

left knee, your right forming a square, your left hand resting on the Holy Bible, square, compasses and crossed swords, your right hand grasping the hilt of your sword.

To order, Companions. (*All rise and uncover.*)

You will pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me.

(OBLIGATION.)

I, *A. B.*, of my own free will and accord, in the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and these witnesses, do hereby and hereon, solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, that I will forever keep and conceal the secrets belonging to the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; that I will not communicate them to any except it be to a true and lawful Sir Knight, or Sir Knights of the Order—him or them so found after due trial, strict examination or lawful information—or within the body of a regular and duly constituted Council of Knights of the Red Cross.

I further promise and swear, that I will stand to and abide by the By-laws of any Council of Knights of the Red Cross of which I may hereafter become a member; that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the Order, so far as the same shall come to my knowledge, and while within its jurisdiction.

I further promise and swear, that I will answer and obey all signs and summonses sent to me from a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, or given me by the hand of a true and lawful Sir Knight of the Order, if within my power, natural infirmities or unavoidable causes alone excusing me.

I further promise and swear, that I will not assist