

PRECEPTOR.—Fratres of The Temple, our Brother A.B., having complied with the regulations of The Order, and of this Preceptory, possesses the necessary qualifications, and his Sponsors are true and trusty Knights. But, Fratres, I most solemnly conjure you, that if any of you know aught of the Aspirant, on account of which he cannot lawfully become a professed Knight of The Temple, he will now declare it.

*If there be any objection, the Installation must be postponed. There being no objection.*

PRECEPTOR.—Are you willing to admit this man as a Knight of our Order?

*The Fratres stand up, salute the Preceptor, and all say:*

BRETHREN.—“Let him be brought in, in God’s name.”

*The Brethren having seated themselves.*

PRECEPTOR.—Let the Sponsors conduct the Aspirant to our presence.

*The Sponsors conduct the Aspirant to the West, and they stand somewhat behind him.*

PRECEPTOR [to the Aspirant].—Do you persist in your desire to become a professed Knight of the Temple?

NOVICE.—I do, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—It is proper that you should now receive some account of the perils which, in former times, the Knights were subjected, as the irrevocable Vow which you will take, binds you to follow their glorious footsteps with unshaken fidelity, should you ever be placed in similar circumstances. You will listen attentively to a second Historical lecture.

*A second historical account is now read or spoken by the Marshal or other*