



Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
United States of America & Its Jurisdictions, P.H.A., Inc.



DAUGHERTY  MITCHELL

SWORD DRILL
COMPETITION



8 P.M.

MONDAY

21 JUNE 1999

HOUSTON, TEXAS



DRAW SWORDS.

First Motion. At the word "draw," grasp scabbard with left and sword with right hand, and draw sword about two inches.

Second Motion. At the word "swords," draw sword out, and throwing right hand in front, drop sword in hollow of elbow.

Third Motion. Bring right hand with hilt of sword to right thigh, elbow a little bent, sword perpendicular and held by thumb and forefinger. This is the position of



Present swords

PRESENT SWORDS.

Sword being at "carry," at the word "present" grasp hilt firmly and at the word "swords" raise sword perpendicularly, guard or hilt height of shoulder, arm against the body. See cut.

After "Present—swords," the order "Carry—swords," is executed by extending the hand in front when sword drops in hollow of arm at elbow; then bring hand and hilt to right thigh, sword perpendicular.



Salute

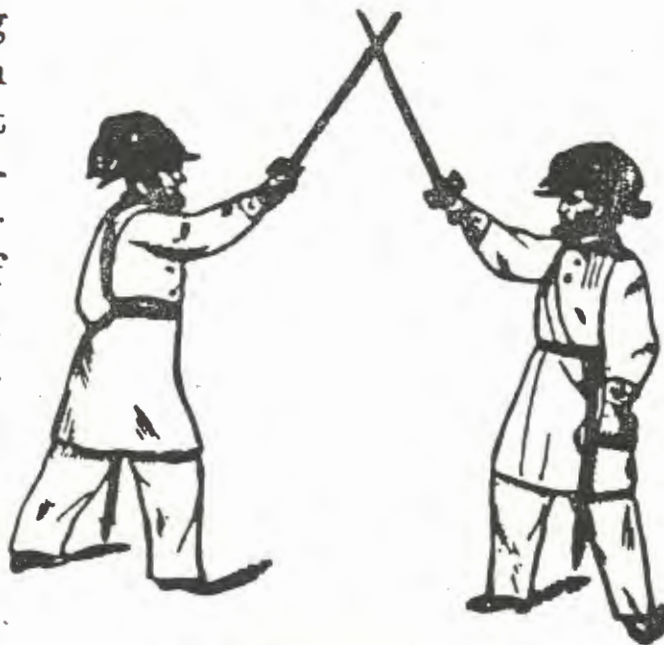
SALUTE.

Bring sword to "present," then extend arm and let point of sword drop as shown in cut, hand on right thigh, back of hand up.

FORM CROSS.

This command is given only when lines are formed facing inward, as for reception of Sovereign Master, or Eminent Commander, as he is called in the next degree, or for inspection and review.

Knights facing each other, each throws right foot forward about eighteen inches, throwing the weight of the body forward and right arm extended forward and upward, when swords of opposite knights are crossed about eight inches from the point.



Form cross.

CARRY SWORDS.

As this is the usual position of holding a sword, the position is assumed in executing the order to "Draw—swords," and resumed at the command "Recover," given after a salute or when a cross is formed.



Carry swords.

RETURN SWORDS.

First Motion. Bring swords to "present" and at same time grasp scabbard with left hand near the mouth.

Second Motion. Drop point of sword to the mouth of the scabbard and turning the head to the left raise the

hand when the sword is pushed in, then, eyes front and hands at side.

SWORD CUTS.



There are seven *regular* sword cuts, and when at such practice, the officer in command orders the cuts by the numbers.

The preliminary commands are, first: "*Prepare to guard!*" when sword is brought to the position of "*present;*" when the second preliminary command, "*Guard!*" is given, and each throws the right foot forward about eighteen inches

and at same time extends right arm and cross swords with each other as in "*form cross*" except that swords are crossed about midway of the blade. Swords are held in this position till the order for the cuts is given.

CUT ONE is a downward cut from the right toward the neck, as shown in engraving, when sword is brought back to position of "*prepare to guard,*" and *after each cut swords are brought to "prepare to guard."*

CUT TWO is same as cut one, except a *left* downward stroke toward the neck.

CUT THREE is made by a sweep of the sword around to the right and then up toward the legs as shown in engraving, and is called a "*right under cut.*"

CUT FOUR is the same as cut three, but from the left and called a "*left under cut.*"

CUT FIVE is a cut from the right toward the body at or near the waist.

CUT SIX is the same as cut five except from the left.

CUT SEVEN is a vertical cut toward the head and is called the "*head cut.*"

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SWORD DRILL COMPETITION



This directive establishes the Daugherty-Mitchell "Sword Drill Competition."

This competition shall be supervised by the Right Eminent Captain General.

Entry fee shall be \$25.00 to cover trophies and benefits. All proceeds shall be set aside to improve the growth of the competition by increasing the benefits of the participants.

The sole purpose of this competition shall be to improve the skills of our knights, display those skills to the public and build camaraderie among the several jurisdictions.

There shall be a traveling trophy to be carried by the best team and a 1st and 2nd place trophy to be awarded to those top teams. Other trophies will be added as the competition expands.

Each competition team shall consist of three knights. One to give the commands and two to execute the commands.

The competition shall be held immediately following the Memorial Service.

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of September 1998.

Seal

ROBERT "BOB" PHILLIPS, Jr.
Most Eminent Grand Master

"Harmony And Unity of Purpose Is Necessary In All Joint Efforts".

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