

**SUGGESTED CEREMONY FOR THE
RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

(Illustrious Master shall designate one additional Companion as Assistant Marshal. Assure additional chair(s) is (are) in place south of PCW prior to reception.)

*(* indicates raps, % indicates Officer response)*

Sentinel: *** *** ***

Steward: Illustrious Master. % There is an alarm at the outer door.

Ill. Master: You will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

Steward: *** *** *** *(Opens door and addresses Sentinel.)* Who comes here?

Sentinel: Most Illustrious Companion _____, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri *(and other distinguished guests)* desire(s) admission.

Or:

Illustrious Companion _____, Regional Deputy Grand Master of Region ____ of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri *(and other distinguished guests)* desire(s) admission.

Steward: *(Closes door, faces IM and reports:)* Illustrious Master, Most Illustrious Companion _____, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri *(and other distinguished guests)* desire(s) admission.

Or:

Illustrious Master, Illustrious Companion _____, Regional Deputy Grand Master of Region ____ of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri *(and other distinguished guests)* desire(s) admission.

Ill. Master: Companion Conductor of the Council. % You will perform that part of your duty which requires you to examine visitors and see that they are properly accommodated.

Cond. of C: *(C of C goes to altar, salutes IM, returns south on original line of march, then west on line of travel to the outer door and exits.)*

Steward: *(Opens door for Conductor of the Council to exit, closes door, then steps to the south side of the doorway.)*

Ill. Master: The Officers will assume their respective places for the reception of distinguished visitors. *(See Figure 1, page 4)*

(Assistant Marshal moves on a direct line to southwest corner and faces East. The Treasurer and Marshal form the northeast and southeast corners of the rectangle, facing West. The Captain of the Guard moves from his station in a line towards the altar, then, on the line of travel to the northwest corner and faces East.)

Ill. Master: *(When formation is completed:)* Companions, you will form parallel lines between the officers.

(Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work descend and fill in the east end of rectangle. Assistant Marshal and Captain of the Guard will side-step inward one step each as soon as Companions are in line. When formation is complete, Steward will open door and say:)

Steward: You will enter.

(Conductor of the Council and guest(s) proceed through opening in West end to altar, giving due guard and penal sign of Select Master, answered only by the Illustrious Master. If other distinguished Companions are to be received, their introduction should be performed before the Grand Master enters the Council. They may be presented at the altar by an assistant to the Conductor of the Council and they may be presented in a group. Following their introduction, they should be asked to form parallel lines inside the lines. They are not entitled to Grand Honors.)

Steward: *

Sentinel: *

Steward: *(Proceeds to position between Assistant Marshal and Captain of the Guard, completing west end of rectangle. See Figure 1, page 4.)*

Cond. of C: *(May use own language) or:*

Illustrious Master, it gives me great pleasure to present Most Illustrious Companion _____, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. (CC steps back one step with left foot and closes. Remains in place until IM starts approach.)

Or:

Illustrious Master, it gives me great pleasure to present Illustrious Companion _____, Regional Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri. (CC steps back one step with left foot and closes. Remains in place until IM starts approach.)

Marshal: *(Advances one step at an angle to the right, beginning on the right foot, facing West.)* Companions, the Grand Honors. *(After Grand Honors, returns to position.)*

IM: *(Goes to North side of altar, does not cross center line of altar, makes usual comments and asks if he may escort Distinguished Visitor to the East.)*

Cond. of C: *(Conductor of the Council goes to West end of North line as Illustrious Master approaches altar. See Figure 2, page 5.)*

IM: *(Makes usual comments and escorts Distinguished Visitor on right side. When in the East, both turn counter-clockwise together and face West. IM presents Distinguished Visitor with gavel, makes usual comments, takes off hat and sits down.)*

(When Council is seated by rap of gavel from the East, officers return to their stations in reverse order to forming of rectangle, and remain standing until all are in position, using Assistant Marshal as guide to sit down together.)

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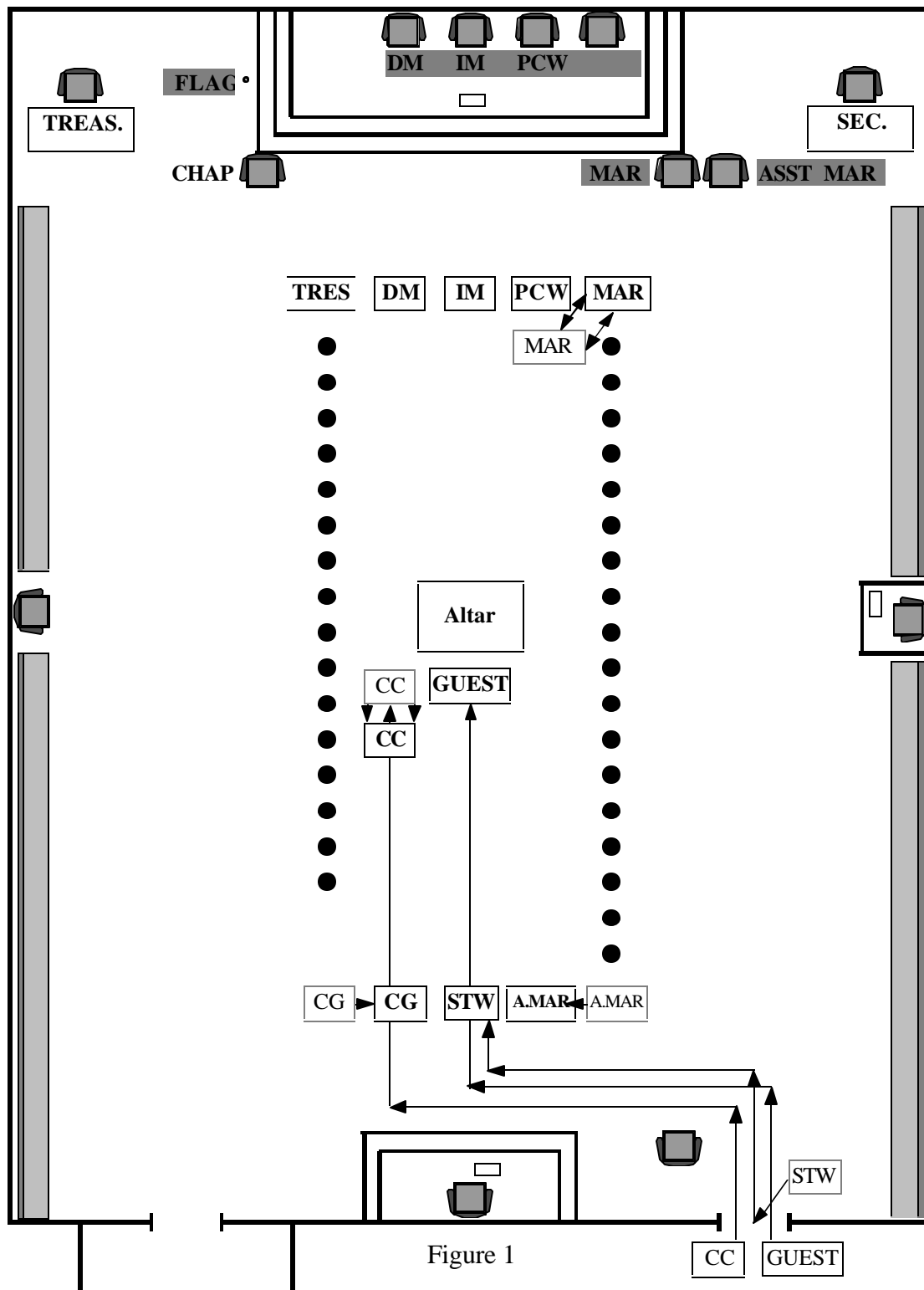


Figure 1

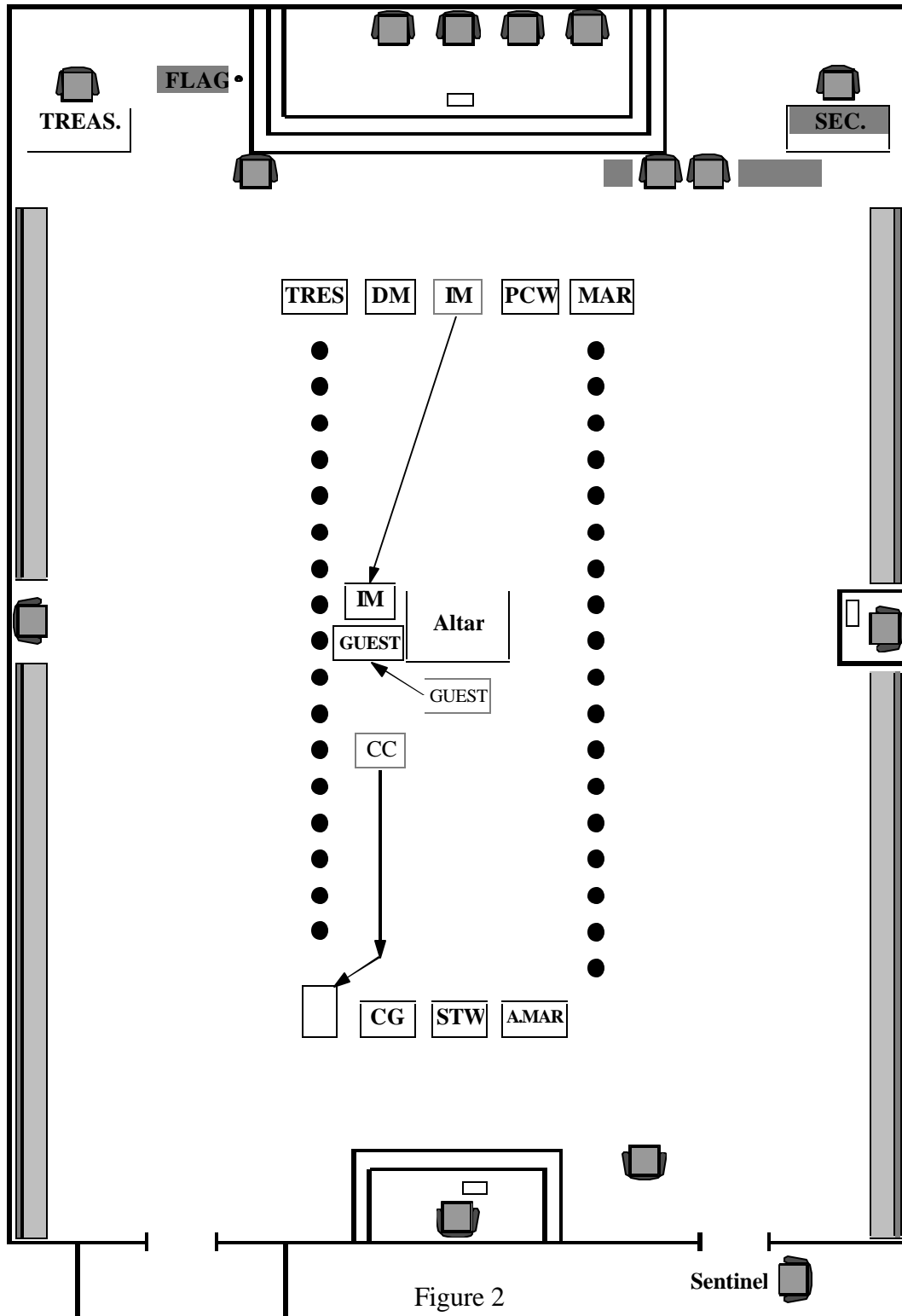


Figure 2