

(The N. then hands the taper to the D., who extinguishes it, and is led to the East of the A, where she kneels and places both hands upon the S. V.)

L. P. * * * Sister Chaplain, you will now proceed.

Chaplain. Novice, you are now kneeling at the Altar for the purpose of taking the binding obligation of a Lady of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. If you are still willing to proceed, repeat after me, saying:

THE OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., Novice of St. John, do solemnly and sincerely swear in the presence of the Ladies and Knights here assembled and before the symbolic lights of the Chapter typifying the three great principles of the Order, that I will be true and faithful to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and will ever observe and obey the Constitution, Statutes and usages of the same. That I will be faithful and true to all worthy Associates of the Order, and will always assist them in distress if in my power so to do. That I will not receive any Novice into the Order of Ladies of Justice, except it be in a duly convoked Chapter, stationed under a regularly constituted warrant, nor except there be present