



**GRAND COUNCIL OF KENTUCKY
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**



PROTOCOL FOR RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

On the occasion when a Companion attends your Council, who (by virtue of his office) is due introduction, you should appoint a member (preferably experienced) to act as Escort (Marshal). The Conductor of Council is the appropriate Officer for this duty.

You are required to recognize and introduce “officially” only the following:

- a) Grand Lodge Elected Officers.
Note: It would be wise to introduce all Past Grand Masters and any appointed Grand Lodge Officers if you so desire.

NOTE – The Grand Master of Masons should be officially introduced by himself, and he is the LAST introduction of all introductions.

- b) Grand Council Officers, both elected and appointed and visiting Illustrious Masters.
Note: The correct titles are (Grand Master – Most Illustrious) (Elected Officers – Right Illustrious) and (Appointed Officers – Illustrious). The introductions will be made by starting with the lowest and ending with the highest ranking Officer, **EXCEPT THE GRAND MASTER.**

NOTE – The Most Illustrious Grand Master will be introduced by himself, and he is **LAST** if the ***Grand Master of Masons is not present.***

- c) General Grand Council Officers – The same order as the Grand Council with the Most Puissant General Grand Master **LAST**, and **INTRODUCED BY HIMSELF.**
- d) On “Official Visit” of the Grand Arch Deputy, he will be afforded the same honors as the Most Illustrious Grand Master. On that visit he outranks everyone except the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Master of Masons.
- e) Officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery may or may not be introduced, but it is wise to afford them recognition and introduction along with other appropriate bodies of the Masonic Family.

NEVER ASK A COMPANION ENTITLED TO GRAND HONORS IF HE WISHES TO RECEIVE THEM. HE CANNOT PROPERLY SAY “NO” OR “YES.”

NEVER ask a Companion to introduce himself. The Escort (Marshal) should collect cards or Write down the names of all recipients to receive introduction, and handle according to protocol.



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The Escort (Conductor of Council) retires and has those to be introduced to follow him into the Council with the Highest Ranking Officer immediately behind the Escort and the Lowest Ranking Officer last. The Escort enters and proceeds along the South toward the East, and immediately West of the Altar proceeds North until the line is centered with the Altar. Introductions are made starting on the far right of the Escort with the Lowest Ranking Officer and ending with the Highest Ranking Officer.

The Escort gives sign and says:

“Illustrious Master, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Companions assembled the following distinguished Masons: Companion __ (name) __. __ (Title) __, __ (Masonic Body) __.”

Grand Honors are given, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master (Grand Arch Deputy on his official visit) is escorted to the East by orders of the Illustrious Master.