

Ceremonies

FOR THE RECEPTION OF
GREAT, GRAND AND
IMPERIAL OFFICERS



and the E. C. on right of Imperial Wizard. When in position the E. C. addresses members, and says: E. C.: "Attention Klansmen! The Imperial Salute."

Members then drop sign of Imperial Loyalty, and give Imperial Salute.

Imperial Night-hawk then hands sword to Imperial Wizard, who takes it and raps twice with it (instead of gavel), thus seating members. Imperial Wizard then hands sword to E. C., who lays it on some convenient place.

* * * *

Imperial Officers other than the Imperial Wizard are to be received in same fashion, except that sword is not presented to them. When Imperial Officer and escort have arrived at altar, the E. C. welcomes the Imperial Officer from his station, and asks the Imperial Officer to continue to the station of the E. C. under escort of the Imperial Night-hawk. On arriving at the station of E. C., the E. C. calls on members to give Imperial Salute to the Imperial Officer, and then hands gavel to Imperial Officer, who then gives two raps, seating members.

KLAN CONFESSION

We believe in Jesus Christ, His law and authority over our personal as well as our national life. We believe the Christian faith to be the foundation of our Republic. That our white Israel race has been selected by God to be His witnessess. We recognize LAWFUL government, but will bow down before no earthly ruler, magistrate or authority that seeks to rule outside of the authority of Jesus Christ and Divine Law. We recognize only ONE God, ONE nation and ONE law.

CHRIST IS KING!

when all members except the E. C. immediately give and hold the sign of Imperial Loyalty. (This sign is held until Imperial Wizard arrives at station of E. C.)

As soon as Imperial Wizard and escort give sign of greeting, the E. C. leaves his station and proceeds to the altar. Meanwhile the Imperial Wizard and escort are also approaching altar. When all three have arrived at altar, the Imperial Night-hawk salutes the E. C. with Klan salute, then points with right hand to the Imperial Wizard and says, clearly and impressively:

IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK: "Your Excellency! The Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." (Imperial Wizard and escort DO NOT give Kloranic entrance signs on arriving at altar.)

E. C. immediately withdraws sword from altar, with right hand, and brings it to present sword, holding sword upright, with right hand in front of body and about three inches below chin. E. C. then addresses the Imperial Wizard, and says:

E. C.: "Klansman John Jones, Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, ----- Klan No. -----, Realm of -----, welcomes you and deeply appreciates the honor of your presence. This sword, always on our altar, is the symbol of Imperial authority. Your presence brings Imperial authority to our Klavern, and with your presence the symbol of your authority is placed in your keeping."

E. C. then lowers sword, grasps blade with left hand, releasing grasp of right hand on hilt. Then extends right forearm, drops hilt of sword across right forearm and with sword in horizontal position, presents it to the Imperial Night-hawk, who takes it by grasping hilt of sword with left hand, then grasps blade of sword with right hand about five inches below hilt, turning hilt upward, and holding sword extended in front of his body, so that sword grasped in his right hand, and with hilt uplifted, resembles a cross. Imperial Night-hawk and Imperial Wizard then turn and proceed to station of E. C. in single file, the Imperial Night-hawk leading, Imperial Wizard following, and the E. C. falling in behind Imperial Wizard. The three ascend rostrum and turn and face members, the Imperial Wizard standing directly behind the station pedestal, with the Imperial Night-hawk on his left, still holding the sword as indicated,

E. C. then hands gavel across altar to Grand Dragon, who takes it in his right hand. Grand Night-hawk and Grand Dragon then turn and proceed to station of E. C. in single file, the Grand Night-hawk leading. Grand Dragon following and the E. C. falling in behind Grand Dragon. Arriving at station of E. C. the Grand Night-hawk passes to left of pedestal, and faces members; Grand Dragon stands at pedestal, facing members, and E. C. stands at right of pedestal, facing members. Grand Dragon immediately gives sign of greeting and gives two raps with gavel, seating members.

RECEPTION OF IMPERIAL WIZARD

The Imperial Wizard must always be welcomed officially. He, or the E. C. shall select one Klansman to act as official escort. The escort shall be addressed as Imperial Night-hawk. When ready to enter the Imperial Night-hawk announces his presence to the Klarogo.

KLAROGO: "Your Excellency, the Imperial Night-hawk of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, seeks entrance to the Klavern with important information."

E. C.: "Faithful Klarogo, you will permit the Imperial Night-hawk to enter."

Imperial Night-hawk enters, gives sign of greeting, proceeds to altar and gives proper Kloranic entrance signs. E. C. gives sign of recognition, but does not address Imperial Night-hawk. The Imperial Night-hawk then says:

IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK: "Your Excellency, as Imperial Night-hawk of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, I have the honor to inform you that Klansman John Jones, Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is about to enter the Klavern. You will hold yourself in readiness to receive him."

Imperial Night-hawk immediately leaves Klavern.

E. C. gives three raps, bringing members to their feet, and if necessary explains method of giving sign of Imperial Loyalty and Imperial Salute. When the Klan is in readiness the Klarogo informs the Imperial Night-hawk, who re-enters Klavern, escorting Imperial Wizard. Imperial Wizard must be on right of escort. Imperial Wizard and escort both give sign of greeting,

KLAROGO: "Your Excellency, the Grand Night-hawk of the Realm of ----- seeks entrance to the Klavern with important information."

E. C.: "Faithful Klarogo, you will permit the Grand Night-hawk to enter."

Grand Night-hawk enters, gives sign of greeting, proceeds to altar and gives proper Kloranic entrance signs. E. C. gives sign of recognition, but does not address Grand Night-hawk. The Grand Night-hawk then says:

GRAND NIGHT-HAWK: "Your Excellency, as Grand Night-hawk of the Realm of -----, I have the honor to inform you that Klansman John Jones, Grand Dragon of the Realm of -----, is about to enter the Klavern. You will hold yourself in readiness to receive him."

Grand Night-hawk immediately leaves Klavern.

E. C. gives three taps, bringing members to their feet, and if necessary explains method of giving Realm Salute. When Klan is in readiness the Klarogo informs the Grand Night-hawk who reenters Klavern, escorting the Grand Dragon. Grand Dragon must be on right of escort. Grand Dragon and escort both give sign of greeting, when all members except E. C. respond with Realm Salute. (Realm Salute must be held until Grand Dragon arrives at Station of E. C. and gives members sign of greeting.)

As soon as Grand Dragon and escort give sign of greeting, the E. C. leaves his station and proceeds to the altar, carrying gavel in his right hand. Meanwhile the Grand Dragon and escort are also approaching altar. When all three have arrived at altar, the Grand Night-hawk salutes E. C. with Klan salute, then points with right hand to the Grand Dragon, and says clearly and impressively:

GRAND NIGHT-HAWK: "Your Excellency—the Grand Dragon of the Realm of -----"
(Grand Dragon and escort DO NOT give Kloranic entrance signs on arriving at altar.)

The E. C. addresses Grand Dragon and says:

E. C.: "Klansman John Jones, Grand Dragon of the Realm of -----, -----Klan No. -----, Realm of -----, welcomes you and deeply appreciates the honor of your presence. In humble recognition of your authority and as evidence of steadfast loyalty, the gavel of our Klan is herewith confided to your care."

seeks entrance to the Klavern to pay an official visit."

E. C.: "Faithful Klarogo, you will permit the Grand ----- to enter."

E. C. gives three raps, bringing members to their feet, and if necessary explains method of giving Realm Salute."

When Klan is in readiness the Klarogo will inform the Grand Officer, who then enters, gives sign of greeting, proceeds to altar and gives proper Kloranic entrance signs.

E. C. gives sign of recognition, and says:

E. C.: "Klansman John Jones, Grand ----- of the Realm of -----, it is a great pleasure to welcome you officially to ----- Klan No. -----, Realm of ----- Kindly accept the escort of the Kladd of the Klan to this station."

Kladd goes to altar and escorts Grand Officer to station of E. C. If Grand Officer is accompanied by an official escort, Kladd is not called upon, and E. C. says instead: "Kindly continue under escort to this station."

Grand Officer proceeds to station of E. C. E. C. hands gavel to Grand Officer, turns to members and says:

E. C. "Klansmen of ----- Klan No. -----, Realm of -----, I have the honor to introduce officially Klansman John Jones, Grand ----- of the Realm of ----- Attention Klansmen! The Realm Salute."

All members give Realm Salute. Grand Officer responds with sign of greeting and gives two raps with gavel, seating members.

If Grand Officer is visiting unofficially he should be invited to a seat on the rostrum, but official introduction and Realm Salute as indicated above should not be given. The E. C. will, of course, introduce the Grand Officer and call on him for a talk at some convenient time during the meeting.

RECEPTION OF GRAND DRAGON

The Grand Dragon, being the chief Realm authority, MUST always be welcomed officially. He, or the E. C., shall select one Klansman to act as official escort. The escort shall be addressed as Grand Night-hawk. When ready to enter the Grand Night-hawk announces his presence to the Klarogo.

When the Klan is in readiness the Klarogo advises the Great Titan who then enters, gives sign of greeting, proceeds to altar and gives proper Kloranic entrance signs.

E. C. gives sign of recognition, and says:

E. C.: "Klansman John Jones, Great Titan of Province No., Realm of, it is a great pleasure to welcome you officially toKlan No., Realm of Kindly accept the escort of the Kladd of the Klan to this station."

Kladd goes to altar and escorts Great Titan to station of E. C. If Great Titan is accompanied by an official escort, Kladd is not called upon, and E. C. says instead: "Kindly continue under escort to this station."

Great Titan proceeds to station of E. C. E. C. hands gavel to Great Titan, turns to members and says:

E. C.: "Klansmen ofKlan No., Realm of, I have the honor to introduce officially Klansman John Jones, Great Titan of Province No., Realm of"

Attention Klansmen. The Province Salute." All members give Province Salute. Great Titan responds with sign of greeting and gives two raps with gavel, seating members.

Same procedure should be followed in receiving officially all other Great Officers, except the gavel should NOT be handed to any Great Officer other than the Great Titan, and when introducing a Great Officer the E. C. should not call for the Province Salute, but should say: "Attention Klansmen! The sign of greeting."

The Province Salute is given only to the Great Titan.

If Great Titan or any other Great Officer is visiting unofficially he should be invited to a seat on the rostrum, but Province Salute should not be given, nor should official introduction as indicated above be made. The E. C. will, of course, introduce the Great Officer and call on him for a talk at some convenient time during the meeting.

RECEPTION OF GRAND OFFICER OTHER THAN GRAND DRAGON

When ready to enter, Grand Officer announces his presence to Klarogo.

KLAROGO: "Your Excellency, Klansman John Jones, Grand of the Realm of"

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Ceremonies indicated are to be used only when officials are visiting a Klan to pay an official visit, with exception that Grand Dragon and Imperial Wizard MUST always be received officially.

Signs are as follows:

PROVINCE SALUTE—Same as Klan Salute. Tips of fingers of right hand touch head just above right eye-brow, palm inward, then turn palm outward and drop hand to side. This sign given only to Great Titan when visiting officially.

REALM SALUTE—Right hand placed over heart and left hand extended in sign of greeting. Given only to Realm Officers when visiting officially, except that when Grand Dragon visits this sign is given as soon as Grand Dragon enters Klavern, and is held until Grand Dragon arrives at Station of E. C.

SIGN OF IMPERIAL LOYALTY—Left hand placed over heart, with thumb extended; then right hand placed over left hand; thumb also extended, and then tips of thumbs brought together, forming a triangle.

IMPERIAL SALUTE—Both hands extended in sign of greeting.

Imperial signs are given only to Imperial Officers. Sign of Imperial Loyalty is given when Imperial Officer enters Klavern, and is held until Imperial Officer arrives at station of E. C., when, on order from the E. C., this sign is dropped and the Imperial Salute is given.

When the sign of greeting is given, either on entrance to the Klavern, or in response to members, the arm should be extended and held steady in front of body, and NOT waved from side to side.

RECEPTION OF GREAT TITAN

When ready to enter, Great Titan announces his presence to Klarogo.

KLAROGO: "Your Excellency, Klansman John Jones, Great Titan of Province No., Realm of, seeks entrance to the Klavern to pay an official visit."

E. C.: "Faithful Klarogo, you will permit the Great Titan to enter."

E. C. gives three raps bringing members to their feet, and if necessary explains method of giving Province Salute.