

at the forming and opening of a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, unless there shall be present at least five regular Sir Knights of the Order, or the representatives of three separate Preceptories, they having a warrant or charter empowering them to work.

I further promise and swear, that I will not assist or be present at the conferring of this Order of Knighthood upon any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I further promise and swear, that I will vindicate the character of a true and Courteous Sir Knight of the Order when wrongfully traduced, and that I will aid him on all lawful occasions.

To all of this I solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, with a firm and steadfast resolution to observe and perform the same, without any equivocation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind in me whatever, binding myself under no less a penalty than that of having my house torn down, the timbers thereof set up, and I hanged thereon; and until the last trump. All sound, I be excluded from the society of all true and courteous Knights of the Order, should I ever knowingly or willfully violate or transgress this my solemn obligation of a Knight of the Red Cross; so help me God and keep me steadfast.

H. P.—In testimony of your sincerity, kiss the Holy Bible and arise. I now invest you with this GREEN SASH, as a particular mark of our friendship and esteem; you will wear it as a perpetual memorial to stimulate you to