

# RECEPTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

## OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE ASYLUM:

- S:** *(The Sir Knight Sentinel outside the door will make the following alarm,)* **XXX XXX XXX X**
- W:** **XXX XXX XXX X.** *(Once the Sir Knight Warder opens the door, the door WILL remain open and says)*  
**Whats the cause of the alarm?**
- S:** **Sir Knight Warder, inform the Eminent Commander that Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina, is in waiting for an Official Visit and demands to be admitted.**  
*(With the door still open, the Sir Knight Warder, inside the door, will state the following to the Eminent Commander:)*
- W:** **Eminent Commander, Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina is waiting for an Official Visit and demands to be admitted.**
- EC:** **Sir Knight Captain General – Form the lines for the reception of the Right Eminent Grand Commander** (NOTE: CG draws sword, sword salutes EC and remains at “carry swords” throughout the entire tactics.)  
**Sir Knight Senior Warden – Receive the Right Eminent Commander and conduct him to the foot of the Line.**
- CG: Escort – Fall-In, Attention** (Escort forms two lines facing each other at a three pace separation.)
- CG: Draw – Swords**  
(On word: “Draw” - Escort’s right hand on sword hilt,  
- Left hand holding scabbard at a slight forward tilt  
On word: “Swords” - Draw sword straight out to full arm’s length and bring to “carry sword”)
- CG:** *(Sword Salute)* **Eminent Commander, the lines are formed.**
- EC: Commandery, Attention** (Eminent Commander descends from the East and stops at the head of the lines.)
- SW:** (At the door with the REGC) **Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Right Eminent Grand Commander of South Carolina it is the orders of the Eminent Commander that you be escorted to the foot of the line.**  
(Upon entering SW announces) **The Right Eminent Commander Approaches,** (at the foot of the line says) **Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ The Right Eminent Grand Commander of S.C.**
- CG: Form Arch of Steel – Cross – Swords**  
(On word: “Cross” - Escort comes to present swords,  
- Extend right foot forward  
On word: “Swords” - Escort extends sword and right arm at a 45 degree angle, touching the opposite sword)
- EC:** *(Hand Salute REGC)* **Permit me to escort you to the East.**
- CG: Carry – Swords** (On word: “Swords”- Escort brings swords to carry)
- CG: Return – Swords**  
(On word: “Return” - Escort inserts swords into scabbard to within 6 inches of scabbard’s mouth,  
(On word: “Swords” - Escort drops sword into scabbard with a click)
- CG: Escort Dismissed**
- EC: Right Eminent Grand Commander behold your Sir Knights; Sir Knights behold your Right Eminent Grand Commander and join me in giving him a HARDY welcome.**
- EC:** (Presents REGC his sword hilt first) **Right Eminent Grand Commander, I welcome you to (Commandery) No. (Number) and tender to you the command of this Commandery.** *(Eminent Commander remains covered.)*  
(NOTE: *The Grand Commander or Past Grand Commander **MUST** be in uniform to be received through an Arch of Steel. If the Grand Commander or the Past Grand Commander is not in uniform, they will receive a hearty welcome – clapping of hands only. See Section VI – General Information)*