

Are you in sympathy with them? [*Member answers, I am.*] Are you sincerely in earnest in seeking a portion with us? [*Member Answers.*] If we make you a living pillar in this, our Inner Temple, may we depend upon you as a true support, prompt in meeting all your obligations, and permitting no small matter to prevent your presence at every meeting and communication? [*Member Answers.*] Are you willing to assume the vow of a Select Templar? [*Member Answers.*]

S. C.—Let all join in singing ode No. 4.

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[During singing the Tyler will turn down all the lights; the P. C. will be prepared to light the incense on the altar; the Prelate will take his position immediately at the altar.]

S. C.—Dear Brother ———, you are now about to take upon yourself the solemn vow of a Select Templar, and before we proceed, we shall ask you to kneel, while the Prelate seeks the Divine blessing.

[All members assume the attitude of devotion.]

*Prelate.*—Great Spirit of Love, and Author of all Good, we acknowledge Thee to be our Great Councilor, and we seek Thy presence and blessing upon our work, and particularly upon Thy servant, *Brother* ———, who is before Thee. May *he* have a proper appreciation of the lessons taught here, and be deeply impressed with the solemnity of the vow *he* is about to make. We pray that Love may this night awaken new responses in *his* heart, and that Thy Spirit may give *him* strength to keep and perform the duties *he* owes to Thee, to *his* country, to *his* fellow men and to *himself*. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.