



2023-2024 Leadership Seminar

DD's Role in Council Installations



Council Installations

- **Download current scripts**
 - Read and mark-up scripts
 - Prepare Chaplain scripts
 - Review with District Warden
- **Assist Grand Knights**
 - Schedule 100% by August 31st
 - Schedule rehearsal for every council
 - Planning checklist
- **Transitions (*get off the stage*)**
 - Awards/remarks
 - Luncheon/dinner
 - Casual council event

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Installation of Council Officers Ceremonial

(2016 major revision with Maryland notes)

Installation date:
Installation location:
Council:

Maryland State Council



Ladies Auxiliary Installation

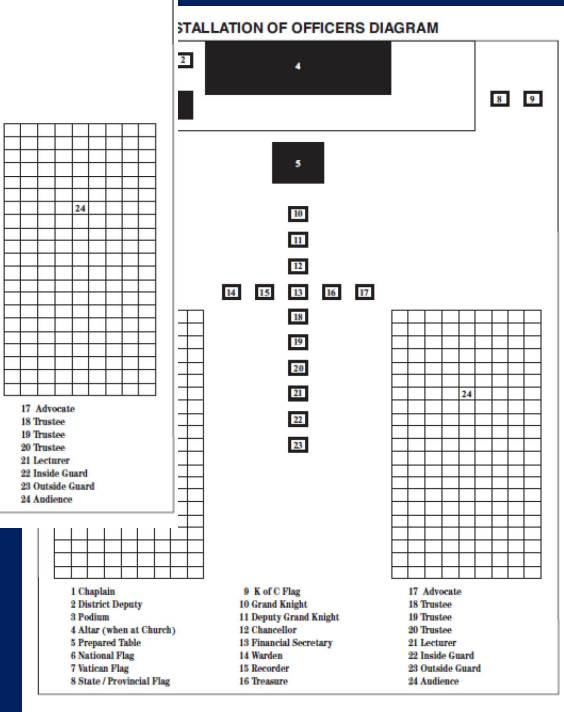
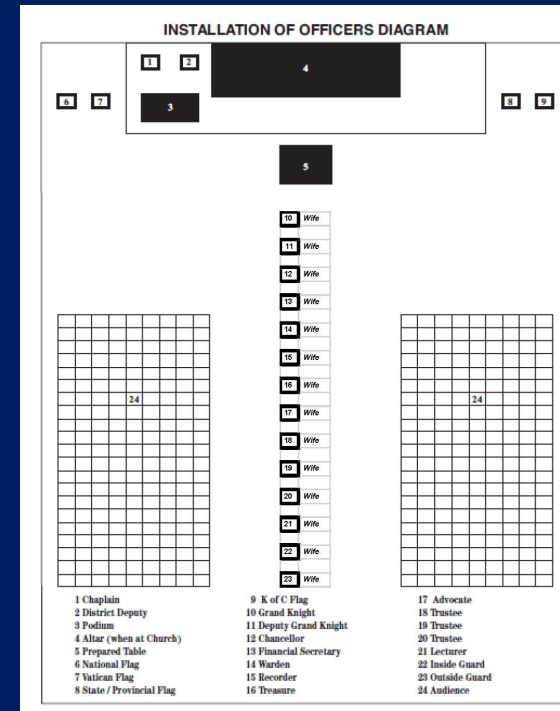
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Installation date:
Installation location:
Auxiliary:



Council Installation District Warden Guidance

- **Transition from Mass**
 - Officer seating options
 - GK to DD transition
 - DW installation at home council
- **DW assist Chaplain**
 - Folder prepared & held by DW
 - Opening prayer
 - Blessing of medals
 - Guide Chaplain to his installation
- **DW arrange council officers**
 - Initial officer line-up (PEZ)
 - Charge
 - Jewels
 - Shift to cross



Engaged DW give ceremony professional flow, *however only DD/FDD can preside*



Council Installation – Chaplain Recommendations

■ Review ceremony with Chaplain

■ Initial prayers – DW assist

- Opening prayer
- Medal blessing
- Aspergillum desired?

■ Chaplain installation

- DW guide

■ Closing prayer

- Suggest folder on altar

Opening Prayer & Medal Blessing

Chaplain: (Opening Prayer)
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

O Heavenly Father,
we, Your children, are assembled here
to invest the chosen Officers of our Council
with the medals symbolic of the authority
to lead and to administer our Council in the days to come.
Bestow upon us, the grace to remember
that as all duly appointed authority stems from You,
so, too, is the wisdom to exercise that authority
with justice and charity.

Inspire us, therefore, to always consult with you
in the important decision making process.
Imbue us with the strength to act
always in the spirit of brotherly love.
Grant us the precious humility
to acknowledge the ever-present possibility
of error in human deliberation.

O Heavenly Father,
aid us to be the finest example of complete dedication
to the practice of Christian principles,
as was our Blessed founder
Father Michael J. McGivney,
and to conduct ourselves at all times
so as to reflect your holy will.

In the spirit of Father McGivney,
may our Order continue his work
of caring for the needy and the outcast.
Through the example of his life and virtue
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ more closely, fulfilling his
commandment of charity
and building up his Body which is the Church.

With Our Lady of Guadalupe,
under whose maternal protection
our Order is consecrated,
we make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

District Deputy:
I now ask our Worthy Chaplain to bless the medals of office.

Chaplain:
Father in heaven,
we ask you to bless these medals,
symbolic of the offices
to which these men have been called.
We pray that you will bestow
upon the men who wear these medals
the wisdom to exercise the leadership and authority
that these symbols represent.
May this council ever support the life of the Church
through our parish,
and as a family-centered organization,
may our members and their families work together
to help build the common good as faithful citizens.
May these medals always be worn
with reverence, dignity and grace.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Chaplain blesses the medals and sprinkles them with Holy Water. Then remain in position)

Closing Prayer

Chaplain:
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Worthy Officers, as you now stand
you form a living Cross.
May the Cross ever be a reminder to you
that you must be renewed in Christ
and that your administration must show
that Catholic lay leadership among the people of God
flows from this renewal.
Invoking God's help to fulfill this mission,
I will now impart to each His Blessing.

Holy Father,
we thank You for the graces
which You have bestowed upon us all.
We thank You for the spirit of cooperation
which has reigned here
and for the inspiration which you have placed
in the hearts of these men today.

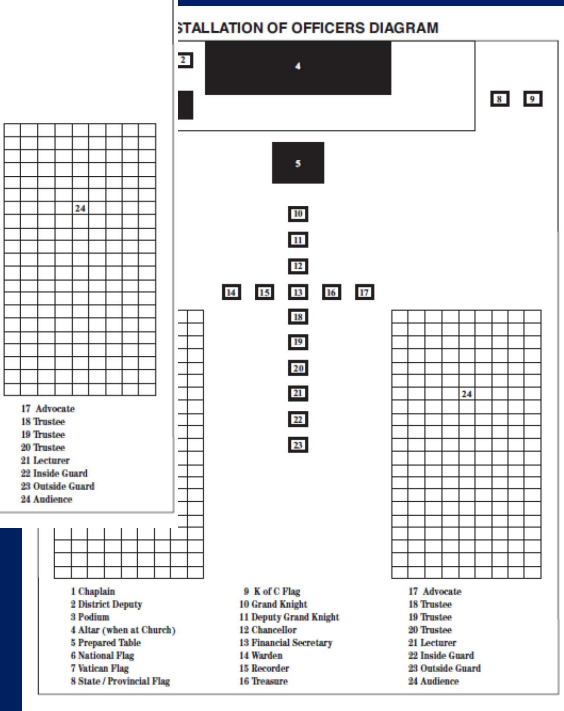
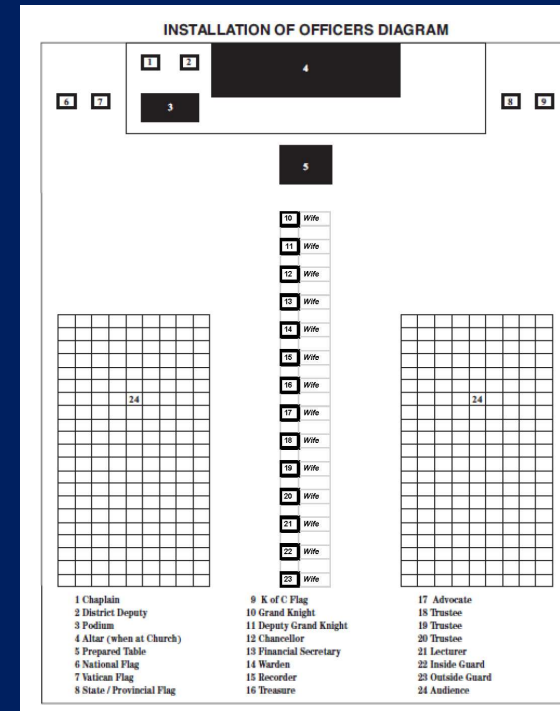
We pray that You will find merit in the endeavors
of our newly elected Officers
and the Brother Knights of this council.

We ask this in Your Son's Name,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.



Council Installation Council Officer Movements

- DW arrange council officers
 - Initial officer line-up (PEZ dispenser)
 - Charge (center of aisle)
 - Jewels (step to right, ladies on left)
 - PEZ action
 - Officer receives jewel **FROM DD**
 - Officer escort wife to pew
 - Return to end of line
 - Shift to cross at DD's direction
 - Escort GK to podium
 - Brief comments – not speech
 - Assist with quick transition to photo





Council Installation Reminders

- **DD**
 - Practice script out loud
 - Practice all names
 - DD speech with or without State Officer
- **Assist GK with prep planning**
 - Schedule ceremony and rehearsal
 - Invitations to
 - Fellow GKs
 - State Deputy, *if desired*
 - Benefits Advisor/Field Agent
 - Chapter President
 - FN & Color Corps
 - PGK recognition

