

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CEREMONY

Introduced in Minnesota by Mickey and Greg Pierson, GG & AGG, June 1987.

Ceremony was first performed at the AS of the GGC, June 1988.

Final Approval, June 1993.

PREPARATION

Prepare the necessary number of Golden Triangle Certificates and check to see that there are enough Golden Triangle pins on hand for each recipient.

Optional: Make arrangements for a corsage/boutonniere for each recipient. They should contain a sprig of Lily of the Valley. See the Fifth Messenger's message. If corsages/boutonnieres are not used, omit the phrase pertaining to the flowers they are wearing [placed within parenthesis] from the Fifth Messenger's part.

If any of the following officers are recipients: Grand Guide, Grand Marshal, and/or any of the Grand Messengers, appoint honorary officers to fill their stations for the ceremony. These people should sit as near as possible to the stations they are to fill. When the ceremony is announced, the honorary officers assume their respective stations. The recipients (Grand Officers) retire to the sidelines.

GG should supply the (Honorary) Grand Guide with a list of recipients prior to the ceremony. GG should have an additional list from which to read when certificates are presented.

If desired, make arrangements for appropriate music.

GRAND GUARDIAN: We have gathered here tonight to honor those adults who have given unselfishly of their time and talents, love and devotion to aid and enrich the lives of those we serve, "The fairest in all the land." The Golden Triangle Award is presented to these dedicated people to honor and thank them for the many years they have served.

Appropriate music may be sung or played at this time.

GRAND GUARDIAN: The recipients will please rise and stand in front of their chairs. (Honorary) Grand Guide and (Honorary) Grand Marshal, you will escort the recipients to the East Line.

March music.

The recipients are picked up from the sidelines and escorted to the East Line facing east, as per Ritual – Escort and Introductions.

GRAND GUIDE: Grand Guardian, I have the honor of presenting the following adults who have shared their time and talents so unselfishly with our Daughters:

Grand Guide reads the name of each recipient.

GRAND GUARDIAN: Thank you is such an insignificant word compared to the amount of time and effort you have given. The hours you have shared with our Daughters have given you rewards far beyond what we bestow on you now. We can only express our gratitude and appreciation for your caring and sharing. (Honorary) Grand Guide and (Honorary) Grand Marshal, you will conduct the recipients east of the Altar.

March music.

All turn south and march to the South Marching Line; turn west, march to the Altar Line; turn north, march until all recipients are centered with the Altar, facing west; form two lines if more than 10 recipients.

GRAND FIRST MESSENGER: (rises and steps west of Altar as per Ritual – Initiation) The trademark of our Order is a triangle surrounding the three daughters of Job, holding the emblems of our Order. This evening you will be presented with the "Golden Triangle Pin" which symbolizes the patience and kindness you have shown to our Job's Daughters.

Grand First Messenger returns to station and is seated as per Ritual – Initiation.

GRAND SECOND MESSENGER: (rises and steps west of Altar as per Ritual – Initiation) **Along with the triangle is an image of the State of Minnesota which represents the home of our Daughters and the communities in which they learn, share and prosper. What a gift to give your neighbor – yourself in kindness and thoughtfulness.**

Grand Second Messenger returns to station and is seated as per Ritual – Initiation.

GRAND THIRD MESSENGER: (rises and steps west of Altar as per Ritual – Initiation) **The triangle also represents our faith in God. Your efforts to care for and teach our Daughters have led them toward a richer life, with greater faith and trust in God and each other.**

Grand Third Messenger returns to station and is seated as per Ritual – Initiation.

GRAND FOURTH MESSENGER: (rises and steps west of Altar as per Ritual – Initiation) **As you journey onward through life, the gifts of Job’s Daughters will comfort your way. The friendship of Daughters and adults, the virtues of honor, truth, charity and love for all the world are just a few of these gifts. The certificates honoring your efforts on behalf of our Daughters will always remind you of these gifts.**

Grand Fourth Messenger returns to station and is seated as per Ritual – Initiation.

GRAND FIFTH MESSENGER: (rises and steps west of Altar as per Ritual – Initiation) **You doubtless remember the lesson of the emblematical flower of our Order. The Lily of the Valley reminds us that “beauty beams from purity throughout the veil of humility.” The Lily of the Valley, growing in a retired place, blossoms into beauty with white flowers of purity. [The flowers you are wearing tonight have a sprig of] The Lily of the Valley [as] is a reminder of the growth and beauty of the young Daughters who enter our Bethels as “buds of promise” and grow into beautiful, confident young women. (Honorary) Grand Guide and (Honorary) Grand Marshal, you will escort the recipients to the East Line.**

Grand Fifth Messenger returns to station and is seated as per Ritual – Initiation.

March music.

All turn north, march to the North Marching Line; turn East, march to the East Line; turn south, march until recipients are centered with the GG and AGG, facing east. Form two lines if more than 10 recipients.

GRAND GUARDIAN: **It is with pleasure that we present to you the Golden Triangle Certificate. I trust that you will always keep it with your treasured possessions.**

AGG descends the dais and presents the certificates. The GG reads the name of each as recipient receives certificate. AGG may shake hands with each recipient. AGG returns to the East.

GRAND GUARDIAN: **And now, it is with joy, that I present to you the Golden Triangle Pin. Always wear it proudly.**

GG descends the dais and presents the pins. She may shake hands with each recipient. GG returns to the East when finished with the presentation.

Appropriate music may be sung or played during the presentation of pins

GRAND GUARDIAN: **Please face west.**

GG sounds **THREE RAPS** of gavel [***].

GRAND GUARDIAN: **Please join with me in extending hearty congratulations to these Golden Triangle recipients.**

GG sounds **ONE RAP** of gavel [*].

GRAND GUARDIAN: (Honorary) Grand Guide and (Honorary) Grand Marshal, you will escort the Golden Triangle recipients to the sidelines after which you will return to your stations.

March music.

Grand Guide and Grand Marshal escort recipients to the sidelines as per Ritual – Escort and Introductions. At waiting stations, Grand Guide and Grand Marshal may congratulate each recipient as they reach the sidelines. Grand Guide and Grand Marshal return to stations and are seated.

GRAND GUARDIAN: **This concludes the Golden Triangle Ceremony.**

GG sounds **ONE RAP** of gavel [*].