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Regulations for Tynwald

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TYNWALD to be held at St. John's on July 5th will be the occasion for Promulgating the Acts passed during the last Session, and for transacting other business.

At 11 a.m. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will arrive and after he has inspected the 1st Battalion the Loyals and Royal Air Force Guard of Honour drawn up on the Fairground he will place a wreath on the National War Memorial. Detachments from the Territorial Army, British Legion, British Legion (Women's Section), Joint Ex-Service Associations, Sea Cadet Corps, King William's College C.C.F., Civil Defence Corps and Boy Scouts will be in attendance.

The general arrangements in connection with the Tynwald Ceremony will be as follows :—

1. A Service will be held in the Royal Chapel of St. John's at 11.15 a.m. Those taking part in the Ceremony will have the use of rooms in the Church Room, adjoining the Church, for robing purposes. Those numbered (1), (6) and (12) to (32) inclusive in paragraph 9 below will go in procession from the Church Room to their seats in the Church in the following order :—

Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary.
The Sword of State.
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
The officers in personal attendance on His Excellency.
The Chief Constable.
The Surgeon to the Household.
The Lord Bishop.
The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls.
The Second Deemster.
The Attorney General.
The Members of the Legislative Council.
The Clerk of the Legislative Council.
The two Messengers of the House of Keys.
The Speaker of the House of Keys.
The Members of the House of Keys.
The Secretary of the House of Keys.
The Chaplain of the House of Keys.
The Lhaihder.
The High Bailiff.
The Archdeacon.
The Vicar General.
The Chaplain of St. John's.
Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary.

Those numbered (2) to (5) and (7) to (11) inclusive in paragraph 9 will take their seats in the Church prior to the Commencement of the Service.

2. The Lord Bishop will attend in full dress and the Chaplain of St. John's will attend in canonicals. The rest of the Clergy, without exception will attend in Convocation robes.

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3. Detachments from the British Legion, British Legion (Women's Section), Joint Ex-Service Associations, Sea Cadet Corps, Civil Defence Corps and Boy Scouts Association will line the pathway between Tynwald Hill and the Church and from the Church to the Church Room.

4. The public will not be permitted to proceed within the lines formed by the above contingents.

5. Those taking part in the ceremony will occupy the places in the Church allotted to them.

6. Places for friends will be reserved in the Church for members of Tynwald and officials. Tickets will be numbered and the numbers on the tickets will correspond with the numbers on the pews.

7. There will be limited accommodation in the Church for members of the public, who will be issued with numbered tickets.

8. Ticket holders should be in their places in the Church not later than 11 a.m.

9. A procession to Tynwald Hill will be formed in the following order :—

- (1) Four Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary.
- (2) The Coroners.
- (3) The Captains of the Parishes.
- (4) Two Ministers of the Free Churches.
- (5) The Beneficed Clergy.
- (6) The Officiating Minister.
- (7) The Chairman of the Isle of Man Education Authority.
- (8) The Chairman of the Peel Town Commissioners.
- (9) The Chairman of the Ramsey Town Commissioners.
- (10) The Chairman of the Castletown Town Commissioners.
- (11) The Mayor of Douglas.
- (12) The Vicar General.
- (13) The Archdeacon.
- (14) The High Bailiff.
- (15) The Lhahnder.
- (16) The Chaplain of the House of Keys.
- (17) The Secretary of the House of Keys.
- (18) The Members of the House of Keys.
- (19) The Speaker of the House of Keys.
- (20) The two Messengers of the House of Keys.
- (21) The Government Secretary.
- (22) The Members of the Legislative Council.
- (23) The Attorney General.
- (24) The Second Deemster.
- (25) The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls.
- (26) The Lord Bishop.
- (27) The Sword of State.
- (28) His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
- (29) The Officers in personal attendance on His Excellency.
- (30) The Chief Constable.
- (31) The Surgeon to the Household.
- (32) A detachment of the Isle of Man Constabulary.

Before the procession reaches the War Memorial, it will 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 the Hill. The procession will re-form behind His Excellency in reverse order to that in which it left the Church. On the approach of His Excellency, troops will "present arms."

10. All persons in possession of tickets for the Church will be provided with accommodation in an enclosure at Tynwald Hill. Before the procession has left the building they will leave pew by pew, commencing from the front. The Church Choir will follow, taking up position to the North of the wall near the Commentators Box and in view of the Bands of the 1st Battalion the Loyals and the R.A.F.

11. On Tynwald Hill His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the members of the Legislative Council, the Government Secretary, the Sword Bearer and the officers in personal attendance on His Excellency will occupy the top; The Speaker, Members and Secretary of the House of Keys, together with their Chaplain, will be accommodated on the next step; while the High Bailiff, the Vicar General, the Mayor of Douglas, the Chairman of the Castletown, Peel and Ramsey Town Commissioners, the Chairman of the Isle of Man Education Authority, the Clergy (including the Officiating Minister) and the Free Church Ministers will occupy the step below.

The Captains of the Parishes will occupy the lowest step and they will be on either side of the approach.

The Coroners will stand at the foot of the Hill.

12. When His Excellency is seated on the Hill and the various officials have taken up their positions, there will be given a Royal Salute and the National Anthem and the Manx National Anthem will be sung by the Church Choir, accompanied by the Royal Air Force Band, everybody standing.

(1) His Excellency will resume his seat on the Hill and will say :—

“ LEARNED DEEMSTER, DIRECT THE COURT TO BE FENCED.”

(2) The First Deemster will then say :—

“ CORONER OF GLENFABA SHEADING, FENCE THE COURT.”

(3) The Coroner of Glenfaba Sheading will fence the Court with the following form of words :—

“ I FENCE THIS COURT OF TYNWALD 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.”

(4) The First Deemster will then say :—

“ OUTGOING CORONERS SURRENDER YOUR STAVES OF OFFICE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.”

(5) The Coroners will ascend the Hill in the following order :—

Glenfaba,
Michael,
Ayre,
Garff,
Middle,
Rushen :—

hand in their staves of office and return to their places.

(6) The First Deemster will then say :—

“ IN-COMING 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 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.”

- (7) The Coroners-elect will then proceed up the Hill, in the order indicated in (5) and occupy in threes the two steps below the top step and when all six are in position then, on bended knee, take the following oath to be 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 THE SHEADING TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR. SO HELP YOU GOD.”

These Coroners will receive their staves of office from His Excellency and then return to their places at the foot of the Hill.

- (8) His Excellency will then say :—

“ LEARNED DEEMSTER AND LHAIHDER, 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 HER GRACIOUS MAJESTY'S ROYAL ASSENT.”

- (9) After the Laws have been read there will be a fanfare and the troops will be called to attention in turn from the Hill to the Church. The First Deemster will say :—

“ FREEMEN OF MANN, IN YOUR ANCIENT TYNWALD ASSEMBLED I CALL UPON YOU, AS AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR LOYALTY, TO GIVE THREE CHEERS FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.”

- (10) The First Deemster will then say :—

“ HAS YOUR EXCELLENCY ANY FURTHER COMMANDS ?”

- (11) His Excellency, in the event of his having no further commands to give, will say :—

“ TYNWALD WILL ADJOURN TO THE CHURCH AND COMPLETE SUCH BUSINESS AS REMAINS TO BE TRANSACTED.”

13. After the business on the Hill has been transacted, the Procession will leave the Hill in the same order and with the same procedure in which it left the Church. On clearing the detachments it will halt and align itself on either side of the path as before, to enable His Excellency to enter the Church first.

14. On the conclusion of the whole Ceremony, persons in the nave should remain seated until both the Legislative Council and the House of Keys have left the Church.

15. The Chief Constable will detail Police Officers to act as Marshals to ensure that the foregoing regulations are strictly observed.

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E. R. St. A. DAVIES,
Government Secretary.