

Introduction of Visitors

After the chapter is opened, Z. should welcome all the visitors. If the Grand Superintendent or other Grand Chapter officers have come into the chapter without ceremony instead of being presented, the Grand Supt. will be the first to be introduced, for ie., "there are a number of visitors in the Chapter and I would ask them to introduce themselves but first I take this opportunity to **present** to the companions The Grand Superintendent of District _____, Right Excellent Companion _____".

If any other current Grand Chapter companions are present, prior to opening ask the Grand Superintendent if he would like to introduce them, if not then the D. of C. can introduce them to the Chapter before the other visitors, by commencing on Z. left going around the room the visitors will introduce themselves. When all have introduced themselves the Z. may say: "Companions how do we greet our visitors".

After which the business of the chapter may be commenced, during the business portion of the meeting please remember that the business portion is only for members of that particular chapter, this includes General Business.

Etiquette at the end of the meeting before closing

Before the Chapter is closed there should be an opportunity for announcements by visitors, respectfully ask his permission to give any information that you may want to pass on before he starts to close the chapter.

After every companion has had an opportunity to make his announcement.

Z should ask the Scribe Ezra for his comments, also the 2nd and 3rd Principals, then ask any current Grand Chapter officers for their comments, the most senior officer present will have the final word, after which the chapter will be closed.

This also applies following a memorial service, which when finished the chapter is then closed with no further discussion.

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