

This green sash, of which you were deprived by my Guards, I now with pleasure restore to you, and will make it the insignia of a new Order, calculated to perpetuate the remembrance of those events, which have occasioned the renewal of our former intimacy and friendship. Its color will remind you that Truth is a divine attribute, and like the bay tree, will forever flourish in immortal green.

I will now confer upon you one of the highest honors in my power to bestow, by creating you the first Knight of a new Order, instituted for the express purpose of inculcating the almighty force and importance of Truth. You will kneel.

By virtue of the high power and authority in me vested, I now constitute and create you A. B., a Knight of the Red Cross.

*During the uttering of the foregoing, the Sovereign Master lays his naked sword, first upon the candidate's left shoulder, next upon his right, and lastly upon his head. All the Sir Knights remain standing during the creation of a Knight.*

S. M.—Arise, Sir Knight, and with this hand receive a hearty welcome into the bosom of a fraternity, ever ready to assist and defend you.

*Presenting a naked sword, laying it horizon'al in candidate's hands—*

S. M.—This sword, of which you were deprived by my Guards, I now with pleasure restore to you. In your hands as a true and courteous Knight, it is symbolically endowed with three most excellent qualities: its hilt with FAITH, its blade with HOPE, and its point with CHARITY; and teaches us this important lesson, that when we draw our swords in a just and virtuous cause, having faith in God, we may reasonably hope for victory,