

**Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program  
Unit 12  
Revised Prelate Installation Charge**

To complete this course we must submit a recommendation for a new Prelate's installation charge. I'll begin with the current Virginia Prelate's installation charge and add my revisions in bold print. The product being a combination of new and old. Explanations will follow.

Currently

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Revision

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Sir: You have been chosen Prelate of this Commandery. I have the pleasure of investing you with this Triple Triangle, which is the Jewel of your office, and a beautiful emblem of **[D]eity**. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo. Your duty is to officiate at the Altar and to offer up prayers to **[D]eity**." **Furthermore, your duties of counsel, solace and guidance extend beyond the walls of your asylum. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Glory be to God.**

Explanation

In the interest of brevity, I kept it short. There are many officers to be installed. [Merriam-Webster.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/deity) defines Deity as a proper noun when referring to God or a Supreme Being. Thus I capitalized it. The last emboldened sentences are directly from the Virginia closing charge at the the altar (attached). The Worshipful Master recites the charge when closing every Master Masons' Lodge. Therefore, Virginia Prelates have heard it ever since they were Raised. I've merely linked it to the office into which they are being installed.

In conclusion, I think my revision might make Prelates more aware of the world around them and the duty to minister to everybody in a variety of ways.

Courteously,  
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