

*The Sub-Marshal proceeds to the entrance and directs the Captain to answer the knocks, and then to open the door.*

CAPTAIN.—Who goes there ?

GUARD.—A Soldier of The Temple.

CAPTAIN.—The cause of the Alarm ?

GUARD.—A worthy Pilgrim, who, by the favor of our Eminent Preceptor, obtained refuge in this house of The Temple, now craves permission to prefer an humble petition before the Knights and Brethren in Chapter assembled.

CAPTAIN.—Hand in his petition, and let him wait my return.

*The Sub-Marshal receives the petition and hands it to the Marshal and repeats the communication of the Guard.*

MARSHAL.—Eminent Sir, a worthy Pilgrim, who was admitted to refuge in our house, craves permission to prefer an humble petition.

PRECEPTOR.—Hand me the petition.

*Which is done by the Sub-Marshal and examined by the Preceptor.*

PRECEPTOR.—Brethren, this is a petition from A.B., a Pilgrim, who having resolved to dedicate himself to the Service of the Cross, and being deeply impressed with the exalted character and noble purpose of our Order, earnestly desires to be enrolled under the Banners of The Temple. With the assistance of the officers of the Preceptory, I have enquired into his character and station, and find him to be in possession [or *not as the case may be*] of the necessary qualifications for the class of Novice in our Order. Is it your pleasure that I should order him to be admitted to our presence that we may interrogate him in open Chapter as to his professions