**2018-2021 Changes to Signs and Passes**

**General Grand Chapter**

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* **These changes are effective immediately (Regional EOPs), until the next Triennial Assembly in 2021.**
* **All actions are to match the recited words and are to be natural and easy.**
* **Hold the sign while casting the eyes only upward, not moving the head, and hold until the pass is given.** (this is not a change)
* **The Triangle is a very important theme in this Triennium.**

**Adah:**

* Only change to gestures: when bringing hands to the breast, fists touch at the pinkies, **forming a triangle**.
* The veil is no longer wrapped using the “knuckles to knuckles” method. We now, grasp ahold of the scarf (near end of the scarf where the hand is naturally down at the side) with left hand, raise up to the chest area on the side of the body and grasp another section (now holding in two places) and pull (do not yank) the scarf from around the neck. Wrap from behind the sword, reciting in your head, “to thee”, (wrap toward to new member) “to me”, (wrap toward yourself) “to thee” (wrap toward the new member). Movements are from behind the sword, (toward the East while wrapping toward the new member).

**Ruth:**

* Only change to gestures: when bring hands to the breast, hands touch at the pinkies, **forming a triangle**. The hands are holding culms of barley in the same manner as before: hands slightly closed with thumb touching pointer finger.

**Esther:**

* The fingertips **do** touch the crown at the temple with the right hand, **it is NOT a salute.** The hand is raised up touching the base of the crown with the fingertips in a natural motion, then touching the left shoulder as before, making sure the elbow is level with the shoulder, **forming a triangle**. The hand is not cupped when the arm is extended, the arm is straight out, not at an angle.

**Martha:**

* Move the hands from the side, in a natural, circular motion **forming a triangle, ending with the triangle above the head.** After the pass is given, lower the hands down in a natural, circular motion back to the side.
* During the lecture, do not open or close the triangle on the word “God”. The motion is the same as described above.

**Electa:**

* There are no changes to Electa. The actions match the words, moving the arms on the words the left over the right.
* During the lecture, make sure to extend the left hand forward enough while holding the cross to make it easier to cross while to bring the arms up to the chest.