

Opening . Ceremonies

[Seven members being present, the S. C. takes the chair and calls to order.]

S. C.—Officers and members : I am about to open this Council for the despatch of business, and will thank you for your attention and assistance. Bro. Herald :

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Your first duty in this Council ?

H.—To see the Council properly guarded.

S. C.—You will station the Sentinel on duty, directing him to preserve order in our courts.

[The Herald retires with the Sentinel, and instructs him in his duties. After entering gives the signal, to which the Sentinel responds, when the Herald reports :]

H.—Select Councilor.

S. C.—Bro. Herald.

H.—That duty is performed.

S. C.—Your next duty in this Council ?

H.—To see that all present are qualified to remain.

S. C.—You will attend to that duty.

[The Herald commences at the right and the Deputy Herald at the left of the Select Councilor and examines those present in password, grip and token. Should visitors fail to prove themselves Royal Templars, they will retire to the court, and await examination by a committee. Members reported without the token will square their account at the Fin. Sec'y's desk and obtain it from the S. C. The Herald and Deputy Herald will meet in front of the Vice-Councilor's chair, and together they will approach the altar and the Herald will report :]