

Dramad Version of Shrine Installation

*Music. Ceremonial Marshal marches down the ramp and returns with the outgoing Potentate. He conducts him to the foot of the throne and resumes his position. The Past Potentate salaams the new Potentate, who comes down from the throne. They shake hands. The Potentate informally escorts the Past Potentate to a podium with a microphone and presents him with his gift ring.*

*The Past Potentate responds. After the response, the Potentate escorts him to a seat as an honored guest and returns to the Throne.*

*#GONG – the members of the Ceremonial Cast go to the Altar, salamm and march down the ramp and exit.*

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FORMS AND CEREMONIALS

OF

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OF

SUBORDINATE SHRINES

OF

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

OLD Dramad Version  
(Staged for the Old Mohammed Temple)

Note: the Ritual was typed from the original 1903 Ritual book; other than necessary formatting and cosmetic changes, the only ritual change made was to change “\_\_\_\_\_ Temple” to “Mohammed Shrine”, the current official name recognized by the Imperial Council.

This version has the Mohammed Dramad Opening and stage instructions in it.

*Curtain opens with out-going officers dressed in tuxedos, seated in ceremonial formation, with Dramads (in Robes and Bearded) standing beside each officer.*

*The Ceremonial Potentate, however, is standing between Altar and Throne.*

*Bible, Veda, and Koran are on Altar.*

*Ceremonial Recorder (Scribe) is seated at table with ink and quill, with ritual book concealed.*

*Fanfare is sounded and curtains part.*

*# (One Gong beat) – Installing Officer salaams before Potentate.*

**Installing Officer: Illustrious Potentate and members of the Divan of Mohammed Shrine – you have served your Shrine during the past Masonic year with credit and with distinction. Our traditional fellowship has prevailed within our portals. Our worthy charitable activities has been blessed by the generous response of our Nobility – and, as all things must come to an end, so must your year of faithful service in the honored positions you have show creditably occupied.**

**You will therefore vacate your stations, surrender the jewels of your respective offices, and retire to make way for your successors, recently elected.**

*The outgoing officers arise, remove their jewels and hand them to the ceremonial attendant as they pass the altar on each side, and forming a column of twos, march down the ramp to the exit door, the Potentate bringing up the rear.*

**Installing Officer: Until the newly-elected officers are installed,**

# Gong, Music

**Installing Officer: Illustrious Marshal, present the Illustrious Outer Guard-Elect for Installation.**

Marshal escorts OG to Altar

**Installing Officer: Illustrious Outer Guard – Upon you, sir, rests the grave responsibility of guarding the Esoteric Ceremonials from intrusion of the profane. Guard well, therefore, the Outer Gates, and secure the Mystic Pass from each and all, for one error on your part would bring confusion to our ranks and just retribution upon yourself. Relax not your vigilance, therefore, but ever continue faithful until death.**

**Illustrious Marshal, invest the Illustrious Outer Guard with the Jewel of his Office and conduct him to his station.**

**Installing Officer: Attention, Nobles. Arise and Hear Ye this Proclamation!**

### Gongs, Music, all arise

**“To the Glory of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, the One God of all creeds and climes; in the name and under the auspices of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, and by virtue of the authority upon me conferred, I now declare and proclaim the Officers of Mohammed Shrine duly installed. May the Arabic Salutation ever greet them and you, “Es Selamu Aleikum.” “Peace be upon you.”**

# Gong seats all.

**Illustrious Potentate, into your hands I now place the Scepter of your Authority.**

*Installing Officer takes place behind (or beside Potentate).*

**Potentate: Illustrious Ceremonial Marshal – You will retire and escort the recent Past Potentate to the Throne.**

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Installing Officer: **Illustrious Marshal** you will present for installation the **Illustrious Director–Elect**

*Marshal escorts Director to Altar*

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Noble (blank)** -- you have been chosen as the **Director of this Shrine**, an office which in the **Esoteric Ceremonies of the order** is second to none in importance. Upon you devolves the duty, subject only to the will of the **Illustrious Potentate**, of seeing to it, through your assistants, that everything is in readiness for the work, before it is undertaken, and, when once the caravan begins the march across the hot sands of the desert, that there be no unnecessary halting or confusion on the way.

Your station is where you can best oversee the Ceremonies as they progress. Much will depend upon the good judgment you exhibit, and the manner in which you direct the operations of those appointed to assist you. Be calm; be vigilant, ever bearing in mind that he who would direct others must first learn to control his own spirit.

**Illustrious Marshal**, invest the **Illustrious Director** with the **Jewel of his Office** and conduct him to his station.

#Gong, Music

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Marshal**, present the **Illustrious Captain of the Guard-Elect** for Installation.

*Marshal escorts C of G to Altar*

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Captain of the Guard** --it will be your duty to strictly guard the **Inner Portals of the Shrine** Suffer none to pass, except as have assumed the “**Arab’s Vow.**” Take heed that no infidel or spy passes your post. One fault of yours might admit improper persons in our midst, and subject you to well-merited punishment. Heed well this admonition.

**Illustrious Marshal**, invest the **Illustrious Captain of the Guard** with the **Jewel of his Office** and conduct him to his station.

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**the various positions will be filled by members of the ceremonial cast.**

*Dramads sit.*

**Installing Officer: Illustrious Captain of the Guard, and Illustrious Outer Guard** (*they step forward and salaam*) – You will assume your posts. (*They salaam and march down the ramp and out of the exit door. They discreetly take their places on the stage, coming around the back way.*)

# GONG

**Installing Officer: Illustrious Marshal** (*he steps forward and salaams*)  
**You will retire and present the newly elected officers for installation.**

*Marshal marches down the ramp and places himself at the head of the column of officers.*

# GONG *At the sound of the Gong, the officers march slowly up the aisle. The Marshal halts about one third of the way up the ramp.*

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Note: Some instructions shown in the Ritual book are skipped.

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Nobles; It now becomes my pleasing duty to install the several Officers of Mohammed Shrine, who have been Elected to serve the Nobility for the ensuing year.**

**Illustrious Marshal: You will act as Escort to the several Officers during the Ceremony, presenting them in the form of a crescent, West of the Altar and in order of their rank.**

*#GONG - The Marshal places the Officers in position ranking from right to left in order of precedence, except the Illustrious Potentate, who will be placed in the front of the line in the center of the Crescent, all facing the East.*

Music

Installing Officer (*Seated on Throne*):

**Attention, nobles, arise and witness the vow of office which those Nobles now take upon themselves. Gong ###, Music (Nobles all arise).**

**Before the installation, you will be required to make due answer in the presence of all the nobles, without mental reservation to the following interrogatories:**

**First: Do you solemnly vow, upon your honor, that you will exert your best endeavors to promote the true happiness of your brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine?**

**Second: That you will endeavor to promote the general good of the Order, and preserve the solemnity of our ceremonies with profound respect and reverence?**

**Third: That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Shrine which does not work under Constitutional Authority as recognized by the Imperial Council for North America.**

**You will say "I" repeat your name and say after me:**

**"I ( name in full), do solemnly promise and vow that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the Office to which I have been elected, and that I will strictly conform to the requirements of the constitution, regulations and edicts of the Imperial Council for North America."**

**Do you submit to all these Vows, and promise to observe**

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**face, and conduct them to their Stations.**

#Gong, MUSIC

Installing Officer: **Illustrious marshal present the Illustrious First and Second Ceremonial Masters - Elect and the Illustrious Marshal - Elect for installation.**

*Marshal escorts 1st and 2nd Cere. Masters to Altar*

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Ceremonial Masters: --upon you will devolve the duty, at the opening of the Shrine, strictly to observe that no improper person intrudes upon the ceremonies of the Shrine; with expedition, when so directed, to demand and receive the mystic pass from all within our portals, and communicate the same to the Chief Rabban, that he may give the Illustrious Potentate due assurance that no ignoble there intrudes.**

**It is also your duty to receive and prepare novices for admission into the sanctuary of the Shrine; and in company with the Oriental Guide and Marshal to escort them on their journey over the hot sands of the desert, from the purifying laver to the altar of our faith, and also to the secret chambers of the Kaaba, wherein lies concealed the result of our labors.**

**Illustrious Marshal -- to you, sir, is assigned the duty of leading the cohorts of the Oriental Guide, to announce their approach, and with your Winged Sphere Baton, signalize and herald the victorious march, and then remembering the Arab's motto, " Allah's Soldier, who finds paradise while battling in defense of the Standard of the Shrine, quickly reaps sublime reward."**

**So bear the standard proudly through the heated strife, and follow ye amid the carnage, ere let fall the banners, for victory lights not up on the dust-trodden staff. Ever let the cry be, Allah! Islam! Victory and the Shrine!"**

**Illustrious Marshal, invest these officers with their appropriate jewels, and then conduct them to their respective stations.**

#Gong, Music

*Marshal escorts Treas. And Record. To Altar*

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Treasurer -- the office to which you have been chosen may be productive of honor to yourself and profit to your Shrine, for you are to be the recipient and custodian of its funds.**

**The uses to which you may be ordered by the Shrine to apply the finances entrusted to your care, are oftimes of so secret a nature as to demand that they be safely retained in the repository of your own breast.**

**Unostentatious and secret charities are to be dispensed by you, ever remembering that admonition enforced in the lessons of our Preparatory service, "Those who swerve from Truth and Justice shall merit and reap abundant chastisement."**

**Illustrious Recorder -- the office to which you have been elected is one of arduous duty and intricate execution. If you are not already conversant with the requirements of the position, it will be your duty to speedily inform yourself.**

**It is not needed need at this time to enumerate the diversified phases of the work that devolve up on a Recording Secretary, in a cofraternity like this of ours. The harmony and tranquility of the body rest largely with you.**

**You will be expected, in addition to the regular routine of your world to familiarize yourself with the names of the membership of your Shrine, to be prepared at all times to furnish a list of the same on the call of the Illustrious Potentate only; to answer courteously and kindly all interrogatories that may be put to concerning the Shrine; to furnish Notices, and all general information, when called upon to do so, with commendable patience.**

**Be always prepared to provide each new Disciple with his Diploma and Certificate without unnecessary delay. Faithfully discharge these duties, together with all other additional and incidental details which the Potentate may place in your official care. Let your motto ever be, "Whoso seeketh ISLAM earnestly, seeketh True Direction."**

**Illustrious Marshal, you will invest the Illustrious Treasurer and the Illustrious Recorder with the Jewels of their Of-**

**and practice them faithfully?**

**Officers will answer "I do."**

Installing Officer:

# Gong

**Nobles be seated.**

*Officers are seated in their chairs. # Gong, Music*

**Installing Marshal, you will now present the Illustrious Potentate—Elect for installation and enthronement.**

*Marshal escorts Potentate Elect to the Altar*

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Sir -- it becomes my agreeable duty to install you in the Exalted Office with which the nobles of this couple had been pleased to honor you, and to assist in placing you upon the throne of the Shrine, there to preside and rule over its destinies for the ensuing term. It is an honor which any gentleman may feel proud to achieve**

**This being an Imperial Oriental Institution, the prerequisites of which emanate from the highest and most honorable bodies of Masonry and Valiant Knighthood, it is necessarily composed of sterling men, bound together for the general good of those belonging thereto.**

**Although your responsibilities will be great, and your duties arduous, I doubt not but that you will faithfully fulfill them. The proper guidance of the Sheiks within our Mystic Circle, and the achievement of success rests almost solely upon yourself.**

**Your skill as a parliamentarian, your powers of mental retention and your unwearying zeal in promoting the prosperity of your Shrine, will be taxed to the utmost. Great honors are not easily won, but, where eminently merited, may be proudly and worthily worn.**

**Illustrious Marshal, place the Jewel of Office and Supreme Authority upon the breast of the Illustrious Potentate, and conduct him to the Throne of the Shrine.**

#Gong, Music

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Marshal, present the Illustrious Chief and Assistant Rabban-Elect for installation.**

*Marshal escorts Rabbans to Altar*

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Chief Rabban -- You, Sir, have been Elected to an Office of both honor and responsibility. In the absence of the Illustrious Potentate, it will become your duty to preside and assume the rendition of the Ceremonies.**

**Your first obvious duty, therefore, is to familiarize yourself with the Ritual and the Esoteric Work, so as not only to be able properly to assume the rote assigned to you therein, but also to be fitly prepared for all I emergencies that may arise.**

**Admonish our Disciples often, and to the full measure of your ability, to be of the number of those who bathe in the Fountain of Incorruptible Waters, wherein is found the True Source of Happiness.**

**Illustrious Assistant Rabban -- Your official duties, Sir, are no less important than those of the Chief Rabban. His duties and responsibilities may at any moment devolve upon you.**

**It is therefore needful that you perfect yourself with equal care in the whole work so that in the absence of your Superior Officers you may, without hesitation, be able to preside over, and properly guide the affairs of this Shrine. Fail not therefore in well doing.**

**Illustrious Marshal, invest the Illustrious Rabbans with their appropriate jewels, and conduct them to their respective stations.**

#Gong, Music

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Marshal -- present the illustrious High Priest and Prophet-Elect for installation.**

*Marshal escorts HP&P to Altar*

Installing Officer: **Most Noble High Priest and Prophet -- you occupy an important position in the official line and the work**

**that falls to your lot to render should be done in as perfect and intelligent a manner as possible. Perfect yourself, therefore, in the Mysterious legend or the Koran, and the precepts of the Mohammedan Faith. Let no Arabic Hieroglyphic confuse your understanding.**

**When need be, receive the weary sons of the desert with piety and becoming dignity. Imprint upon the tablets of their memories the priceless attributes of our Oriental Shrine -- and let the light and sincerity of your faith so shine before the nobility that they may behold your good works and profit thereby.**

**Illustrious Marshal -- present the jewel of his office to the Most Noble High Priest and Prophet and conduct him to his station.**

#Gong, Music

Installing Officer: **Illustrious Marshal present the Illustrious Oriental Guide – Elect for installation.**

*Marshal escorts OG to Altar*

Installing Officer: **Noble Guide – you know the penalty of broken faith, and you stand forth as sponsor for all Novices seeking to lift the Mystic Veil of the Shrine. It falls to your lot to receive and protect the weary Sons of the Desert, while they traverse the Hot Sands on their pilgrimage to Mecca, even to the Purifying Laver and the Holy Fountain of Zemzem, and finally to yield them to the Grand Shareef, free from the polluting strains of iniquity. Ever let your conduct be such that when the heat and burden of our pilgrimages are over, the Nobility may be possessed of a desire to follow the example so nobly outlined by you as Oriental Guide.**

**Installing Marshal, invest the Oriental Guide with the jewel of his office, and conduct him to his station.**

#Gong, Music

Installing officer: **Installing Marshal, present the Illustrious Treasurer–Elect and the Illustrious Recorder – Elect for installation.**