

# THE PROCESSIONS TO TYNWALD HILL

The Superintendent of Police calls out members of each procession to the Hill which depart from the West Door. The first procession to Tynwald Hill is formed in the following order:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the West Door)
- The Coroners
- The Senior Salvation Army Officer
- The Ministers of the Free Churches
- The Chairman of the Isle of Man District of the Methodist Church
- The Roman Catholic Dean
- The Beneficed Clergy
- The Dean of St German's Cathedral
- The Vicar-General
- The Archdeacon
- The Chairmen of the Town and Village Commissioners
- The Mayor of Douglas
- The Chief Registrar
- A Representative of the Commission of the Peace
- The Captains of the Parishes
- Yn Lhahder
- The High Bailiff
- The Chief Secretary
- The Chief Constable

The second procession follows immediately on the first procession without any space intervening and is formed in the following order with the Superintendent of Police being the last to leave the Royal Chapel accompanied by the Military Liaison Officer from the West Door

- Two Messengers of the House of Keys
- The Chaplain of the House of Keys
- The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
- The Members of the House of Keys

- The Chief Minister
- The Speaker of the House of Keys
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- The Members of the Legislative Council
- HM Acting Attorney General
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Lord Bishop
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- The President of Tynwald
- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the West Door)
- Trumpeters (from the West Door)
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household
- The Manx Flag (joins at the West Door, after the Surgeon to the Household, and precedes the President of Tynwald to the foot of the Hill)

Before the processions reach the War Memorial, they halt and take up an alignment on either side of the path facing inwards so as to enable His Excellency to pass through and be the first to step on to Tynwald Hill.

The trumpeters sound a fanfare as His Excellency leaves the Royal Chapel and then precede the Sword Bearer on the Processional Way. On the approach of His Excellency the Guard of Honour present arms. The processions reform behind His Excellency in reverse order to that in which they left the Royal Chapel so that the Superintendent of Police, followed by the two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary who led the first procession, bring up the rear.

Persons sitting in the enclosures at the



foot of the Hill stand when His Excellency arrives at the Hill.

## ON TYNWALD HILL

His Excellency, the President of Tynwald, the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, the HM Acting Attorney General and other Members of the Legislative Council, the Clerk of the Legislative Council, the Persons in attendance, the Sword Bearer, the Private Secretary to His Excellency and the Surgeon to the Household will occupy the top tier; the Speaker, the Chief Minister, Members and Secretary of the House of Keys together with their Chaplain will be accommodated on the next tier; the High Bailiff, the Representative of the Commission of the Peace, the Chief Registrar, the Mayor of Douglas, the Chairmen of the Town and Village Commissioners, the Archdeacon, the Vicar-General, the Clergy, the Roman Catholic Dean, the representatives of the Free Churches, the Salvation Army and the Chief Constable will occupy the tier below. The First Deemster sits at the place appointed on the south side of the Hill for the promulgation of the laws in English and the Second Deemster sits in the corresponding position on the north side of the Hill for the reading in Manx. The Deemster, Yn Lhaihder, the Captains

of the Parishes, the Coroners and the Superintendent of Police sit on the lowest tier.

When His Excellency is ready and the officials have taken up their positions on the Hill

*All stand*

## THE ROYAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God Save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God Save the Queen.**

*All sit*

His Excellency says:

*Learned First Deemster, direct the Court to be fenced.*

The First Deemster then says:

*Coroner of Glenfaba Sheading and Yn Lhaihder, fence the Court.*

The Coroner of Glenfaba Sheading fences the Court saying:

*I fence this Court in the name of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady The Queen. I charge that no person do quarrel, brawl or make any disturbance and*

*that all persons do answer their names when called. I charge this audience to witness this Court is fenced. I charge this audience to witness this Court is fenced. I charge this whole audience to bear witness this Court is now fenced.*

Yn Lhaihder immediately thereafter fences the Court in the Manx language:

*Ta mee cur yn Whaiyl shoh fo harey ayns ennym Chiarn Vannin, nagh jean peiagh erbee troiddey, baghyrt ny jannoo boiranyrs erbee, as dy jean dy chooilley pheiagh freggyrt tra vees eh er ny eam. Ta mee cur recortys er yn eanish shoh dy vel yn Whaiyl shoh fo harey. Ta mee cur recortys er y clane eanish shoh dy vel yn Whaiyl shoh nishtagh fo harey.*

The First Deemster then says:

*Incoming Coroners, take the oath in ancient form to execute your offices for the ensuing year, and receive your staves of office from the hands of His Excellency.*

The Coroners elect then proceed up the Hill in the following order:

- Coroner of Glenfaba and Michael
- Coroner of Ayre and Garff
- Coroner of Middle
- Coroner of Rushen

They occupy the step below the top step and, when all four are in position on bended knee, take the following oath, administered by the First Deemster:

*By that Book and by the holy contents thereof and by the wonderful works that God hath miraculously wrought in heaven above and in the earth beneath in six days and seven nights, you shall, without respect of favour or friendship, love or gain, consanguinity or affinity, envy or malice, well and truly execute the office of Coroner for each Sheading to which*

*you have been appointed for the ensuing year. So help you God.*

The Coroners receive their staves of office from His Excellency and then return to their places at the foot of the Hill. Gardyn Coadee remove the kneeling mats.

His Excellency then says:

*Learned Deemsters, I exhort you to proclaim to the people in ancient form such laws as have been enacted during the past year and which have received the Royal Assent.*

An abstract of the laws is set out at the end of this booklet.

The First Deemster says:

*Has Your Excellency any further commands?*

His Excellency says:

*If any persons wish to present a Petition let them now come forward.*

If there be any Petitions for Redress they are presented in due form to the Clerk of Tynwald at the foot of the Hill. The Clerk of Tynwald conveys any Petitions for Redress to His Excellency.

His Excellency, having been handed the Petitions, says:

*I shall refer these Petitions to the Standing Orders Committee of Tynwald who will report thereon at their earliest convenience.*

After the Petitioners have withdrawn to the north of the Hill, a fanfare is sounded and the troops are called to attention in turn from Tynwald Hill to the Royal Chapel.

*All stand and sing*

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**O land of our birth,  
O gem of God's earth,  
O Island so strong and so fair;**

**Built firm as Barrool,  
Thy throne of Home Rule,  
Makes us free as thy sweet mountain air.**

His Excellency then says: *This concludes the proceedings on Tynwald Hill. There will now be a sitting of Tynwald Court in the Royal Chapel of St John's. On behalf of myself, the Learned Deemsters, the Captains of the Parishes and others here assembled, I am pleased to accept the invitation of the President of Tynwald to be present at the sitting of Tynwald Court and to witness the Captioning of the Acts just promulgated.*

## PROCESSIONS FROM TYNWALD HILL

The Superintendent of Police calls the processions from the Hill which, on clearing the detachments, halt and align themselves on either side of the path to enable His Excellency, preceded by the Sword of State, to pass. The Superintendent of Police is the last person to leave the Hill and brings up the rear of the processions, accompanied by the Military Liaison Officer. He is immediately followed by the two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary who lead the first procession.

The first procession:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary
- The Coroners
- The Senior Salvation Army Officer
- The Ministers of the Free Churches
- The Chairman of the Isle of Man District of the Methodist Church
- The Roman Catholic Dean
- The Beneficed Clergy
- The Dean of St German's Cathedral
- The Vicar-General
- The Archdeacon
- The Chairmen of the Town and Village Commissioners

- The Mayor of Douglas
- The Chief Registrar
- A Representative of the Commission of the Peace
- The Captains of the Parishes
- Yn Lhaihder
- The High Bailiff
- The Chief Secretary
- The Chief Constable

The second procession:

- The Members of the Legislative Council
- HM Acting Attorney General
- The Lord Bishop
- Two Messengers of the House of Keys
- The Chaplain of the House of Keys
- The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
- The Members of the House of Keys
- The Chief Minister
- The Speaker of the House of Keys
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- The President of Tynwald

The third procession, which proceeds to the Robing Room:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the foot of the Hill)
- Trumpeters (from the foot of the Hill)
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household
- The Manx Flag immediately follows the Surgeon from the foot of the Hill

The following persons from the Second Procession then join the third procession to the Robing Room:

- The President of Tynwald
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Second Deemster
- The Deemster

The Speaker of the House of Keys, preceded by a Messenger of the House of Keys, leads all the remainder of the processions into the Chapel by the West Door.

Persons holding tickets for the Royal Chapel proceed from their places in the enclosure at Tynwald Hill to their seats in the Royal Chapel, at the direction of the Ushers. The Guard of Honour, Band and Standard Bearers move from the Processional Way, across the Green to their new positions on the road opposite the Lychgate to await the departure of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. The Manx Units withdraw from the Processional Way across the Green to their assembly area. Those seated on the stands may not leave their places until the processions have re-entered the Royal Chapel, the military withdrawn and then only on the instructions of the officials.

## SITTING OF THE COURT OF TYNWALD

### The Captioning of the Acts

The passage from the Robing Room to the South Door of the Royal Chapel is meanwhile cleared by police officers, and when Tynwald Court has assembled in the Royal Chapel and the invited guests are in their places, the following procession moves from the Robing Room into the Royal Chapel:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (to the South Door)
- Two Gardyn Coadee (who will stand either side of the communion rail)
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- The Manx Flag (to the South Door)
- The President of Tynwald
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council

*All stand as the President of Tynwald enters the Royal Chapel*

The President of Tynwald then says:

*Honourable Members, I have invited His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Deputy Governor, First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls, His Honour the Second Deemster and His Honour the Deemster to be present to witness this sitting of the Court, and I call upon the Clerk of Tynwald to escort them to their places.*

*All remain standing as His Excellency enters the Royal Chapel accompanied by the Deemsters*

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (to the South Door)
- Trumpeters (to the South Door)
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household

His Excellency and the Deemsters take their seats behind the Bar of the Court: once they are seated, the Gardyn Coadee close the Bar of the Court and the Sword of State is placed before the President.

*All sit*

The President of Tynwald says:

*Members of the Council, Mr Speaker and*

*Members of the House of Keys, we shall now caption the Acts just promulgated on Tynwald Hill.*

The Seneschal hands the promulgated Acts to the President of Tynwald to be certified. Once the President of Tynwald has signed them, each Act will be taken by a Messenger to the Speaker of the House of Keys for his signature and then returned to the red case.

Once the signing process is complete the President of Tynwald will award the Tynwald Honour. The Tynwald Honour is the highest award that Tynwald can bestow. It is given only to someone who has made an outstanding, lifelong and altruistic contribution to Manx life.

**The President then says:**

*Members of the Council, Mr Speaker and Members of the House of Keys, that concludes the business of the Court. The Court will now stand adjourned to 9th July 2013 at 10.30 am in Douglas. I now call upon Hon Members to stand for the departure of His Excellency and his party.*

**All stand**

The Gardyn Coadee open the Bar of the Court. His Excellency, accompanied by the Deemsters, leaves the Royal Chapel proceeding to the Robing Room by the South Door:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the South Door)
- Trumpeters (from the South Door)
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household.
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Second Deemster
- The Deemster

The President of Tynwald says: *The*

*Council will now retire and Members of the House of Keys will remain to transact such business as Mr Speaker may put before them.*

The President of Tynwald and the Members of the Legislative Council leave the Royal Chapel and proceed within the procession to the Robing Room by the South Door in the following order:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the South Door)
- The Manx Flag (from the South Door)
- The President of Tynwald
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Clerk to the Legislative Council
- The Lord Bishop
- HM Acting Attorney General
- The other Members of the Legislative Council
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council

**All sit**

## **SITTING OF THE HOUSE OF KEYS**

The Deputy Speaker moves: *That all Bills and other business before the House remaining unfinished at this date be suspended and continued at the same stage to the first meeting of the House in the next legislative year.*

The Speaker asks for a Seconder (traditionally a long serving Member).

A vote is taken and the business is concluded.

Mr Speaker will say: *Hon Members, since the business of the House for this session was concluded at our last sitting, there is now no further business to transact. The House will now stand adjourned to 10.30 am in Tynwald Court in Douglas on 9th July 2013.*

**All stand**



At the conclusion of the sitting of the House of Keys the following persons leave the Royal Chapel by the South Door:

- Two Messengers of the House of Keys
- The Chaplain of the House of Keys
- The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
- The Members of the House of Keys
- The Chief Minister
- The Speaker of the House of Keys

They line each side of the route to the Robing Room to enable the Speaker to proceed through their ranks to the Robing Room.

*All sit until directed by an Usher to leave*

The official guests leave the Royal Chapel via the South Door.

Those persons remaining in the Royal Chapel leave by the West Door.

Official photograph to be taken.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor returns to the Robing Room with The President of Tynwald and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

After the photograph has been taken the following procession moves from the Robing Room to the road side of the Lychgate and halts:-

- The Sword Bearer
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Manx Flag
- The President of Tynwald
- The Speaker of the House of Keys

The route will be lined by the ushers and police.

Upon signal from the Military Liaison Officer, the Guard of Honour Present Arms for the Royal Salute and National Anthem.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor bids farewell to the President of Tynwald and the Speaker of the House of Keys. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and his party then depart.

The Trumpeters, the Sword Bearer, the Manx Flag, the President of Tynwald, the Speaker of the House of Keys and the Military Liaison Officer then retire through the Lychgate to the Robing Room.

**Roger Phillips**

Clerk of Tynwald  
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