



## THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE GUARD OF HONOR AT THE ROYAL TOMBS OF THE PANTHEON

### HONOR GUARD SERVICE

The Guard of Honor service at the Tombs of the Kings of Italy, due to its patriotic and symbolic value, is intended to be an expression of grateful respect towards the Savoy Dynasty, which led Italy to unity.

It follows that the Guard of Honor on duty at the Royal Tombs must, with their dignified, austere and correct demeanor, give visitors to the Pantheon the sensation of intimate awareness of the honor conferred on them.

It is therefore not permitted to chat with visitors or among the guards,

The Guard of Honor service is personal and mandatory for Members. Exempting from this duty without justified reason is the most serious infraction: possession of the card does not constitute any title of merit if it is not validated by the prescribed guard shifts.

The dress must be decent, possible dark.

The use of the relevant military cap with rank insignia and the Guards of Honor cloak is optional. The Ladies of the CRI are allowed to use the particular uniform.

It is not decorous to complete the dressing near the hemicycles where you must present yourself already in order for the Guard.

During the service, members must bring:

- social badge
- the service arm band on the left arm;
- the social tie
- the blazer (fabric badge) on the heart side;
- medals for valor and commemorative medals (preferable in the small format)

Before starting the service, a salute to the Royal Tombs must be made by placing oneself at the center of the red marble disc, near the Tombs themselves. assuming the correct attentive position for a few seconds: there is no military *salute* or *bow*, or, even worse, make the sign of the cross.

There are normally 4 seats, two per chamber, on both sides of it and not on the two sides of the lectern (the guard is at the Tomb, not at the lectern!).

If the number of Guards present is greater than one, they must guard the two hemicycles, always positioning themselves inside them.

In the event of the presence of a number of Guards is greater than 4, they will join the Guards already on duty in equal distribution.

At the end of the service the greeting is repeated in the same initial manner.

Members who are preparing to serve for the first time are required, before going to the Pantheon, to go to the Presidency for the required visit and to receive verbal instructions for the collection of voluntary signatures of homage from visitors.

The lecterns contain registers for signatures, pens and signs which, in various languages, explain the meaning of the signature book.

The signs must be displayed on the lectern at the beginning of the service and collected at the end.

The Guard member, before collecting signatures from visitors, must write in a clearly legible manner his name and surname, the serial number, the start time of the guard duty and the place of origin. The same operation must be repeated at the end of the service.

Only in this way will it be possible to avoid errors or omissions in the registration by the secretariat.

This is very important, as the date recorded are those that allow, among other things, the granting of merit recognition.