

## TABLE COUNCIL RITUAL

*After the Council is opened in regular form, the Illustrious Master declares the Council open for the purpose of Table Council.*

*The meal of the evening will now be served according to the facilities at hand.*

*The Illustrious Master will give an explanation of charging the cannons and giving the toast.*

*To make ready, or to charge the cannons, hold the glass at shoulder height, the arm extended. At the order of fire, take a sip from the glass, then bring the glass to the left breast; move it to the right breast; extend arm forward, thus forming the two sides of an equilateral triangle. Bring the glass to rest with a (bang) report.*

### THE COUNCIL IS NOW READY

**I.M.** – Companion Deputy Master, have you anything to offer?

**D.M.** – Illustrious Master, I propose a toast.

**I.M.** – Companion Captain of the Guard, see that the cannons are charged for this toast.

**C.G.** – (\*\*\*) Companions, make ready your cannons. Illustrious Master, your order has been obeyed.

**I.M.** – Proceed.

**D.M.** – To our three Ancient Grand Masters, S.K.I., H.K.T., and H.A.

**I.M.** – (*Repeats Toast*) Fire. (\*)  
(*A portion of the business may be conducted at this point*)

**I.M.** – Companion Principle Conductor of the Work, have you anything to offer?

**P.C.W.** - Illustrious Master, I propose a toast.

**I.M.** – Companion Captain of the Guard, see that the cannons are charged for this toast.

**C.G.** – (\*\*\*) Companions, make ready your cannons. Illustrious Master, your order has been obeyed.

**I.M.** – Proceed.

**P.C.W.** – To our Country, our Flag and the President of the United States of America.

**I.M.** – *(All repeat toast)* Fire. (\*)  
*(More business may be conducted at this point)*

**I.M.** – Companion Conductor of Council, have you anything to offer?

**C.C.** - Illustrious Master, I propose a toast.

**I.M.** – Companion Captain of the Guard, see that the cannons are charged for this toast.

**C.G.** – (\*\*\*) Companions, make ready your cannons. Illustrious Master, your order has been obeyed.

**I.M.** – Proceed.

**C.C.** – To our Companions who now reside in the Celestial Council above, their widows and orphans.

**I.M.** – *(All repeat toast)* Fire. (\*)  
*(Further or Special business may be done at this point)*

**I.M.** – Companion Steward, have you anything to offer?

**C.C.** - Illustrious Master, I propose a toast.

**I.M.** – Companion Captain of the Guard, see that the cannons are charged for this toast.

**C.G.** – (\*\*\*) Companions, make ready your cannons. Illustrious Master, your order has been obeyed.

**I.M.** – Proceed.

**STEW:** - To all Select Masters who may pass our door and enjoy the fruits of our labors.

**I.M.** – *(Repeats toast)* Fire. (\*)  
*(Any remaining business should be conducted now)*

**I.M.** – Companion Captain of the Guard, have you anything to offer?

**C.G.** - Illustrious Master, it is my desire to contribute to the relief of the needy who are afflicted with some physical problem regardless of their creed.

**I.M.** – This is a noble gesture and should be enjoyed by every Select Master. Companion Steward, (\*) you will pass by all present that they may aid in this noble and glorious work.

*Prior to the Steward passing among the Companions, an explanation of the Charity to which these funds are to go to is given. It is recommended to use the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.*

**STEW:** - Illustrious Master, your order has been obeyed.

**I.M.** – Companion Captain of the Guard, your Charity and the Charity of our Companions is to be congratulated. (\*\*\*)

Companions, make ready your cannons. Companion Captain of the Guard, proceed with your toast.

**C.G.** - It is my desire to see this small offering given to the Fund Chosen to see that it is used wisely. I toast to the health of the world.

*(It is recommended the offering be given to the Most Illustrious Grand Master or his representative, however, this is not required.)*

**I.M.** – To the health of the world. Fire (\*)

*(Offering is now given to the Companion designated and his remarks are in order. The Council may now be closed in regular form as by ritual.)*

NOTE: If the Table Council is not being used in lieu of an official visit of the Grand Lecturer, it may be declared open, if the I.M. desires.