our Order. All Knights Companions will please stand. Officers, place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me.

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise and vow, that I will ever maintain and support the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of this Conclave, and the Constitution of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines, and enforce obedience to its Statutes, Edicts, and Regulations.

*(Installing Officer will then direct the Knights Companions other than the officers to be seated and will present the jewel of his office to the Sovereign, along with the charter of the Conclave, a copy of the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of the Grand Imperial Council and a copy of the By-Laws of the Conclave. These presentations to be in words of the Installing Officer's choosing.)*

**INSTALLING OFFICER:** *(after returning to his station)* Knight Companion Marshal, you will conduct the officers to their stations. *(Done)*

**INSTALLING OFFICER:** In the name of the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines, I proclaim the Officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Conclave, of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, to be duly installed.