

An admirable address was delivered by Sir Kt. Campbell Johnson. That he fully comprehends the Templar spirit let this attest :

To be true Knights there is a path of duty marked out for us—a path that has been traversed by soldiers of the cross for eight hundred years. Those who fought for the Christian Religion, those who fell at Acre, those who were massacred on the Field of Hattin, those who fought so valiantly for the Christian religion in Palestine, and afterwards took refuge in the Island of Rhodes, and were afterwards driven to the bleak and barren Island of Malta, have transmitted to us the principles of the Order, with a firm faith in our will and ability to keep and perform them. How well we shall do our duty in this lies with us. It is with us whether we will keep our blades and shields bright and free from the rust of dishonor, ever concentrating and reflecting the bright rays of the great orb of day, emblematic of the purity of the heart that beats within the bosom of all true and magnanimous Knights; or, whether by neglect and a wayward life we will let the rust and corruption gradually but surely destroy not only the polish, but the material itself of our blades and shields, thereby presenting an emblem of the spiritual corruption that is eating away our honor and unfitting us for the duties incumbent upon us as brothers, sons, husbands, citizens or valiant Knights of the Cross.

You wear the cross,—it signifies
The burden Jesus bore;
Who, staggering, fell, and bleeding, rose,
And took to GOLGOTHA the woes
The world had borne before.
The Cross, oh, let it say forgive—
Father, forgive to all that live.

Sir Knights, if you will thus display
This emblem of our art,
Let the great lessons that it teach
Be deeply graven, each for each,
Upon an honest heart.
Then it will tell to God and man
Knighthood's ever perfect plan.

If we thus live, Sir Knights, the valiant Knights who stood ever ready to defend innocence and virtue, who sacrificed their lives in the defense of the Christian religion, will have no regrets in intrusting to