

WISCONSIN MASONIC HANDBOOK

CHAPTER 10



CEREMONIES

INTRODUCTION

Note: (* * *) indicates number of raps of the gavel to order standing, sitting, etc.

There are a number of ceremonies in which the Masons of Wisconsin engage which are not included in the multiple letter cipher for a number of reasons. It is possible they were caused by a change in the code or by an edict, or that no official ceremony had been adopted, or they may have been a public ceremony which was previously in the Wisconsin Monitor, or are new or revitalized ceremonies being recommended for current use.

A number of such ceremonies are included in this section and may be added to from time to time either by the individual or from the Grand Lodge Office. These ceremonies replace all previously printed ceremonies of the same type.

PUBLIC AND OTHER NON-CIPHERED CEREMONIES

(For use only on special occasions when the public is invited to a Masonic function, such as: Friends Nights, Recognition Events, Installations, etc.)

Special Note: *No signs are to be given when addressed by the W.M., and to minimize the chance of someone forgetting this important point; no one will address the W.M. directly. When they are called upon to perform their duty, they will simply rise and do so.*

If the flag is to be presented, it is done in the manner set forth in the multi-letter cipher. At the conclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance, the three brethren who have acted as the color guard will simply retire to the sidelines or through the outer door, as they prefer.