

York Rite Festival Guide

A Tool for Planning and Preparing



**DEVELOPED BY THE YORK RITE FESTIVAL, LIAISON &
COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS**

**APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON WORK FOR THE MOST EXCELLENT
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF TEXAS, THE COMMITTEE ON WORK FOR
THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF TEXAS, AND THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR INSTRUCTION OF THE GRAND
COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TEXAS**

Estimated Degree Times

Mark Master: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Past Master: 45 minutes

Most Excellent Master: 45 minutes

Royal Arch: 2 hours

Royal Master: 45 minutes

Select Master: 45 minutes

Illustrious Order of the Red Cross: 1 hour

Order of Malta: 1 hour

Order of the Temple: 1 hour, 45 minutes

Sample Schedules:

Friday/Saturday Festival:

Friday-

Registration/Dinner: 6:00 pm

Mark Master: 7:00 pm

Past Master: 8:30 pm

Most Excellent Master: 9:15 pm

Saturday-

Breakfast: 7:00 am

Royal Arch: 8:00 am

Break: 15 minutes

Royal Master: 10:15 am

Select Master: 11:00 am

Lunch: 12:00

Order of the Red Cross: 1:00 pm

Order of Malta: 2:00 pm

Order of the Temple: 3:00 pm

One Saturday Festival:

Saturday-

Registration/Dinner: 6:00 am

Mark Master: 7:00 am

Past Master: 8:30 am

Most Excellent Master: 9:15 am

Break: 15 minutes

Royal Arch: 10:15 am

Lunch: 12:15

Royal Master: 1:00 am

Select Master: 1:45 am

Order of the Red Cross: 2:30 pm

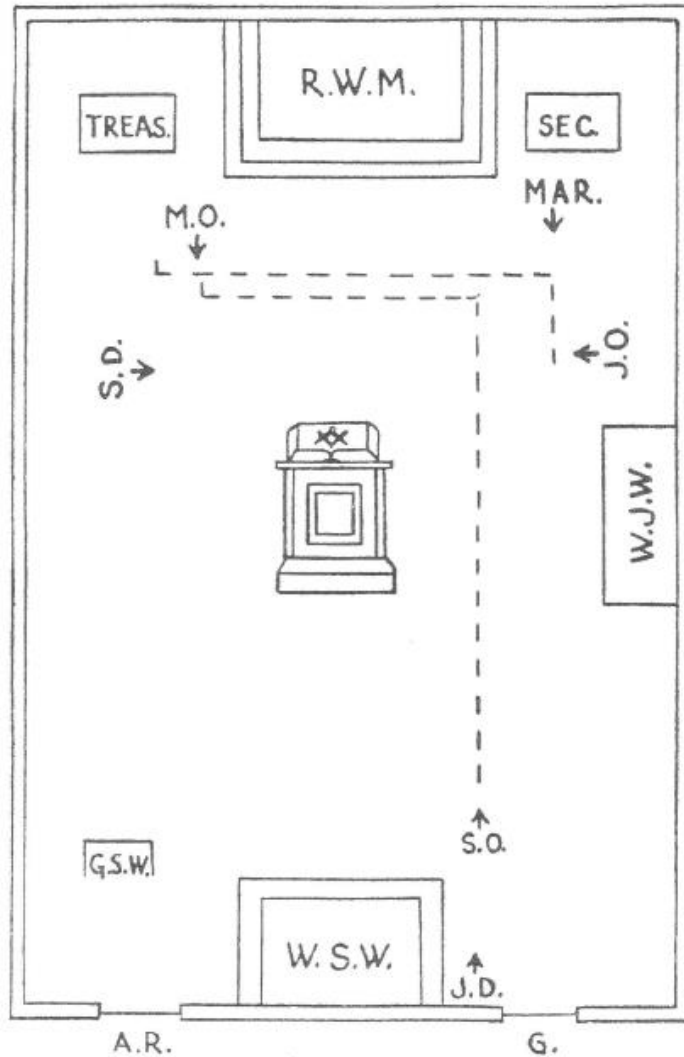
Order of Malta: 3:30 pm

Break: 15 minutes

Order of the Temple: 4:45 pm

MARK MASTER

Mathew 20:1-16



Monitor (at RWM station)

3 Gavels (in East, West, and South)

3 Stones (in Anti-room)

3 Squares (one at each Overseer's Station)

1 Pattern (at SW Station)

1 Chisel (at inner door)

1 Mallet (at inner door)

1 Box of Pennies (at SW Office)

1 Red Cable Tow

1 Quarter for each Candidate

1 Sword (at Marshall's station)

1 Chair for Marshall's Station

1 Lattice Window for SW Station

White Apron

MARK MASTER

Officers for Degree Conferral

**Right Worshipful Master
Worshipful Senior Warden
Worshipful Junior Warden
Secretary
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Master Overseer
Senior Overseer
Junior Overseer
Marshal
Master of Ceremonies
Guard
Reprimanding Brother
Lecture
Charge**

(Bible opened at 20th Chapter of Matthew - 1- 16th Verses)

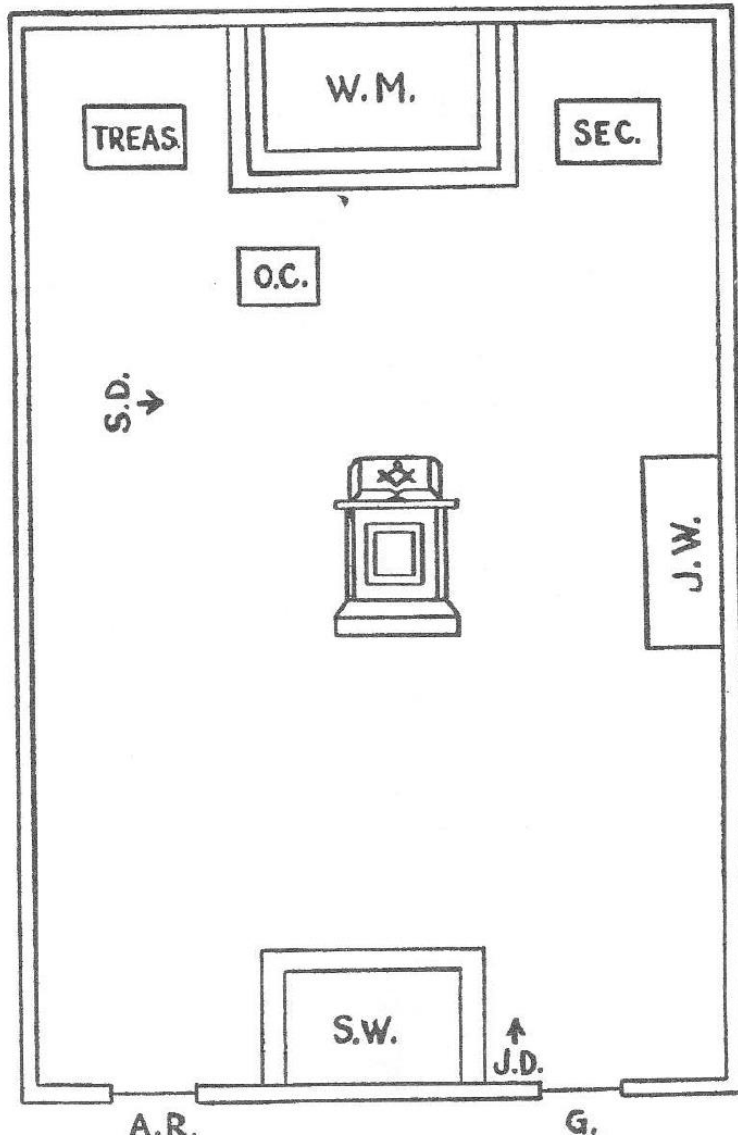
1. Pay Station and Pennies (GSW Office)
2. Mark for Candidate (Penny at GSW Office)
3. 3 Squares for the 3 Overseers
4. 3 Pieces of Work (Keystone and two square pieces)
5. Chisel and Mallet at Door (for candidate's reception)
6. Keystone Pattern for WSM (in West) wood
7. Three Great Lights on Altar (Holy Bible, Square and Compasses)
8. Three Gavels – (RWM, WSW, WJW)
9. Song Sheets (Mark Masters Song - WSW Station)
10. Mark for Secretary to present to Candidate at Alter.
11. Monitor for RWM (in East)
12. Sword for Marshall (Mar)
13. White Apron for Candidate
14. Cable Tow for Candidate
15. Senior Deacon Assistant (Walker)
16. Kneeling Pad or equal at Altar (if used)
17. Officers Jewels
18. Table for Pay Station
19. Aprons for membership

Mark Master

	Name Phone	Name Phone	Name Phone
Right Worshipful Master			
Worshipful Senior Warden			
Worshipful Junior Warden			
Secretary			
Senior Deacon			
Junior Deacon			
Master Overseer			
Senior Overseer			
Junior Overseer			
Guard			
Reprimanding Brother			
Lecture			
Charge			
Marshal			
Master of Ceremonies			
Senior Deacon Assistant			

PAST MASTER

Psalm 15



Monitor (at WM Station)

By-Laws (at Secretary Desk)

Constitution (at Secretary Desk)

Charter

2 Hats (at WM Station)

1 Mallet (at inner door)

1 Masters Jewel (at WM Station)

List of Bills (at Secretary Desk)

Resolution (at Secretary Desk)

Oriental Chair (in NE corner)

Red Cable-tow

White Apron

PAST MASTER

Officers for Degree Conferral

Worshipful Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Treasurer
Secretary
Master of Ceremonies
Guard
Bible Lecture
Charge

Holy Bible opened at (Psalms 15), Square and Compasses.

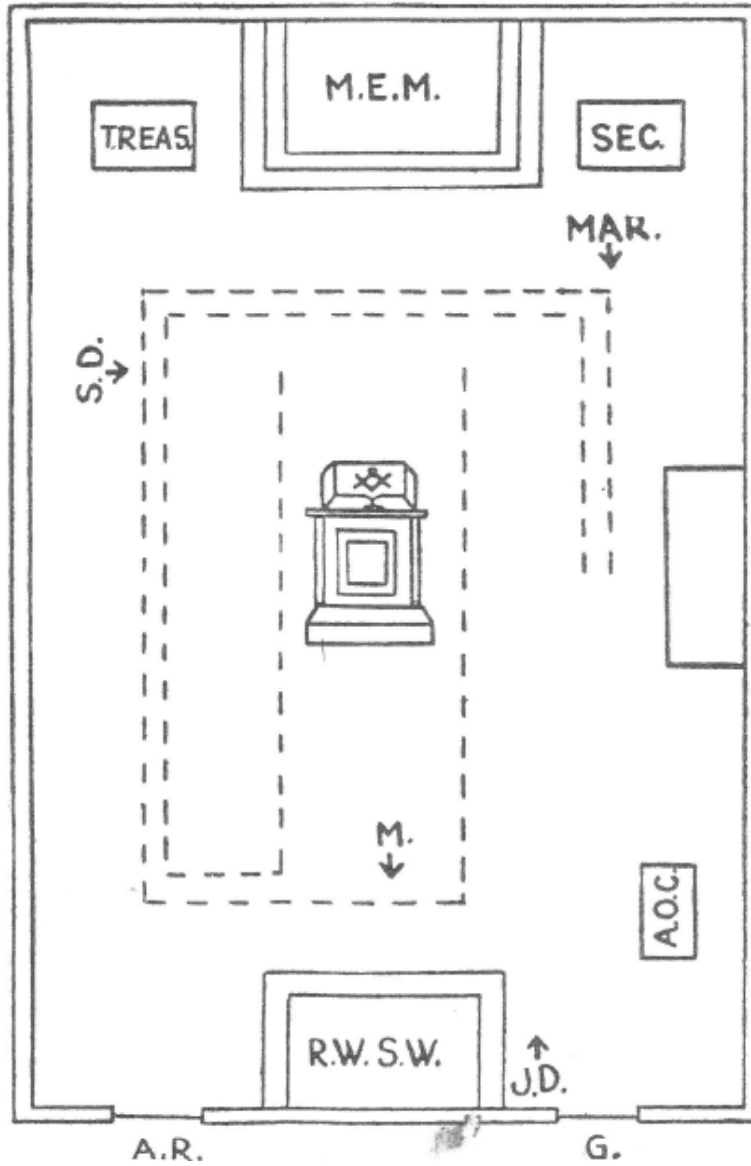
1. Mallet at Door (for Candidate Reception)
2. Three Gavels - WM, SW, JW
3. Three Great Lights on Altar
4. Monitor for WM in East,
5. Charter in the East
6. Book of Constitution in East.
7. Masters Jewel for Candidate.
8. By-Laws in East.
9. Hat for Candidate.
10. Oriental Chair as shown on Plot.
11. Secretary - with Bills to pay and a Resolution to Present.
12. White Apron for Candidate.
13. Cable tow for Candidate.
14. Kneeling Pad or Equal at Altar {if used}

Past Master

	Name Phone	Name Phone	Name Phone
Worshipful Master			
Senior Warden			
Junior Warden			
Senior Deacon			
Junior Deacon			
Treasurer			
Secretary			
Master of Ceremonies			
Guard			
Bible Lecture			
Charge			

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER

2nd Chronicles 7



Monitor (at MEM Station)

Ark of the Covenant (In SW corner)

Arch (in East)

1 Sword for Marshal

Keystone (at SW Station)

1 Chair for Marshal

Red Cable-tow

Keystone for reception

White Apron

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER

Officers for Degree Conferral

Most Excellent Master
Right Worshipful Senior Warden
Secretary
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Marshal
Guard
Master of Ceremonies
Lecture
Charge

Requires the Arc of the Covenant on SW corner of Lodge

Holy Bible opened at 2nd Chronicles Chapter 7 with Square & Compasses

1. Keystone at Door (For Candidate Reception)
2. Two Gavels (MEM & WRSW)
3. Three Great Lights on Altar
4. Monitor in East for MEM
5. Black Cloth for Station in South.
6. Song Sheets (MEM Song) or recording
7. Sword for Marshall
8. Arch behind East (For Keystone)
9. Keystone in West and put in S.W. station to carry up
10. White Apron for Candidate
11. Cable Tow for Candidate
12. Kneeling Pad or Equal at Altar (if used)
13. Arch of Covenant
14. Table for Arch of Covenant if not enough room at altar as per Diagram

Most Excellent Master

	Name Phone	Name Phone	Name Phone
Most Excellent Master			
Right Worshipful Senior Warden			
Secretary			
Senior Deacon			
Junior Deacon			
Marshal			
Guard			
Master of Ceremonies			
Lecture			
Charge			

ROYAL ARCH

Officers for Degree Conferral

Most Excellent High Priest
Excellent King
Excellent Scribe
Principle Sojourner
Captain of the Host
Royal Arch Captain
Master of the 3rd Veil
Master of the 2nd Veil
Master of the 1st Veil
Lecture
Sacred History
Charge

Holy Bible opened at 2nd Chronicles Chapter 36 with Square and Compasses

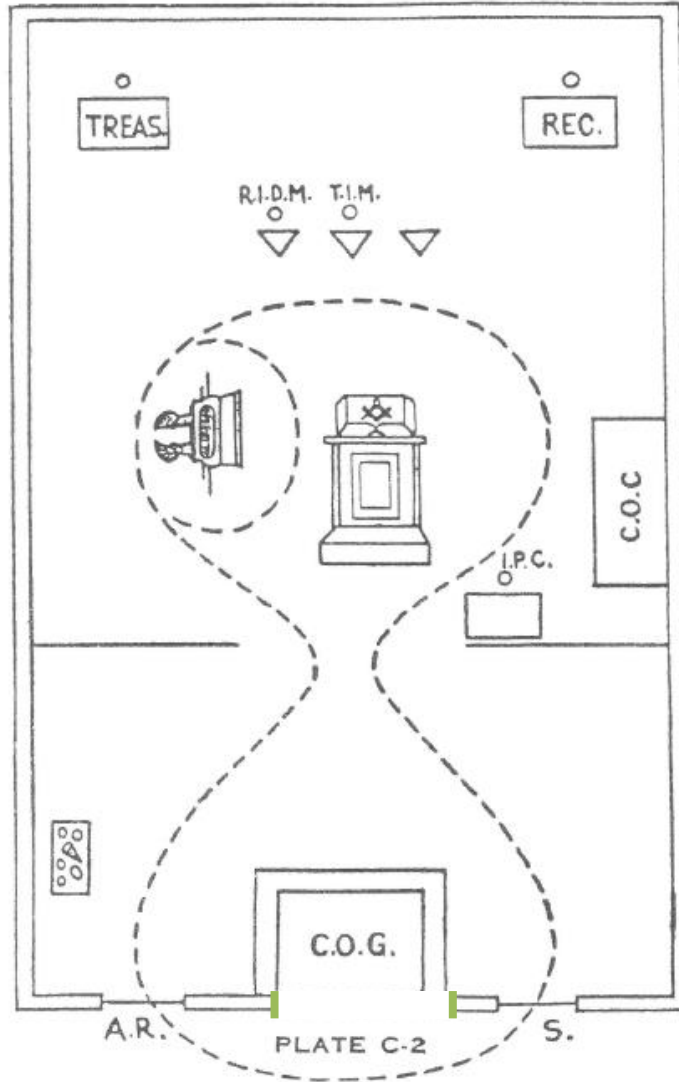
1. Keystone in Place at Vault (outside) (White aprons for candidates)
- 2 Three Squares in Vault,
3. Ark of Covenant in Vault (with Book of the Law, Pot of Manna, Aprons Rod and a Key to the Mystic Characters - in Ark)
4. Rough Road & Bridge
5. Burning Bush
6. Water, etc. & Glasses for "spring of Water"
7. Swords for each Master of Veil and Royal Arch Captain
8. Rope or belts to form Trio with Candidates (Anti-room)
9. Blindfolds for Candidates (Anti-room)
10. Aarons Rod/Snake for Master of First Veil
11. Pan and Water for Master of Third Veil (for blood upon dry land)
12. Signet of Truth for Master of Third Veil
13. Three Gavels for High Priest, King, and Scribe
14. Working Tools - Crow, Pick & Spade (by Captain of the Host)
15. Three RAM Aprons (By Captain of Host to be given to the candidates)
16. Incense Burner in front of HP (if used)
17. Three great lights on Altar

Royal Arch

	Name Phone	Name Phone	Name Phone
Most Excellent High Priest			
Excellent King			
Excellent Scribe			
Captain of the Host			
Principle Sojourner			
Royal Arch Captain			
Master of the 3rd Veil			
Master of the 2nd Veil			
Master of the 1st Veil			
Lecture			
Sacred History			
Charge			

ROYAL MASTER

Proverbs 30:8-9



3 Monitors

Ark of the Covenant (in proper place)

Pedestal (for AOC)

2 Pedestals (in proper place)

Good and Square Work (in anti-room)

Beautiful Work (in anti-room)

3 Pedestals (in East)

3 Gavels (in East)

Purple Vail (West of Altar)

3 Squares (in East)

RAM Aprons

ROYAL MASTER

Thrice Illustrious Master (Purple Royal Robe, Crown, Scepter)

Right Illustrious Deputy Master (Purple, Robe, Crown, Scepter)

Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work (Orange Robe, Turban, Mallet and Trowel)

Captain of the Guards (All other in military costume)

Conductor of the Council

Steward

Sentinel

Lecture

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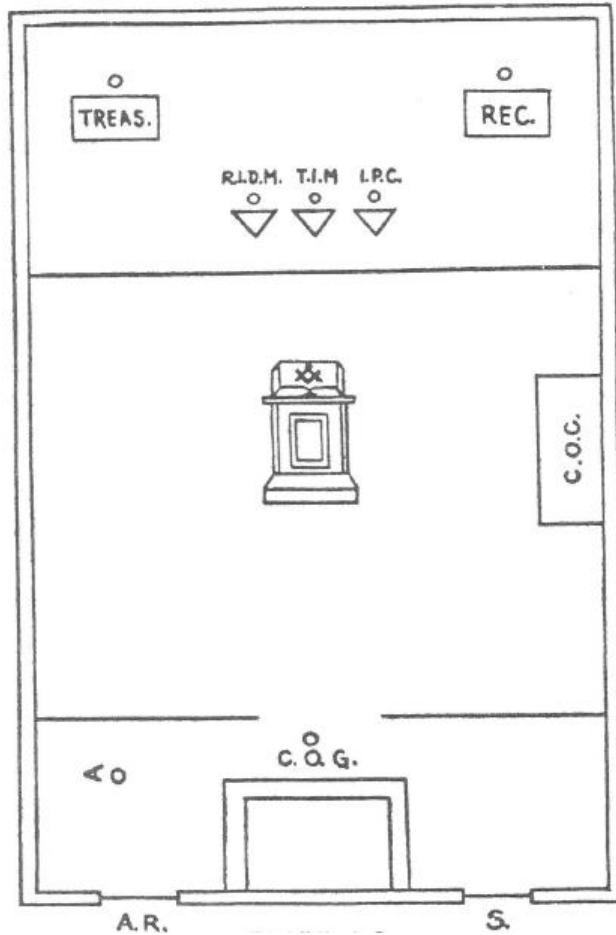
1. Items for Deposit (as shown on Plot)
2. Beautiful Piece of Work
3. Purple Veil Only (as shown)
4. Stand for IPC to place deposits (by Veil as Shown)
5. Ark of Covenant (as shown and stand)
6. Gavel for TIM
7. RAM Apron for Candidate (In anti-room)
8. Officers Jewel
9. Aprons for members
10. Three Great Lights

Royal Master

	Name Phone	Name Phone	Name Phone
Thrice Illustrious Master			
Right Illustrious Deputy Master			
Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work			
Captain of the Guards			
Conductor of the Council			
Steward			
Sentinel			
Lecture			

SELECT MASTER

Deuteronomy 31:24-25



Chair for Candidate

Chain for Candidate

Sword (for CG)

3 Pedestals (in East)

White Vail (East of Altar)

Blue Vail (West of Altar)

3 Squares (for Officers)

3 Swords (for Officers)

1 Sword (for Asher)

AOC (in proper place)

Book of the Law

Pot of Manna (at RIDM Station)

Aaron's rod (at IPC Station)

Parchment (for Tim)

Pen (for Tim)

RAM Aprons

Select Master Aprons

SELECT MASTER

Officers for Degree Conferral

Thrice Illustrious Master (Purple Royal Robe, Crown, Scepter)

Right Illustrious Deputy Master (Purple, Robe, Crown, Scepter)

Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work (Orange Robe, Turban, Mallet and Trowel)

Captain of the Guards (All other in military costume)

Conductor of the Council

Steward

Sentinel

Lecture

Charge

Council Summary

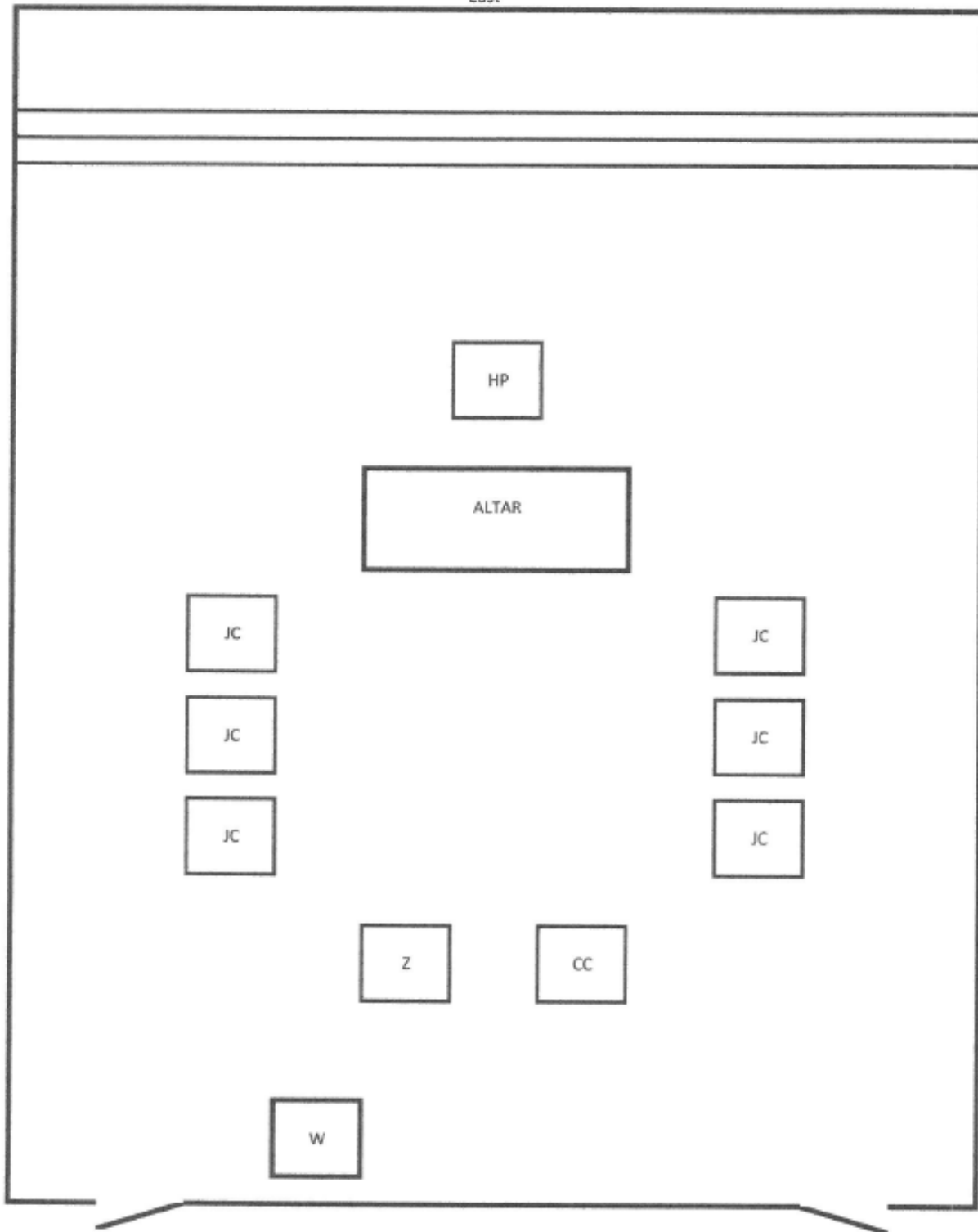
Holy Bible opened at Deuteronomy Chapter 30 versus 24-26 with Square & Compasses

1. Take items for deposit out of Ark of Covenant
2. Blue and White Veils Up (as shown on plot close veil)
3. Sword for Ahaser
4. Sword for Captain of the Guards
5. Chain for Captain of Guards
6. 3 Swords for RIDM, TIM, IPC
7. Ark of Covenant in Place (as shown on plot)
8. Three Squares for RIDM, TIM, IPC
9. Book of the Law (TIM)
10. Pot of Manna (RIDM)
11. Aaron's Rod (IPC)
12. Key to Characters (TIM)
13. RAM Aprons for Candidates (Anti-room)
14. Council Aprons for Candidates (In South)
15. Chairs for Candidate (To be placed by white veil at proper time)
16. Dim Lights

Select Master

	Name Phone	Name Phone	Name Phone
Thrice Illustrious Master			
Right Illustrious Deputy Master			
Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work			
Captain of the Guards			
Conductor of the Council			
Steward			
Sentinel			
Ahasher			
Lecture			
Charge			
Council Summary			

THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS
Jewish Council
East



Bible
EZRA 3:8

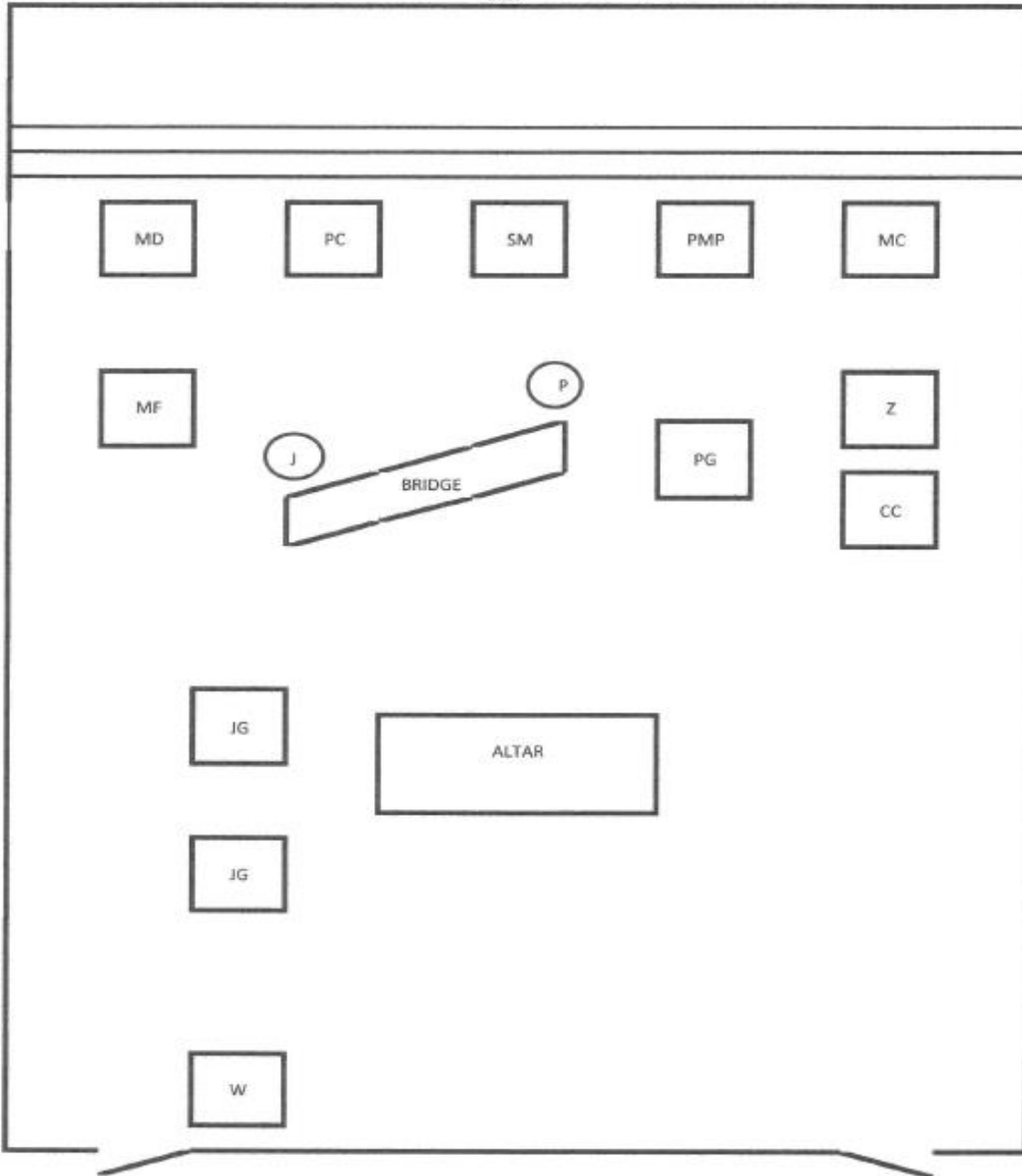
OFFICERS
High Priest
Jewish Council - 6
Companion Conductor
Zerubbabel

PARAPHERNALIA
Reading for High Priest
Sword and Green Sash on the Altar
Belt and Scabbard beside the CC's station

Order of the Red Cross - Jewish Council

	Name	Name
	Phone	Phone
High Priest		
Jewish Council - 1		
Jewish Council – 2		
Jewish Council – 3		
Jewish Council – 4		
Jewish Council – 5		
Jewish Council – 6		
Companion Conductor		
Zerubbabel		
Companion Warder		

THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS
 Without Banquet Table
 East



BIBLE
 EZRA 3:8

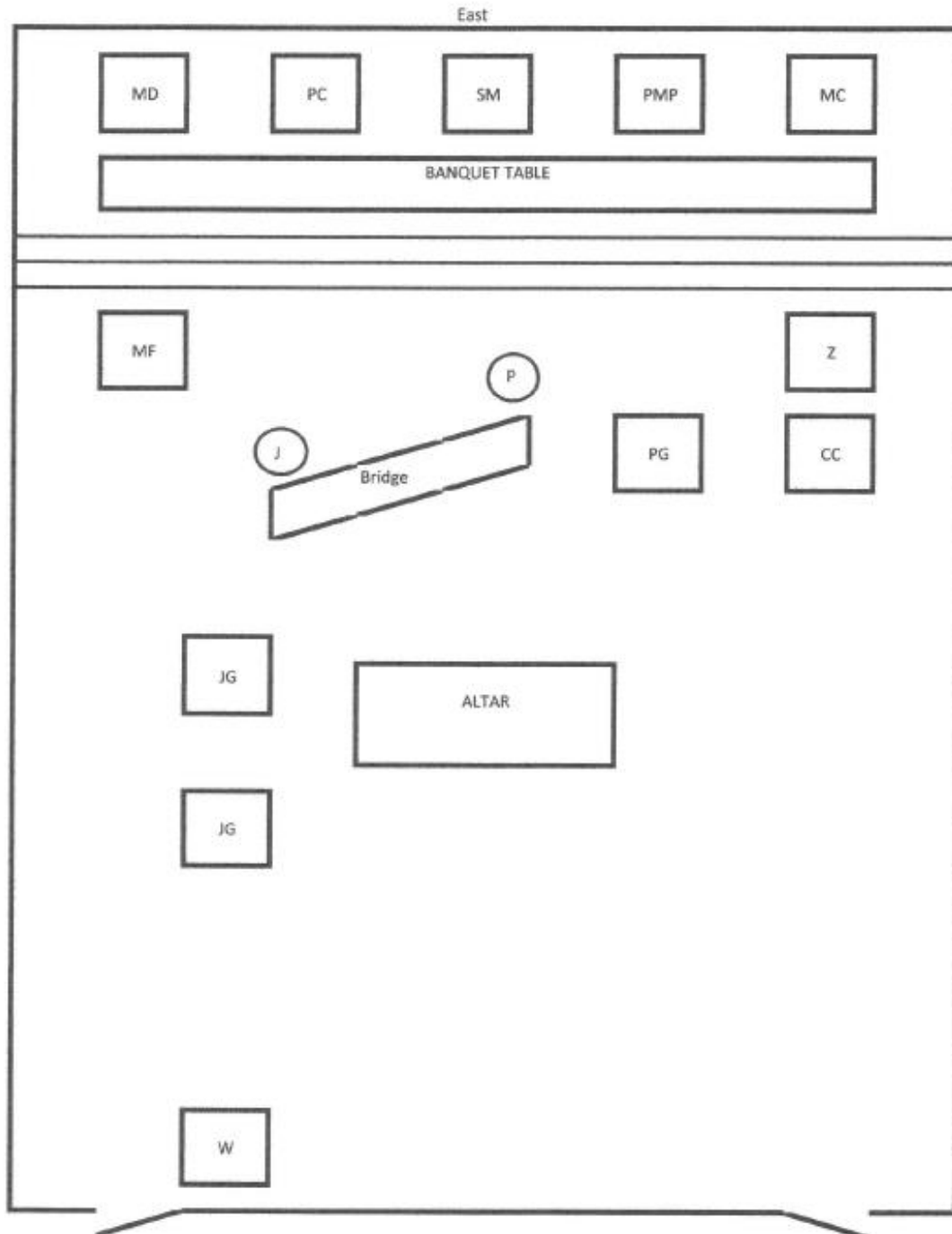
OFFICERS

- SM Sovereign Master
- PC Prince Chancellor
- PMP Prince Master of the Palace
- MF Master of Finance
- MD Master of Dispatches
- MC Master of Cavalry
- CC Conductor of the Conunci
- Z Zerubbabel
- W Warder
- PG Persian Guard
- JG Jewish Guard - 2
- Companion Conductor
- Zerubbabel

PARAPHERNALIA

- Swords - 4
- Chains and Fetters
- Garb of Slavery
- Robe and Coronet
- Degree
- Bridge
- Scepter
- Candidates Clothed as
- Royal Arch Masons
- Banners at the Bridge
- Banquet Table
- Belt and Scabbard beside the CC's station

THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS



BIBLE
EZRA3:8

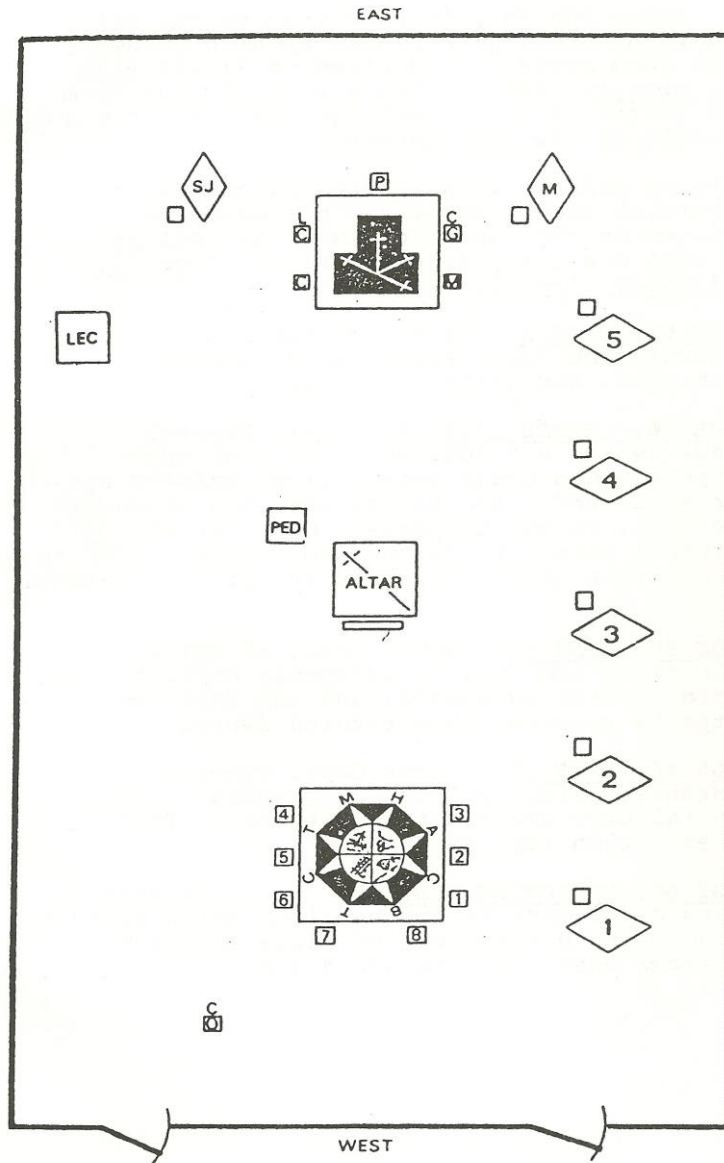
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PG Persian Guard
JG Jewish Guard - 2

PARAPHERNALIA
Swords - 4
Chains and Fetters
Garb of Slavery
Robe and Coronet
Degree
Bridge
Scepter
Candidates Clothed as
Royal Arch Masons
Banners at the Bridge
Banquet Table

Order of the Red Cross

	Name	Name
	Phone	Phone
Sovereign Master		
Prince Chancellor		
Prince Master of the Palace		
Master of Finance		
Master of Dispatches		
Master of Cavalry		
Conductor of the Council		
Zerubbabel		
Warder		
Persian Guard		
Jewish Council - 6		

Order of Malta



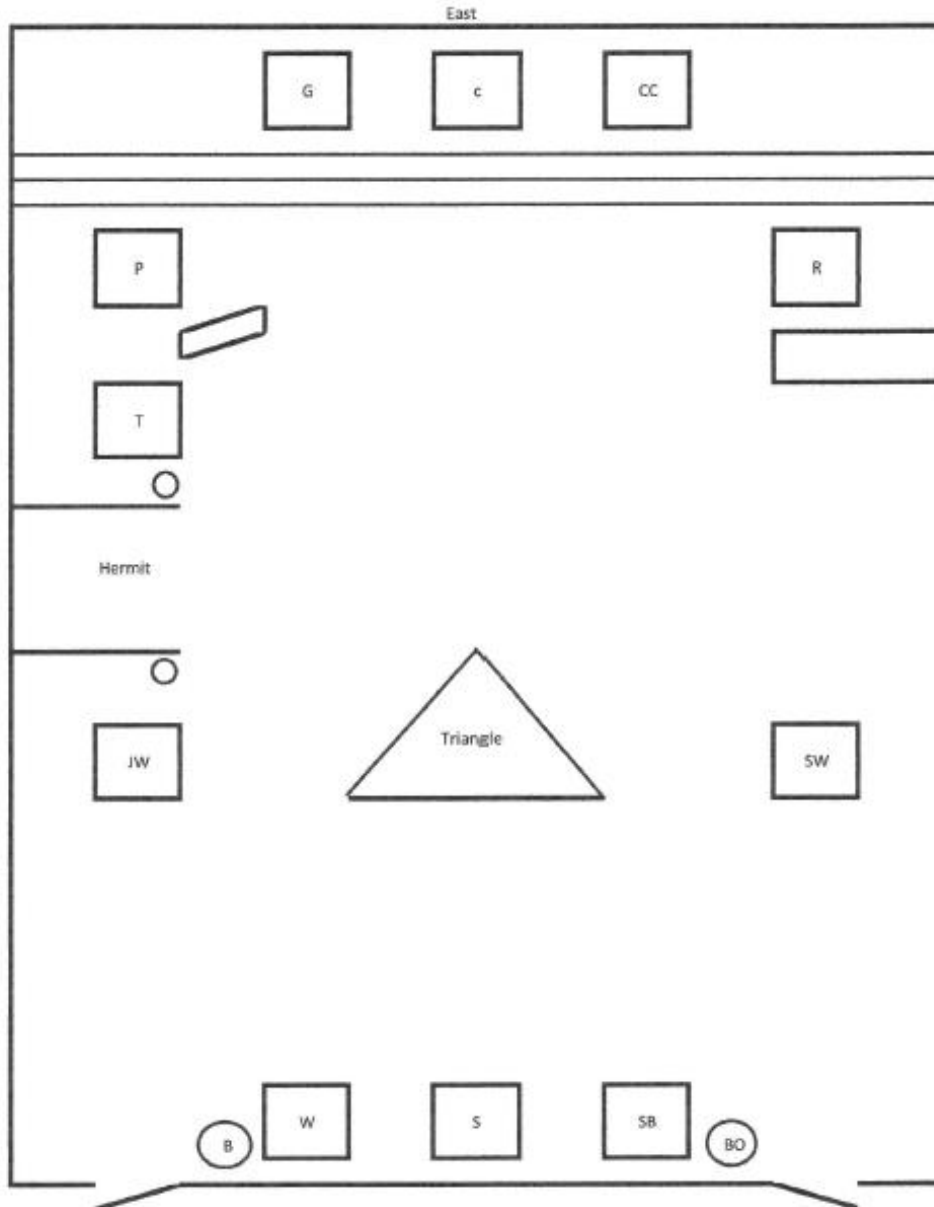
Bible
St. John 19

- Paraphernalia
- 2 Swords
- Jewel for each Candidate
- Bread
- Cups of Water
- Cross on Bible
- Lectern for Chaplain
- Lessons

ORDER OF MALTA

	Name Phone	Name Phone
Captain General		
Prior		
Captain of the Outpost		
Marshal		
Chaplain		
First Banner Guard		
Second Banner Guard		
Third Banner Guard		
Forth Banner Guard		
Fifth Banner Guard		
Knight at the Table in the West		
St. John Banner Guard		
Maltese Banner Guard		
Knights of the table - 8		
Lt. Commander		

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE



BIBLE
Matthew 28

Alter with
BIBLE, Square
and Compasses
on Left Page

Cross on
Right Page

Crossed Swords
on Cushion

OFFICERS

- C Commander
- G Generalissimo
- CG Captain General
- T Treasurer
- R Recorder
- P Prelate
- SW Senior Warden
- JW Junior Warden
- SB Standard Bearer
- S Sword Bearer
- W Warder

PARAPHERNALIA

- Slide Projector with Stand
- Lectern and Light for Prelate
- Prelate Garb including Bible
- Pilgrim Garb
- White Robe, Skull, and candle
For Pilgrim Warrior
- Tent for Hermits
- Robes for Hermits
- Sword and Bukler for Pilgrim Warrior
- Baldric
- Sword
- Standard
- Beauceant
- United States Flag
- Texas Flag
- Bread and water
- Hermits - 3
- Guards - 3

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

CHAMBER OF REFLECTION

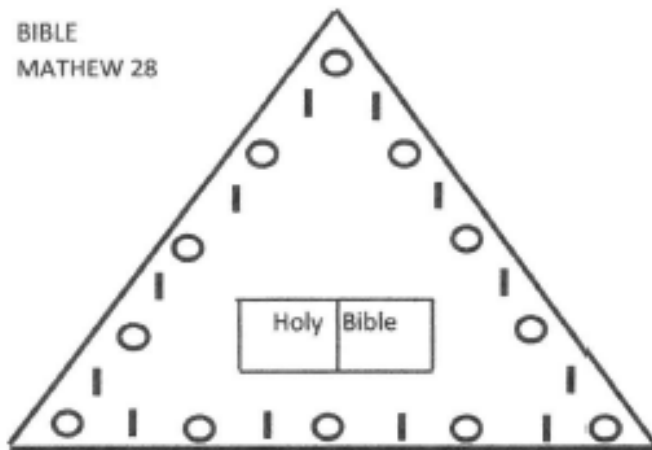
BIBLE
Matthew 5:13-16

OFFICERS
JW Junior Warden

PARAPHERNALIA
Table
Chair
Bowl of water
Paper towels
Hour Glass
Candle and Matches
Hoodwink
Skull and bones
Pen
The Questions

The Triangle

BIBLE
MATHEW 28



PARAPHERNALIA
LARGE TRIANGLE
Black Cober
Tapers and Candles -12
Cups or Glasses -12
BIBLE
Cover for BIBLE
Skull and Bones
CRUCIFIX
Wine
Black Pall or Cover
Paper Towels

Note: A separate taper should be used for the Pilgrim Penitent

Order of the Temple

	Name Phone	Name Phone
Commander		
Generalissimo		
Captain General		
Senior Warden		
Junior Warden		
Prelate		
Treasurer		
Recorder		
Standard Bearer		
Sword Bearer		
Warder		
Sentinel		
Hermit		
Hermit		
Hermit		
Guard		
Guard		
Guard		