



6th Texas District Newsletter



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Notes regarding the new Exemplification of Patriotism

Supreme held a call with the Masters on 1/27 to finally give us some info on the new ceremony that will debut the week after our College Station exemplification. We received a lot of information; I will try to distill the highlights. I am thinking of this mainly from the Fourth Degree team point of view, but I am sending it to all my Assembly contacts.

Dates

No changes here:

- February 22nd New York City (Premier rollout: about 700 candidates and 1,200 people at banquet)
- March 1st Los Angeles (West Coast rollout)
- March 22nd Indianapolis (Midwest rollout)
- April 5th in San Angelo (three-part Southwest rollout in Texas)
- May 3rd in Corpus Christi
- June 14th in Dallas

Roles

These exemplar roles remain:

- Master
- Historian
- Expositor of the Constitution
- Faithful Friar
- Marshals
- Video and Audio Tech
- Station Guards (which sound like what we call Aides)
- Color Corps

These exemplar roles go away:

- Defender of the Faith
- Narrator
- Registrar

This exemplar role is new:

- Cantor (to lead singing in a couple of spots) – Do you know of a good SK candidate for this?

Timing

Some activities previously done during the exemplification will take place in the antechamber, so the ceremony (not counting Knighting) will not take much over an hour, so most roles are reduced. Knighting will probably be a bit slower than it is today because we will invite families (including their kids) to join the candidates for the knighting.

Site and setup

- Preferred site is a cathedral; if not then a church; if all else fails then a hall.
- Having it at a cathedral or a church makes things much simpler for the team:
 - The altar will serve as the stage.
 - The pulpit mic will suffice for the speakers and the cantor since only one will be up at a time.
 - No backdrop is needed and the *in hoc signo vinces* cross will be replaced by a cross of the new evangelization.
 - Still need the scrolls (and presumably the gavel) but not the tomes.
 - I will need to buy couple of other new props.
 - Still need a projector and screen.
- Roles do not need to be memorized, but we must be familiar enough with them to deliver them perfectly with impact.
- Exemplars should wear the uniform.