

If seated, the sword is in the scabbard. On rising, and when it is not drawn, the salute is then made by placing the right hand on the heart and bowing the head, after the penit sign is given.

REGISTRAR.—Eminent Sir, I have called the roll, and record the attendance.

PRECEPTOR.—Brethren, let us deposit our arms at the foot of the Cross, and pray to God to send His Holy Grace amongst us.

Each Frater draws his sword and lays it on the floor pointing towards the Altar, and then assumes the Reverential Sign. The Chaplain prays. This Sign is always made during prayers.

CHAPLAIN.—“Let us Pray. Merciful Redeemer of perishing mankind, who hast promised that Thou would'st be in the midst of those assembled in thy Holy Name, look upon us, Thy humble servants, with an eye of tender compassion, and so direct us, that all our labors may be begun, continued, and ended in love to Thee, affection to our companions, protection to the distressed, and obedience to our Order. Amen.”

PRECEPTOR.—Brother Marshal, the situation of the Captain of the Guard?

MARSHAL.—Within the entrance of the Preceptory to see that the sentinels are regularly placed at the outposts, that the Preceptory may be secure and safely guarded, without as well as within.

PRECEPTOR.—Let him resume his arms and duty.
Captain of the Guard takes up his sword, salutes, and takes his place.

PRECEPTOR.—Brother Knight Constable, the situation of the Sub-Marshal?

CONSTABLE.—In the West, Eminent Sir, to assist the Constable and Marshal in the performance of our rites and ceremonies.