

This is done, the Aspirant facing the Brethren. Appropriate music may be introduced.

PRECEPTOR.—Approach, kneel at the Altar, and place your hands on the Holy Gospels. To order, Brethren (Done.)

CHAPLAIN.—Let us pray. Merciful Lord of Heaven and Earth, Who hast inclined the heart of this Thy servant to dedicate the remainder of his life to Thy Holy service. We beseech Thee, that he may constantly adhere to this pious resolution, that he may heartily detest the sins of his former life, and may henceforward with a firm resolution shun all occasions of offending Thee, O Great Emmanuel. Amen.

PRECEPTOR [to the Aspirant].—You will now repeat after me the vow of secrecy, but as no one shall be permitted to enter into any engagement until he has first become acquainted with the particulars of the covenant, listen attentively to the *vow* you are about to take upon yourself before the assembly of the Brethren in order to become one of our number.

O. B.

“ I, A. B., in the presence of the Holy and Undivided
“ Trinity, do hereby solemnly promise and swear, that I
“ will ever conceal the Secrets of or belonging to the
“ Order of the Temple, which shall now or hereafter may
“ be communicated to me, and that I will not reveal any
“ of them or any part thereof, as such, unless it be to a
“ lawful brother of the Order, whom I shall know to be
“ such from my own certain and personal knowledge, or
“ from the personal vouching of a well-known and
“ trusted brother of the Order. That I will henceforth
“ consider myself an enlisted Soldier of the Cross under