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Part III.—Consecration of a Knight Penitent.

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It is recommended to make this a separate ceremony at a subsequent meeting, not to tax the Celebrant too much, and give the Aspirant time to think over the Ceremony he has passed through; but should the Presiding Preceptor wish to complete the whole ceremonial at the one meeting, he is at liberty to do so.

To the Altar is added a Knight's WHITE Mantle, and on a salver a goblet of water and cup, with small pieces of bread and a flask of wine, also a "ring of profession," and the ribbon with "Star of the Order," on a cushion.

*Below the Dais is placed a SECOND Altar, called a "SEPULCHRE," learning sufficient room to pass between it and the steps of the Dais; on it is placed a wooden or metal TRIANGLE having twelve lighted tapers along its sides, including a LARGER ONE at each angle, and within the triangle a BLACK CROSS OF CALVARY, bearing a scroll with the letters I N R I between the angles of a St. Andrew's Cross,**



below the cross is placed a human skull and crossed black veil, and at the base of the triangle, outside on a cushion, the New Testament. The figure of a small "LAMB" carrying the Cross banner, should be placed at the apex of the triangle on the outside, as also a "COCK" at the South-west, and a "DOVE" (L'Esprit) at the North-west angles. The triangle should open with a HINGE at the angle of the Cock.

The Knight Penitent is clothed in a long black robe over his tunic, and is UNARMED. It is desirable that but one Knight be admitted at a time. The Penitent is admitted to the Chapter without any ceremony at the door, being introduced by one of his Sponsors or Sub-Marshal preceding him, holding the Knight's sword hilt upwards by the blade, which with the Penitent's belt he deposits on the "Sepulchre." The other Sponsor follows immediately behind, holding his OWN sword in the same manner. When they reach the "Sepulchre" the Knight Penitent kneels, his Sponsors being somewhat behind him, and after a dirge is played the Chaplain prays:

CHAPLAIN.—O blessed and glorious Immanuel, who hast made the Cross, the Banner and Badge of Thy Disciples, enable our approved Brother cheerfully to embrace our Order, and if it be his lot to suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but rejoice that he is called to suffer in Thy name, Thou, who for our sakes did'st endure

* The Greek letter X—*chi*—the mark for "Christos" from early times, is the prototype of the St. Andrew's Cross $\times$.