

for the Honour of the Order?

*There being no reply.*

PRECEPTOR.—Fratres, we may now close our Chapter, for praise be to God, all is well, and God grant that it may so continue, and goodness may be every day increased.

PRECEPTOR.—Stand up, Fratres, and listen to the precepts of our Order.

*All stand up with the Reverential sign.*

CHAPLAIN.—Love, honor, and fear God; walk after His commandments; maintain and defend the Christian Faith, and the honor, dignity, and interests of our Order. Be loyal to your Sovereign, dutiful to the Grand Master, and obedient to those who rule over you. Prefer honor to wealth. Be just and true in word and deed. Give no willing cause of offence to any; but, while opposing wrong and injustice, deport yourselves courteously, gently, and affably. Assist the distressed, the widow, and the fatherless. Eschew all debasing employment, recreation, and company; abhor pride and haughtiness; and, waging war with selfishness, raise the standard of chivalrous honor, and strive for the welfare of your Brethren.

CHAPLAIN.—Let us pray for our Sovereign, our Grand Master, and our Brethren.

*The Chaplain then reads the following prayer.*

CHAPLAIN.—Almighty God, who has appointed Thy servant Victoria, our Queen, to be Sovereign of these realms, we humbly beseech Thee to grant her Thy grace, that she may rule the people by Thee committed to her charge with wisdom, justice, and godliness. Defend her against her enemies; bless her reign with peace, and