

El Paso Consistory

Officers' Duties

Prior

Bylaws Duties :

The Prior shall assist the Master of Kadosh in the performance of his duties and shall assume that office in his absence.

Monitor Duties:

Second in command. Must be acquainted with the *Statutes* of the Supreme Council. Responsible for reconciliation of dissensions.

Installation Duties:

Prior and Preceptor:

It may chance to either of you to succeed to the office of the Master of Kadosh, and to be required to assume its responsibilities and perform its duties. Your offices are next in importance to those of the Master of Kadosh. The efficiency of the Masterr must always depend much upon that of his Officers; and if they are incapable or unfaithful, indolent or lukewarm, his labors, besides being largely and unjustly increased, will to a great extent prove unavailing. While you promptly obey your Chief, and faithfully second his exertions, you are especially charged with the supervision of your columns. You have the right, possessed on more than one valid ground, to instruct, advise, guide and warn the Brethren, and, in cases of urgent necessity, to reprove and censure. In your zeal remember the wise maxim, to stand upon the ancient ways, and thence make progress. We should better be content to remain stationary, than to open our doors to all men indiscriminately. I especially give it to you in charge to endeavor to settle all difficulties and reconcile all dissensions among the Brethren and Fellow-Soldiery of the Holy House of the Temple; to watch all approaches to misunderstanding, and repress every tendency to acrimony in debate. Teach the Brethren, by precept and example, to bear with the infirmities of each other, and especially to beware of obstinacy and pride of opinion, out of which grow most difficulties among men and Masons. Prior (p. 104-105): With you is the bright Constellation composed of the three Stars, LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY. They will govern in this Consistory, as they do everywhere else in the Scottish Masonry: LIBERTY, with Constitutional Law; EQUALITY, with Order and Subordination; FRATERNITY, with Precedence of the best and wisest. I commit the three Lights to your charge. Never forget, nor ever fail to remind the Brethren, how sadly misunderstood and abused these three grand words have been, and how many crimes have been committed in their name. And yet never forget that they contain a whole creed, when rightly understood, of which every Mason ought to be an Apostle.

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Fraternal Duties:

1. In the absence of the Venerable Master of Kadosh, preside at all stated meetings, Reunions and fraternal events throughout the year.
2. Notify the Preceptor in the event that you will be unable to attend a meeting or event and charge him with assuming your station and responsibility.
3. Monitor the needs of each degree team for the 31° and 32° to evaluate repair or replacement of costumes, props and scenery.

Administrative Duties:

1. Communicate with the Registrar's office on a weekly basis in the absence of the Master of Kadosh.