

presented 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