

PRECEPTOR.—Having learned something of our Order, approach Brother, while I address you.

*The Sponsors conduct him to the Altar, and they stand below the Dais.*

PRECEPTOR.—As both we and you might suffer inconvenience from what you have, mayhap concealed from us, place your right hand on the Holy Gospels, and answer truly the questions I shall put to you. Do you belong to any other order or society hostile to the Order of the Temple?

NOVICE.—I do not, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—Do you solemnly promise never to join any order or society, to the prejudice or injury of our Order?

NOVICE.—I do, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—Do you solemnly promise to maintain and defend to the utmost of your power the honor, dignity and interests of our Order?

NOVICE.—I do, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—Are you ready to follow out your profession in the face of every difficulty and discouragement?

NOVICE.—With God's assistance I am, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—Kiss the Holy Gospel.

*Which having been done.*

PRECEPTOR.—Dear Brother, having thus answered, and having declared your intention to follow out your profession in the face of every difficulty and discouragement, praying that the Almighty will assist you and keep you steadfast; I am now ready, with the assist-