

CEREMONIAL FOR BLESSING OF THE SWORDS

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Sir Knights process in front of everyone in line and are at Carry Swords.

Commander: Order Swords – Un Cover

Leader: Heavenly Father grant that this occasion may be a public renewal of our determination to remain faithful and loyal men, and worthy members of the Knights Templar of Colorado. May we go about our appointed tasks without thought of personal honour, but only of glory for Your Holy Name. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Commander: Re Cover, Carry Swords

All Sir Knights repeat after the Leader.

I do solemnly swear/ In the presence of Almighty God / and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord/ to serve both God and country / in full truth and loyalty / to fight manfully for them / for all Ladies, the weak and the oppressed / and in this cause / and in the defense of these / never to count the cost. May I keep this, my oath / sacred and true / may I do this, my duty / Knightly and well / and may almighty God in his mercy / grant me His grace / so that my life may be without reproach / my death with honour / and my place in Eternal Life / with those whose aid I hereby invoke.
AMEN.

Commander: Sir Knights Port Swords

Leader:

The swords blessed today are not weapons of hurt, of pain or for shedding blood, but spiritual weapons, a weapon not of hurt, but of love, to cut through the hate & bigotry of the world, just as Our Savior had a sword pierce his side, our swords remind us of him, a weapon not of pain, but of healing like a surgeon's scalpel, the sword of the Knights Templars

cuts away sin & division, a weapon not to shed blood, but to protect life, the defense of the unborn, the elderly the disadvantaged, a sword to protect; a sign of vigilance, so this blessing of the swords shows all about our love of Christ, defense of the faith , protection for those unable to protect themselves. Therefore, Sir Knights, if you are asked what makes you special, what makes you different, you can proudly say that: I stand for God, his church and his people, this is my pledge, this is my duty, this is my honour, this is why I am a Knight Templar.

Commander: Sir Knights Carry Swords, Order Swords, Un Cover

Leader: May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, that he may defend you; Within you, that He may sustain you; Before you, that He may lead you on; Above you, that He may bless you; He who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain forever. AMEN.

Leader: O God, by whose word all things are made Holy, pour down Your blessings on these swords which you have created. Grant, that whoever, giving thanks to you, uses them in accordance with Your Law and Your Will, may, by calling upon Your Holy Name, receive through Your aid, health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN”

Commander: Sir Knights Re Cover , Carry Swords,

Sir Knights process out at Carry Swords