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Form to be observed at the Opening of a Chapter.

¶ The Knights Companions being robed, and seated according to the seniority of their installation, (taking precedence from the right,) the Knight Commander being also robed, and wearing a cap of black velvet, turned up with scarlet, with a rosette of all the colours on the right side,—shall assume the Chair, and the Word shall pass from right to left ; after which he shall call upon the Chaplain, (if present,) to read the following portions of Scripture :

“ Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window, which thou didst let us down by : and thou shalt bring thy father and thy mother, and all thy father’s household home unto thee.

“ And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the streets, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless : and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be upon our head, if any hand be upon him.

“ And if thou utter this our busi-

ness, then we will be quit of thine oath, which thou hast made us to swear.”—*Josh.* ii, 18, 19, 20.

¶ The Knight Commander shall then say—LET US PRAY.

The Knights Companions shall then stand, and each placing his right hand upon his left breast, opposite the heart, the Chaplain shall read the Opening Prayer, as follows :

Almighty and most merciful God !
 who in all ages hast shown thy power
 and goodness, in protecting every
 Society instituted by thy people, for
 righteous and religious purposes ; we
 yield thee hearty thanks for the spirit
 of Christian kindness and charity,
 which Thou hast been graciously
 pleased to raise up amongst us.—
Grant, Oh, most Gracious Father !
 that all such holy virtues, may abundantly flourish, and be the stability of our times.

Vouchsafe, O Lord God ! to continue unto us thine Almighty protection : grant to our gracious Queen good health, long life, and all happiness : let Thy Providence ever guard our illustrious Institution, and enable us to transmit it to posterity, unim-

paired but improved, by our **Holy Religion**. Bless. we beseech thee, every **Knight Companion** of this **Noble Order** with charity, brotherly love, and loyalty: give us a due and lasting sense of all thy mercies towards us, and grant that the **Knights** of this **Chapter** may increase in respect and prosperity here on earth, and be brought to enjoy eternal happiness hereafter. These and all other blessings, we humbly beg in Thy name, and through the mediation of **Jesus Christ**, our **Redeemer** and **Saviour**.
Amen.

¶ The prayer being read, the Knight Commander shall say:—
“ I declare this Chapter to be duly Open, according to the proper forms of our Illustrious Order, in the name of ALMIGHTY GOD.”

RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION, TO BE USED AT THE INSTALLATION OF A KNIGHT COMPANION OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF ROYAL SCARLET!

¶ There will be needed for this ceremony two bowls, containing w. and w., also two swords, one of them having a sheath and a belt: a pair of gilt spurs and a scarlet mantle, with a cord and tassel to fasten it by, will also be required.—
 The swords, spurs and mantle, with one of the bowls of w. and w. to be placed near the Chair of the Knight Command.

er, and the other bowl of w. and w., to be kept in the room of preparation.

All things being ready in the Chapter-room, the Proposer or Secunder of the Candidate, accompanied by another Knight, shall proceed to the adjacent room, (called the room of preparation,) where they shall cause the Candidate to read and sign the Obligation, (in the roll-book to be kept special for that purpose.) His right knee shall be then bared, and being placed between the two Knights, (his proposer carrying the roll-book, the other Knight this form, with a bowl of w. w., and the Candidate himself the Holy Bible,) he shall be conducted to the door of the Chapter-room: on approaching which, the Knight carrying the bowl shall sprinkle the side-posts and lintel of the door. And the Tyler shall say to him:

“*What mean ye by this service?*”—EXOD. xii. 26.

¶ The Knight shall reply:—

“*It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel, in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.*”—EXOD. xii., 27.

¶ The Tyler shall then bow his head: the “Pass” is given between him and the Knight, and they enter the Chapter-room; where they are received by “Sir Herald-Knight-at-Arms,” who points out a chair, (near the door,) to the Candidate, where he remains seated, and between his Introducers. All being seated, the Chaplain (in his white robes of office) shall rise, and say:—

“**And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, in the land of Egypt, saying: The blood shall be unto you for a token, upon the houses where ye are; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.**

“ And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. Ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

“Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses; for whosoever eateth leavened bread, from the first day even unto the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.”—*Exod. xii. 1, 13, 14 and 15.*

¶ The Chaplain then resumes his seat, when the two Junior Knights rise, and hand round the c. and w.

¶ This part of the ceremony being fully ended, the Knight Commander gives one stroke of his hammer, and says:—

“ *Rise up and get ye forth! go, serve the Lord as ye have said.*”—*Exod. xii. 31.*

¶ The two Knights Companions shall then rise, and the Candidate, being between the two Knights and followed by “Sir Herald-Knight-at-Arms,” shall be conducted to the lower end of the room, opposite the Knight Commander, who shall rise and address him as follows:

“ *What do you require at our hands?* ”

¶ The Candidate shall answer.

“ *To be installed a Knight of the Illustrious Order of Royal Scarlet.* ”

¶ The Knight Commander shall then address the Candidate in the following words:

“ **It is a noble and wholesome profession to serve the Protestant Faith!**

You ask that which has been demanded by many and been often refused! This Order of Knighthood which you demand of us, is only given to those who have proved their devotion, and whose merits have rendered them worthy of it. For this reason, and believing you to be what the rules of our Illustrious Order require, we consent to your reception, reminding you, that none are permitted to receive this Order, who are not the sworn defenders of the Queen, the Constitution, and the Protestant Faith. Do you promise that upon all occasions you will thus act?"

¶ The Candidate shall then say,—

"I do!"

¶ The Candidate shall then kneel on his bared knee, and the Holy Bible being opened, and pressed with both hands against the left breast, the Knight Companion shall administer the OBLIGATION, as follows :

OBLIGATION :

"I do Solemnly and Voluntarily Swear, that I will inviolably preserve the whole and every part of the Secrets of a KNIGHT COMPANION OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF ROYAL SCARLET, and that I will never disclose the whole nor any part thereof, except under such regulations as may be estab-

lished by the Royal Chapter, with the Sovereign's approbation.

"I likewise solemnly and voluntarily swear, that I am a true and faithful Subject of Her Majesty, and that I will, to the latest moment of my existence, preserve and maintain a faithful and steady allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain,—being Protestant.

"I also Solemnly and Voluntarily Swear, that I will not wrong or injure, or cause to be wronged or injured, any Knight Companion of the Royal Scarlet Order, (knowing him to be such;) that I will give him notice, (if in my power,) of all approaching danger which may come to my knowledge; and that in all things lawful, I will give him the preference and support, where such preference and support may not tend to my own injury.

"I further Solemnly and Voluntarily Swear, that I will, within every year, pay a "monthly offering," (if in my power,) to such person as the Sovereign may appoint to receive the same.

"Lastly,—I Solemnly and Voluntarily Swear, that I will use my best endeavours to maintain the Royal Scarlet Order,—that I will obey its Ordinances,—maintain its Character,—extend its Influence, and promote its Interests, to the best of my ability and power :—SO HELP ME GOD !"

¶ The Candidate shall then stand, and Sir Herald-Knight-at-Arms shall proceed to the Chaplain, before whom he shall present a sheathed sword; upon which the Chaplain shall lay his right hand and say.

We beseech Thee, O Lord! to hear our prayers, and that Thou wouldest deign to employ Thy Divine Majesty to bless this sword, which

Thy servant designs to wear upon his side, to the end that he may be a true and valiant defender of the Queen, the Constitution and the Protestant Faith. Grant that he may be a dreaded foe to those who would injure them; and that if he may be required to draw it, he may sheathe it only in victory and mercy, through the grace of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

† "Sir Herald Knight-at-Arms" shall then take the sword, and retaining the sheath, present it drawn to the Candidate, while the Chaplain shall say :—

"Receive this consecrated sword in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Use it in your own lawful defence, and that of the Queen, the Constitution and the Protestant Faith: And take thou good heed lest the frailty of human nature, cause thee to strike with it in an unholy and unjust cause."

† The sword shall then be sheathed, and the Knight Voucher shall gird it to the Candidate's side; while doing so the Chaplain shall say :—

"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

and remember that it was not by arms, that the Saints conquered Kingdoms, but by the greatness of their Faith."

¶ Sir Herald Knight-at-Arms, now takes the sword from the Candidate's side, and presents it to the Knight Commander, who places it in the Candidate's hand, (retaining the hilt in his own,) and saying:

"To the end that you maintain all that you have promised, receive this sword, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

¶ The Candidate still holding fast the sheath, the Knight Commander shall draw the sword and say:

"Take this sword,—by its brightness it is an emblem of Faith,—by its point of Hope,—and by its guard, of Charity. Use it in your own lawful defence, and that of the Queen, the Constitution and the Protestant Faith. Fear no perils in behalf of the Brethren, for this is the true Faith and Justification of a Loyal Knight."

¶ The Knight Commander shall then give the sword into the Candidate's hand, who shall rub it upon his arm, and return it to the sheath, the Knight Commander saying:

"Even as you now place this good sword bright and unsullied in its

sheath, take heed lest you defile its brightness, by drawing it in an unjust cause."

¶ The Knight Commander shall then take into his hand the gilded spurs, and, addressing the Candidate, shall say :—

"Seest thou these spurs? They signify to you, that even as the disobedient and unruly horse fears their stroke, so must thou dread to depart from thy Faith, and from thy Oath. They will now be placed upon the lowest part of thy person, to remind thee that, although gold is the richest metal, it is not to be preferred to thy honour."

¶ The Knight Voucher shall then buckle on the spurs, and Sir Herald Knight-at-Arms shall hand the robe to the Knight Commander, who shall say :—

"We now know thee to be one of those who will defend to the death, the Queen, the Constitution and the Protestant Faith. Receive this robe, beneath which thou shalt find an increase of Faith, and a more earnest zeal in support of our holy and just cause."

¶ The Knight Voucher shall then place the robe on the Candidate, the scarlet cord and tassel of which shall be pre-

sented by Sir Herald Knight-at-Arms, to the Knight Commander, who (holding the same in his hand) shall say :—

“Take heed unto thy ways ! This yoke is pleasant and easy to be borne ! By this line of scarlet cord I bind thee ; in token of thy Obligation and Admission to our illustrious order.— And as I now cast this cord behind thee, ¶ Here the Knight Commander throws the end of the cord and tassel over the Candidate’s shoulder. so will we cast thee out from amongst us, shouldst thou prove an unworthy Knight.”

¶ The Knight Commander shall then direct the Candidate to kneel, and shall sprinkle his head, from the contents of the bowl, which stands near him. He shall then give the Sign, which is to be repeated by all the Knights, from right to left. Then follows the Grip, in like order : And, lastly, —the Pass, in the same form. The Knight Commander shall then draw his sword, and, striking the Candidate three blows on the shoulder, shall say :—

“In the name of St. George, St. Patrick and St. Andrew,—in token of the Union of the Empire, which thou hast sworn to defend, I dub thee Knight ! Be thou vigilant and brave in defending thy Order ! Arise ! Sir
_____.”

¶ The new Knight shall then rise, and the Knight Commander, descending from his Chair, shall give him the knightly embrace, to be followed by the other knights in succession, and according to their seniority. This being finished, he shall

take his place as the Junior Knight, when the Chaplain shall say:

“And ye shall observe this thing, for an ordinance to thee and thy sons for ever.

“And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he has promised, that ye shall keep this service.

“Thus did all the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron so did they.”—*Exod.* xii., 24, 25, 50.

(All Chapters are closed by the Chaplain repeating the Lord's Prayer, and the Knight Commander pronouncing the word—*“Amen.”*)

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth; as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*