



Honor Guard for Funeral Services



Hearse arrival

The Honor Guard will be in place before the arrival of the hearse. They will form two facing rows. When the hearse arrives the CCC or M. will command **“Carry Swords”** when the casket is been removed from the Hears the CCC or M. will command **“Present Arms”** as the casket is turned the honor guard the CCC or M. will then give the **“Face Church”** command and will lead the casket into the Church. The honor guard will march to the rear of the room where he will lay in state. When the casket comes in the room the CCC. or M. will then give the Command **“Present Sword”**, followed by the command “Carry Sword” followed by “Return Sword” followed by the command **“Honor Guard Dismissed”**.

Viewing Posted by C.C.C. or M.

The C.C.C. or M. will lead the first pair of Sir Knights, with swords at the “Carry Sword” position, to the casket. When they arrive before the casket, they will “Halt” and, together with the commander, assume the **“Present Sword”** position and then return to the **“Carry Sword”** position. The C.C.C. or M. will give command **Post** and then one guard at each end of the casket or urn, where they will “Face” toward each other. **The guards left on watch will remain at the position of “Carry Sword.”**

Immediately upon the completion of the ceremony for the deceased, the C.C.C. or M. will lead the new watch (all at the “Carry Sword” position) to the casket or urn. **When the new watch arrives, they will “Halt” and “Move” to the flanks to allow sufficient space for the old watch to stand between them and the C.C.C. or M.** The old watch will **“Move”** online between the C.C.C. or M. and their relief. All will face the casket or urn, assume the position of **“Present Sword”** and then return to **“Carry Sword”**. **The relief will “Post” at the positions of the old watch at opposite ends** of the casket or urn. The old watch and the C.C.C. or M. shall **“About Face”** and the C.C.C. or M. will lead them (still at the **“Carry Sword”** position) to the assembly area, in a silent and dignified manner.

Viewing Self Posted

The C.C.C. or M. will lead the first Sir Knight, with swords at the “Carry Sword” position, to the casket. When they arrive before the casket, they will **“Halt”** and, together with the commander, assume the **“Present Sword”** position and then return to the **“Carry Sword”** position. The C.C.C. or M. will give command **Post** and then the guard will post at the casket head. **The guard left on watch will remain at the position of “Carry Sword.”** The C.C.C. or M will **“About Face”** and return to the holding area.

The relief Guard will **“Carry Sword”** towards the casket. Upon arriving at the casket, the relief guard will say **“Retrieve”**. The posted guard will move to the relief guard left side. The relief guard will they say **“Present Sword”** and then both will return to **“Carry Sword”**. The relief guard will then post at the head of the casket.

Upon Completion C.C.C. or M will **“Carry Sword”** to the casket, he will halt and he will say **“Retrieve”** which is a command for the posted guard to retrieve to the relief guard left side and, together with the commander, assume the **“Present Sword”** position and then return to the **“Carry Sword”** position. They will both **“About Face”** and depart in a dignified manner.

Hearse Departure

At the conclusion of the Prayers for the Dead the Honor Guard will process from the church and proceed to their original position near the hearse, as directed. Formed into two files and **“Facing”** the C.C.C. or M will command **“Carry Sword”** and **“Present Sword”**. After the casket has been placed into the hearse and the door closed, the C.C.C. or M. will command **“Carry Sword”** and **“Return Sword.”** followed by the command **“Honor Guard Dismissed** who will then leave in a dignified manner to a pre-staging area.

With Military Honors

Honor Guard will follow the commands of the military Officer-In-Charge.