

Semper Paratus Chapter 3015

Joining Members Ceremony

- Note:** Joining member remains outside the Chapter while the Chapter is Opened and the ballot completed.
- MEZ** - [K's 4] MEZ checks with SE that all is in order to proceed with the ballot. SE confirms. MEZ announces the ballot and requests 1st & 2nd Asst Soj to conduct the Ballot.
- MEZ** - *[K's 4]* "Companions, the ballot proves in favour of the Candidates. Comp.DC please admit our New Joining Member"
- SN** *Attends to the door of the Chapter*
- DC** - *Goes to door of the Chapter and conducts NJM to the PA and ensures NJM gives Rev. or H. Sn.*
- DC** "Most Excellent, E.Comp/Comp..... having submitted his application for membership of this Chapter now presents himself to receive your answer".
- MEZ** - "E.Comp/Comp..... the Companions have considered your application for membership of this Chapter and have duly voted in your favour".
- "Comp. DC, please present our NJM to the Companions in the North, South and West? Thereafter conduct him to the East that we may welcome him also".
- DC** - *Conducts NJM to position in front of SE* "Comp SE I present to you E.Comp/Comp..... our NJM."
- SE** - *Rises and Shakes hands with NJM* "E.comp/Comp the Companions in the North welcome you into the Semper Paratus Chapter and Greet you well" *releases hand and sits.*
- DC** - *Conducts NJM to position in front of SN* "Comp SN I present to you E.Comp/Comp..... our NJM"
- SN** - *Rises and Shakes hands with NJM* "E.comp/Comp the Companions in the South welcome you into the Semper Paratus Chapter and Greet you well" *releases hand and sits.*
- DC** - *Conducts NJM to position in front of PS* "Comp PS I present to you E.Comp/Comp..... our NJM"
- PS** - *Rises and Shakes hands with NJM* "E.comp/Comp the Companions in the West welcome you into the Semper Paratus Chapter and Greet you well" *releases hand and sits.*
- DC** - *Conducts NJM to position in front of the MEZ*

- MEZ** - “Your Excellencies, I present to you E.Comp/Comp..... our NJM” *All three Principals rise MEZ Shakes hands with NJM*
 “E.comp/Comp..... we, the Companions in the East also welcome you into the Semper Paratus Chapter and family and Greet you well. We hope you will spend many happy and enjoyable years with us. These are the by-laws of our Chapter. Allow me to introduce you to E.Comp Haggai *Shakes hands* and E.Comp Joshua *Shakes hands*.”
- Note:** *If in Attendance, introduce to the Visiting Chain or Provincial Representative.*
- MEZ** - “Comp DC, please conduct E.Com/Comp..... to his seat in the Chapter” *Principals sit.*
- DC** - *Conducts NJM to his seat in the Chapter gives court bow which should be reciprocated. DC to order Companions all clap hands 4 times. DC returns to his seat.*

Notes:

NJM = New Joining Member

PA = Point of Address – This is a point in the West of the Chapter mid way between the Principal Sojourners and the Vault (See below).

