V. MANUAL OF THE COLORS

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The Beauseant will salute with the Commandery at all commands to present swords, and as otherwise provided.

At the carry, the heal (foot) of pike (staff) rests in the socket of the sling; the right hand grasps the pike at the height of the shoulder.

At the order the heel of the pike rests on the ground near the right toe, the right hand holding the pike in a vertical position.

At parade rest the heel of the pike is on the ground as at the order; the pike is held with both hands in front .of the center of the body, left hand uppermost.

The Order is resumed at the command, ATTENTION.

The left hand assists the right hand when necessary.

The carry is the habitual position when on the march.

The order and parade rest are executed with the Commandery.

The Color Salute

Being at a carry, slip the right hand up the pike to the height of the eye, then lower the pike by straightening the arm to the front.

Salute to the United States Flag

During the ceremony of raising or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all Sir Knights present should face the flag, stand at attention and salute. Sir Knights present in uniform, not in ranks, with sword in hand, will salute with the sword; without sword in hand will salute with the hand. Sir Knights not in uniform will remove the headdress with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Sir Knights in uniform and without headdress will stand at attention. Sir Knights not in uniform and uncovered will stand at attention. When there is no flag displayed all will face toward the music and salute as above explained.

"Revision and Clarification of 1949 and 1952"

- 1. When National Anthem is played but the flag IS NOT DISPLAYED.
 - a. Only those actually in formation and armed with sword will at the command of the unit

Commander, PRESENT SWORDS.

- b. Those in uniform but not in formation will face toward the music, will salute with the hand at the first note of the Anthem, and retain this position until the last note.
- c. Those present **Not** in uniform will remove head dress with the right hand and place over left breast. Those **Not** wearing head dress will stand at attention.
- 2. When National Anthem is played and the flag is displayed.
 - a. All the foregoing rules and customs will be observed except that those **Not** in formation will face the flag.

- 3. Parades.
 - a. When the National Flag passes all Sir Knights whether in the reviewing stand or on the side lines will come to a hand salute when Flag is six (6) paces to the flank and hold for a total of twelve (12) paces. The Swords will not be drawn.

(G.E. Proc. Pg. 650-1; D.R. Pg. 241-2)