

HONOR GUARD: ROSARIES & FUNERALS

Contacting the Family

- Explain the Wake Service that is available to them.
- Ask family if someone is saying the rosary for the deceased.
- Ask family about time for the rosary.

Participants

- Court members serve as the Leader and the Reader.
- Court Chaplain should serve as Leader if he is available.
- All participants should wear white in honor and respect for their deceased sister.
- Make copies of Wake Service available for everyone.

During the Service the Leader and Reader

- Take positions in the front of the room near the casket or stand side by side or one on each side of the casket.
- It is appropriate to ask the Court Chaplain for a short message prior to the beginning of the service; also applicable to any other clergy present at the Wake service.

Honor Guard at Funerals

- Participants should wear white in honor and respect for their deceased sister.
- White should be worn under robes with white shoes.
- Honor Guard participants are to sit together.
- Assign an usher to change the guards approximately every 15 minutes.
- Option: one (1) to four (4) Honor Guards on each end of the casket facing one another.

Prior to the End of Mass

- Quietly leave the pew and form two (2) single lines in the foyer of the church.
- Members facing one another for the casket and family to pass through.
- Right hand over your heart until the casket and family have passed through your lines.