

THE ADOPTION.

Com. of M. In the presence and with the consent of the Knighthood of our Order, I do hereby adopt you as our ward. Command us and we obey. You will now face the Chapter.

(This is done.)

L. P. Sister Faith, you will now proceed.

Faith. Sister, having been introduced and instructed, obligated and invested, and with the wand created our equal, I do now proclaim thee a Lady of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. This I proclaim in the name of Faith.

Hope. And I of Hope.

Charity. And I of Charity.

L. P. To which the symbolic lights likewise give their consent as silent witnesses.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, to your posts, march.

L. P. Sister, you will now retire to the Outer Court, there to be divested of the garments of reception and invested with the insignia of your rank. You will then return to the Chapter for further instruction.

(The N. is then escorted to the O. C.)

L. P. *

(The N. is then escorted by the D. before the L. P., who delivers the following charge:)