

(The L. P. then approaches the A.)

L. P. Novice, gladly do I welcome you to our number. We seek the companionship of the true and the good. Whilst the Veil of our Chapter is drawn against selfish pride, it opens wide to receive the possessor of a pure heart and unsullied name. In you we will confide further. On your brow we will place the coronet of our Order. On your hand we will press the ring of sisterly regard. Many of noble lineage have been denied these honorary favors. In bestowing these graces may we ever feel that we have honored you, gratified our Chapter, and performed an act tending to elevate the sex. * * *

S. L. Asst. Sister Standard Bearer, elevate the Standard.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, face the West, draw swords, present swords.

THE ACCOLADE.

L. P. With this wand, symbol of my power, I do strike thee a blow, not of offence but of magic might.

(Strikes N. with wand on head * * * times.)

L. P. Be thou no longer Novice, but Lady, a Lady of Justice of the Order of St. John. of Jerusalem.