

*Having communicated—*

S. M.—Recover swords ; return swords ; posts march.

*All standing at their stations, the Sovereign Master may proclaim the Council open in the form given on page 81, or he may cause the officers to rehearse their duties as follows :*

REHEARSAL OF DUTIES.

S. M.—Sir Knight Chancellor, are you a Knight of the Red Cross ?

C.—That is my profession.

S. M.—By what will you be tried ?

C.—By the test of Truth.

S. M.—Why by the test of Truth ?

C.—Because none but good men and true are entitled to the honors of this Order.

S. M.—Where did you receive the honors of this Order ?

C.—In a legal Council of Knights of the Red Cross.

S. M.—What number constitutes such a Council ?

C.—There is an indispensable number. and a constitutional number.

S. M.—What is the indispensable number ?

C.—Three.

S. M.—Under what circumstances may three form and open a Council of Knights of the Red Cross ?

C.—Three Knights of the Red Cross, being also Knights Templar, hailing from three different Commanderies may, under the sanction of a warrant or charter, form and open a Council for the dispatch of business.

S. M.—What is the Constitutional number ?