

# RITUAL

FOR

## SUBORDINATE AND COMPANION COURTS

OPENING



CEREMONY.

(When the hour arrives for opening the Court, the C.R. will call the Court to order by one rap of the gavel; the officers will then take their respective stations. In a Companion Court, instead of "Brother, Brothers or Brethren," use Companion or Companions and change the masculine form whenever necessary to the feminine form.)

**C.R.**—The Court will please come to order. All who are not members of the Order will please retire.

(If there be any vacancies in the offices, the C.R. will make the necessary *pro tem.* appointments, as follows:)

**C.R.**—I appoint *Bro. (Comp.)*—as—*pro tem.*, etc.

**C.R.**—The Woodwards will see that all present are worthy Foresters.

(The S.W. and J.W. will advance to the C.R. and give the S.A.P.W., and then beginning at the right and left of the Chair, examine all present, of whom they have any doubt, in the current S.A.P.W., except those on the Dais, for whom the C.R. is held responsible. If the Woodwards find any one without the S.A.P.W., they will immediately report the fact to the C.R., who will forthwith deal with the case, by communicating the S.A.P.W., or by ordering the delinquent to retire. After the examination, the Woodwards will report to the V.C.R., who, when satisfied that all present are worthy Foresters, will report to the C.R., as follows:)