

**Procedure:**

- *When the District Deputy Grand Master informs the Tiler that he wishes to enter the Lodge, the Tiler shall give the alarm.*
- *The Junior Deacon will announce the alarm and await the direction from the Worshipful Master.*
- *The Junior Deacon will return the alarm and open the door.*
- *The Tiler shall announce:*

**Right Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District Number \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, is in waiting.**

- *The Junior Deacon will close the door, return to his place, and make the same announcement to the Worshipful Master.*
- *The Worshipful Master will raise the Lodge and direct the Deacons to repair to the door with their rods for the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master.*
- *He will then direct the brethren to form two lines (of sufficient width to accommodate the group) between the door and the altar (This does not require all brethren in the Lodge Room – only enough to form two lines).*
- *He shall appoint two Past Masters, if available, or two qualified or knowledgeable brethren to escort the District Deputy Grand Master to the altar.*
- *The two brethren appointed as escorts will go to the door.*
- *The senior escort will open the door and announce:*

**Right Worshipful Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Number \_\_\_\_\_ is ready to receive you.**

- *The escorts, one on each side of the District Deputy Grand Master, will approach the altar with the distinguished guest, the Deacons forming an angle with their rods interlocked above the head of the District Deputy Grand Master.*
- *The District Deputy Grand Master and escorts will give the sign of a M.M., to which the Worshipful Master shall respond with the same.*
- *The senior escort on the left shall present the District Deputy Grand Master in the following words:*

**Worshipful Master, it is my privilege to present to you and through you to the brethren here assembled, Right Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District Number \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.**

· *The Worshipful Master will then say:*

**Brethren, join me in extending the Private Grand Honors to our District Deputy Grand Master.**

· *All brethren present, including the escorts but excepting the Deacons who are holding their rods crossed over the head of the District Deputy Grand Master, will give the Private Grand Honors in unison.*

· *Immediately after the Private Grand Honors, and without further greeting, the Worshipful Master shall direct the senior escort on the left of the District Deputy Grand Master to escort him to the East.*

· *At this point, and while the escort and the District Deputy are proceeding to the East, the remaining escort, the Deacons, and all other Brethren shall immediately return to their places and remain standing.*

· *After the District Deputy Grand Master is in the East, the Worshipful Master shall welcome the District Deputy Grand Master in his own words and will tender the gavel to him.*

· *The District Deputy Grand Master will then seat the brethren.*