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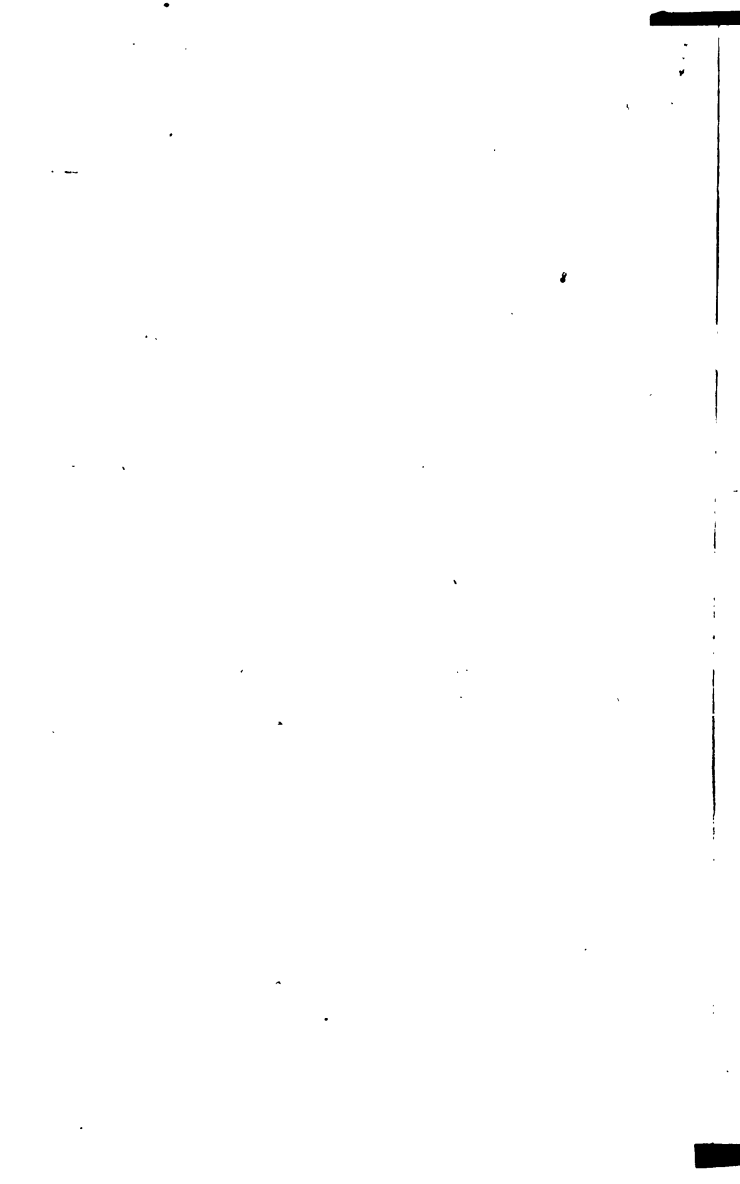
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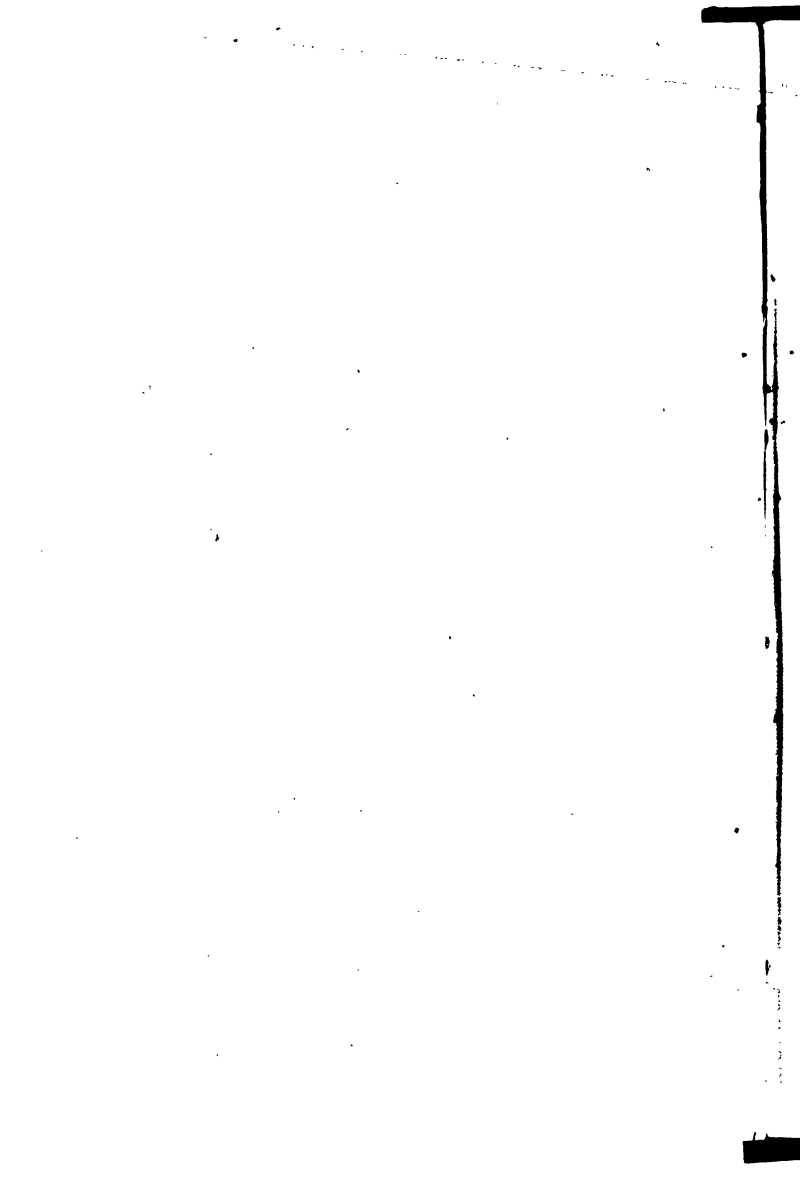


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Toronto, July 1, 1899.





LADIES OF JUSTICE.

BOOK OF RITUAL

OF THE ORDER OF

LADIES OF JUSTICE,

AS OBSERVED IN ALL CHAPTERS
CONSTITUTED UNDER THE BANNER

OF THE

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NO. 138 BEDFORD ROAD, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

July 1, A. D. 1899, and A. O. 851.

TO MARIAN BERESFORD LULL,
Grand Lady Preceptress of the
General Grand Chapter of America.

Most Excellent Associate:—

I, Robert E. A. Land, Founder of the Modern Order of Ladies of Justice, and author of the Ritual of said Order, having been requested and commissioned by the Executive Officers of the General Grand Chapter to revise said Ritual, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have done so according to request. I have also added a service for the Burial of the Dead.

Yours courteously and fraternally,

R. E. A. LAND,
Past M. E. Grand Commander.

I, Marian Beresford Lull, Grand Lady Preceptress of the General Grand Chapter of Ladies of Justice, upon presentation of the above Certificate from P. M. E. G. C. Robert E. A. Land, and by authority of the General Grand Chapter,

do hereby authorize and promulgate the Ritual herein contained for use in Chapters of the Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary and the Seal of the General Grand Chapter to be affixed this twenty-seventh day of July, A. D. 1899, and A. O. 851.

MARIAN BERESFORD LULL,
Grand Lady Preceptress.

Attest.

JENNIE S. MOLESWORTH,
Grand Secretary.



BOOK OF RITUAL

OF THE

Ladies of Justice.

REGULATIONS.

I. The Assembly is styled a Chapter.

II. Its furniture is as follows:

1. A triangular Altar draped in red, at the centre of the Chapter Room, having thereon three lighted tapers (one at each apex), the Sacred Book of Law, and a black passion cross adorned with one red and one white rose, and a spray of blue forget-me-nots.

2. Three banners, one of Faith, color blue, with the legend, "Faith" in gold letters thereon at Station 10 in the South; one of Hope, color red, with the legend, "Hope" in gold letters thereon at Station 11 in the North; and one of Charity, color white, with the legend, "Charity" in gold letters thereon at Station 12 in the East. The staff of each banner is deco-

rated with a spray of flowers typical of the virtue it represents.

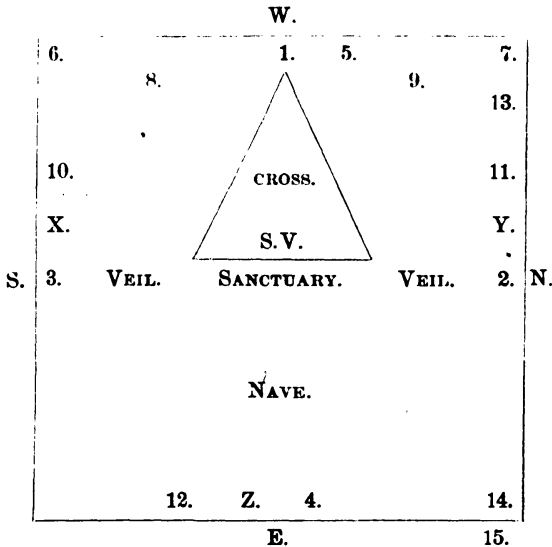
3. A blue veil drawn across the Chapter Room from North to South, immediately East of the Altar, the veil being in two sections which meet at the centre.

4. Banner of the Chapter to be of red silk edged with gold, having a white Maltese Cross in the centre encircled by a gold band, on which rests a wreath of red and white roses and blue forget-me-nots. The name of the Chapter in gold semi-circles the band. Beneath the band is an anchor in gold, and semi-circling the anchor the motto, "Crux Mea Anchora est."

5. Scene of the Three Christian Graces.

6. Wand of office.

III. The Chapter Room represents a Chapel consisting of the Sanctuary and Nave. The form of the room and the stations of the officers are shown in the following diagram:



1. Lady Preceptress.
2. Senior Lady Assistant.
3. Junior Lady Assistant.
4. Commander of Malta.
5. Chaplain.
6. Secretary.
7. Treasurer.
8. Deaconess.
9. Standard Bearer.
10. Faith.

11. Hope.
12. Charity.
13. Musical Director.
14. Inner Guardian.
15. Outer Guardian.
- X. Banner of Faith.
- Y. Banner of Hope.
- Z. Banner of Charity.

IV. The title of the Lady Preceptress is "Excellent," and of the other members "Sisters" or "Associates."

V. The Knights will sit in the Nave at opening and closing and during the ceremony of reception.

OPENING THE CHAPTER.

L. P. * —Associates, I am about to hold a Chapter of Ladies of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Officers to your posts.

(The Lady Assistants then draw the Veil.)

L. P. Sister Deaconess.

D. Lady Preceptress.

L. P. Our first duty?

D. To examine all present.

L. P. Attend to that duty. * * *

(The D. then tests all present, except the L. P., in the Annual, Grip and Entrance Password of the Order. The D. will report those not in possession of the same to the L. P., who will direct them to retire unless duly vouched for, when all present are qualified to remain.)

D. Lady Preceptress, all present are Associates of our Order.

L. P. Sisters Senior and Junior Lady Assistants, remove the Veil.

(The S. and J. L. Assistants will then approach the Altar from the North and South, and each taking her section of the Veil will draw it aside to the North or South wall. They will then take their seats.)

L. P. Sister Chaplain.

C. Lady Preceptress.

L. P. Our next duty?

C. To consult the divine Word and offer prayers and invocations unto the Deity.

L. P. Attend to that duty; Associates, assist me to open this Chapter.

S. L. Asst. Associates, advance the hailing sign.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, handle swords.

(The C. then advances to the A., lights the three tapers thereon, and opens the S. V. She will then return to her Station.)

OPENING LESSON.

Psalm XXIII.

C. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Let us pray.

S. L. Asst. Sisters, to your devotions.

C. of M. Sir Knights, uncover.

OPENING PRAYER.

Eternal Shepherd, within the walls of our Chapter House, we, the children of St. John, with humility approach Thee on behalf of our beloved Order. Bless the Ladies within and without the Sanctuary, and the Knights beyond the veil as well as all Chapters and Associates of our Adoptive Rite. Unite our Sisters by the

most binding ties of fraternal affection, and draw aside, we pray, whatever veil may separate them from those with whom they should best agree. These and all other blessings we ask to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Response. Amen! Amen! Amen!

S. L. Asst. Sisters, attention.

C. of M. Sir Knights, re-cover.

L. P. We will now sing our opening ode.

(The following ode is then sung:)

Air—Dennis.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in purest love,
The fellowship of kindred minds.
Is like to that above.

S. L. Asst. Sister Standard Bearer, elevate the Standard.

L. P. Associates, by virtue of the authority vested in me, I now declare

Chapter No. Ladies of Justice to be duly
opened in memory of St. John the Baptist.

L. P. * * *

S. L. Asst. * * *

J. L. Asst. * * *

C. of M. * * *

I. G. * * *

O. G. * * *

L. P. * When the Chapter is seated.

CLOSING THE CHAPTER.

L. P. Sister Senior Lady Assistant, the business for which this Chapter was convened having been concluded, what is our duty?

S. L. Asst. To close the Chapter, Lady Preceptress.

L. P. Assist me in that duty. * * *

S. L. Asst. Associates, advance the hailing sign.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, handle swords.

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

CLOSING LESSON.

1st Corinthians, Chapter XIII.

C. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal; and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not Charity, I am nothing; and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly;

seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things; endureth all things, Charity never faileth. But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I thought as a child; I spake as a child; I understood as a child; but when I became a man I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity. Let us pray.

S. L. Asst. Sisters, to your devotions.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, uncover.

CLOSING PRAYER.

Eternal Spirit, as we disperse, bless all the Associates of this Chapter. Imbue them with Faith in Justice, Hope of happiness, and Charity toward every one of Thy creatures. Watch over us by day and by night, and finally take

us and all Thy loved children to Thy heavenly home. These, and all other blessings we ask to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Response. Amen! Amen! Amen!

S. L. Asst. Sisters, attention.

C. of M. Sir Knights, re-cover.

L. P. We will now sing our closing ode.

(The following ode is then sung:)

Air—St. Anatolius.

The day is past and over,
 All thanks, O Lord, to Thee.
 I pray Thee that offenceless
 The hours of dark may be.
 O Father, keep me in Thy sight
 And save me through the coming night.

The joys of day are over;
 I lift my heart to Thee;
 And call on Thee, that sinless
 The hours of dark may be;
 O Father! make their darkness light
 And save me through the coming night.

The toils of day are over;
 I raise the hymn to Thee,
 And ask that free from peril
 The hours of fear may be.
 O Father! keep me in Thy sight
 And guard me through the coming night.

Be Thou my soul's preserver
 O God! for Thou dost know
 How many are the perils
 Through which I have to go;
 Lover of men, O hear my call
 And guard and save me from them all.

L. P. Sister Chaplain, your duty.

(The C. then advances to the Altar, extinguishes the three tapers thereon, and closes the S. V. She will then return to her Station.)

L. P. Sisters Senior and Junior Lady Assistants, draw the veil of our Sanctuary.

(This is done.)

L. P. Associates, by virtue of the authority vested in me, I now declare Chapter No. Ladies of Justice to be duly closed.

L. P. * * *

S. L. Asst. * * *

J. L. Asst. * * *

C. of M. * * *

I. G. * * *

O. G. * * *

L. P. * When the Chapter is dismissed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the Chapter.
2. Calling the roll.

3. Repeating the lecture.
4. Reading the Minutes.
5. Petitions for membership.
6. Reports of Committees on character.
7. Balloting on petitions.
8. Reception of Novices.
9. Collection of dues.
10. "Is any Associate sick or in distress?"
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Reception of communications.
13. Unfinished business.
14. General business.
15. Election of officers.
16. Installation of officers.
17. Fraternal association.
18. Reading and confirming the Minutes.
19. Closing the Chapter.

RECEPTION.

This ceremony is to be omitted in the case of Knights seeking association. The Knight is escorted by the *D.* to the *A.*, where he takes the obligation. The *L. P.* then instructs him in the secret mysteries.

For the ceremony the following properties are required:

1. Blindfold.

2. White gown for novice.
3. Taper.
4. Black mantle with white Malta Cross on the left breast.
5. Red girdle of humiliation attached to mantle.
6. Scissors.
7. Wreath of red and white roses and blue forget-me-nots.
8. Ring.

(The ring is a plain gold band, three-eighths of an inch wide, and enamelled thereon a white Malta Cross on a black diamond space.)

THE CEREMONY.

L. P. Sister Secretary.

S. Lady Preceptress.

L. P. Retire to the Outer Court, collect the necessary fees and enroll the novice on the Register of this Chapter.

(The *S.* then retires, attends to the above 'duties, and upon returning, reports from her Station as follows:)

S. Lady Preceptress, your commands have been obeyed.

L. P. Sister Deaconess.

D. Lady Preceptress.

L. P. Retire to the Outer Court and introduce the Novice.

(The D. then retires, sees that the N. is clothed in white and is blindfolded. The D. then leads the N. to the inner door where she gives three raps.)

I. G. Lady Preceptress, there is an alarm.

L. P. Attend to the alarm.

(The I. G. then opens the door and says:)

I. G. What spirit wandering^r from celestial spheres cometh hither at this dread hour of the night to disturb the peace of the Sisters of St. John, devoted to works of Faith, Hope and Charity?

D. It is no spirit from ethereal realms, worthy Associate, but a poor Novice who, wearied of the world, its pleasures and its vanities, now seeks repose amid the faithful hearts of the Sisters of our Order.

I. G. Why then is she clothed in white, Sister Deaconess?

D. To denote the purity of her intentions.

I. G. She has our sympathy, Sister Deaconess, in her distress. We, who had a like experience, feel pity for her. But you know, Sister, the stringency of our rule. No profane is permitted to enter these walls without the consent of the Superior. I will therefore notify our Lady Preceptress of her request.

(Closes the door.)

Lady Preceptress, a poor novice, who, wearied of the world, its pleasures and its vanities, now seeks repose amid the faithful hearts of the Sisters of our Order.

L. P. By whom is she escorted, Sister Inner Guardian?

I. G. By the Deaconess of this Chapter.

L. P. It hath ever been a function of our Order to listen to the cry of distress, to the voice of the needy. It is, indeed, an obligated duty; Sister Chaplain, arrange the Altar for reception.

(The C. advances to the A. and extinguishes the three tapers and returns to her station.)

L. P. Sisters Senior and Junior Lady Assistants, draw the veil of our Sanctuary. Sister Inner Guardian, admit the novice.

(The S. and J. Assistants then draw the veils together, after which the I. G. opens the door and says:)

I. G. Sister Deaconess, the request of the Novice has been granted, and she may enter.

(The D. and N. then enter and the door is closed.)

I. G. Sister Deaconess, remove the blindfold. She, who has been deemed worthy of reception, is worthy also of our confidence and love.

(The D. removes the blindfold.)

I. G. Under assurance of protection of which

that confidence is a pledge approach the Sanctuary; within the Veil dwell bright visions of peace, purity and truth; advance fearlessly and make known your request.

(The D. then escorts the N. to the Veil.)

D. Oh! who will take pity on this wandering Sister, and open wide the portals of peace, purity and truth.

(The S. and J. L. Assistants draw aside the Veil.)

L. P. Wandering Sister, I have heard your request; to hear is but to answer. Enter within the Veil and thus symbolize reception into our Order.

(The N. is led in front of the A.)

The following ode may then be sung:

“WORSHIP ABOVE AND BELOW.”

HENRY F. LYTE.

Air—St. George.

Pleasant are Thy Courts above
 In the land of light and love.
 Pleasant are Thy Courts below
 In this land of joy and woe.
 Oh! my spirit longs and fains
 For the converse of Thy Saints,
 For the brightness of Thy face;
 King of glory, God of Grace.

Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thine Altars, O Most High.
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly father's breast.
Like the wandering dove that founu
No repose on earth around.
They can to their ark repair
And enjoy it ever there.

Happy souls, their praises flow
Even in the vale of woe:
Waters in the desert rise;
Manna feeds them from the skies.
On they go from strength to strength
Till they reach Thy Throne at length,
At Thy feet adoring fall
Who hast led them safe through all.

L. P. Novice, in passing through our solemn ceremonies you must not think that you are assisting at an aimless rite. Each step and precept has perfect bearing upon that new life you will be expected to lead from this time forward. It will be well, therefore, for you to ponder those precepts in your heart. Go, Novice, and imbibe from our sacred banners the true spirit of our Order.

(The N. is then led to Banner of Faith, when Sister Faith will deliver the following charge:)

Faith. Novice, behold! this is the Banner of Faith, whose color is blue in token of Fidelity.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith the planter sows his seed, trusting to the elements of nature for his yearly increase. By faith each of us retires to rest, relying upon Providence for safety through the perils of the coming night. By faith we pursue our daily avocations, in confidence that all things work together for good. You have shown your faith in us, Sister, by seeking affiliation with our Chapter, and we have reciprocated that trust by accepting your petition. Know, Novice, that no act is or can be performed without the exercise of faith, and that the functions of our Order cannot properly be administered without the fidelity of all. I charge Thee, therefore, Novice, to fail not in faith.

(A voluntary is then played on the organ, while the N. is led to the Banner of Hope, when Sister Hope will deliver the following charge:)

Hope. Novice, behold! this is the Banner of Hope, whose color is red in token of zeal, for there can be no zeal without the strong hope of success. Well hath the poet said: "Hope springs eternal in the breast of man." By hope of victory the Knight of old ranged himself under the banner of our Order. By hope the invalid,

reclining on a bed of anguish, looks calmly for the season of his restoration to health and usefulness. By hope the Mariner tosses his anchor into the briny deep. Without hope we are lost, and life becomes the charnel house of despair. With hope animating us, no labor becomes too arduous; no suffering too trying; no disappointment too acute. We hope that your career as a Sister of our Order will be replete with satisfaction to the Order and yourself, and that your fraternal life will be charged with kindly thoughts, gentle words and beneficent acts, always having before it the hope of that eternal Crown which fadeth not away.

(A voluntary is then played on the organ while the N. is led to the Banner of Charity, when Sister Charity delivers the following charge:)

Charity. Novice, behold! this is the Banner of Charity, whose color is white in token of purity, for what virtue is or can be purer than self-sacrifice for the good of others. Charity means love and is so highly esteemed by the Apostle that he prefers it in honor either to Faith or Hope. Charity, my Sister, profiteth nothing; Charity suffereth long and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; doth not behave itself

unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all things. It is Charity which foregoes the unseemly thought, harsh word or selfish act. It is the spirit of Charity which has erected our schools and endowed our hospitals; and has even prompted the organization of Associations for the relief of indigence, the elevation of humanity and the propagation of the spirit of gentleness and courtesy. In the number of such associations is ranked our own. In seeking affiliation with our Chapter, and thus proclaiming your faith in the motives and methods of our Ancient Institution may it be in the hope of your constant guidance by its essential spirit which is heaven-born Charity. Novice, behold an emblematic scene or representation of the Three Christian Graces.

(The scene is displayed.)

Charity. Novice, in this solemn hour, and after due exposition of our rites and precepts, are you still willing to proceed?

N. I am.

Charity. Receive then this burning taper, advance with it to our sacred Altar, light there-

on the symbolic tapers and kneel before them and this Chapter, there to assume the binding obligation of a Lady of Justice of the Holy Order of St. John.

(The C. hands taper to N., who is escorted to the South apex of the triangle.)

D. You will now light the tapers symbolic of the primary virtues.

(The N. is then directed to light the taper of Faith, saying:)

N. (Prompted by the *D.*) Fire of Faith as thee I light, kindle brightly the flame of fraternal affection in my heart.

(The N. is then escorted to the North apex of the triangle, and is directed to light the taper of Hope, saying:)

N. (Prompted by the *D.*) Fire of Hope, as thee I light shed brightness on my path, and lead me to the fount of all happiness.

(The N. is then escorted to the West apex of the triangle, and is directed to light the taper of Charity, saying:)

N. (Prompted by the *D.*) Fire of Charity, as thee I light, illumine my soul with the radiance of love and dispel all shadows of evil.

Response. Thus may it be.

(The N. then hands the taper to the D., who extinguishes it, and is led to the East of the A, where she kneels and places both hands upon the S. V.)

L. P. * * * Sister Chaplain, you will now proceed.

Chaplain. Novice, you are now kneeling at the Altar for the purpose of taking the binding obligation of a Lady of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. If you are still willing to proceed, repeat after me, saying:

THE OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., Novice of St. John, do solemnly and sincerely swear in the presence of the Ladies and Knights here assembled and before the symbolic lights of the Chapter typifying the three great principles of the Order, that I will be true and faithful to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and will ever observe and obey the Constitution, Statutes and usages of the same. That I will be faithful and true to all worthy Associates of the Order, and will always assist them in distress if in my power so to do. That I will not receive any Novice into the Order of Ladies of Justice, except it be in a duly convoked Chapter, stationed under a regularly constituted warrant, nor except there be present

a quorum of the Order, unless authorized so to do by dispensation from the Grand Lady Preceptress, nor except previously to reception said Novice pay the required fee.

I further swear that I will answer all regular signs, obey all regular summons, and pay all just dues if in my power. That I will ever conceal the sign, grip and word, or the secret mysteries of the Order, and will never reveal them except it be to a true and lawful Associate, or within the precincts of a duly convoked Chapter in the proper discharge of my duty. And, finally, I swear that I will not divulge the proceedings and Counsels of any Chapter of this Order except I be authorized so to do by the proper authorities. All this I do most solemnly and sincerely swear. So help me God.

Response. We are witnesses of your solemn obligation.

Chaplain. In token of your vows the Deaconess will remove a lock of hair.

(The D. does so.)

Chaplain. The severed lock signifies the sacrifices you may be called upon to make in pursuance of your obligation. If so, let them be made ungrudgingly, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

L. P. *

(The L. P. then approaches the A.)

L. P. Novice, gladly do I welcome you to our number. We seek the companionship of the true and the good. Whilst the Veil of our Chapter is drawn against selfish pride, it opens wide to receive the possessor of a pure heart and unsullied name. In you we will confide further. On your brow we will place the coronet of our Order. On your hand we will press the ring of sisterly regard. Many of noble lineage have been denied these honorary favors. In bestowing these graces may we ever feel that we have honored you, gratified our Chapter, and performed an act tending to elevate the sex. * * *

S. L. Asst. Sister Standard Bearer, elevate the Standard.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, face the West, draw swords, present swords.

THE ACCOLADE.

L. P. With this wand, symbol of my power, I do strike thee a blow, not of offence but of magic might.

(Strikes N. with wand on head * * * times.)

L. P. Be thou no longer Novice, but Lady, a Lady of Justice of the Order of St. John. of Jerusalem.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, return swords.

L. P. *

THE INVESTITURE.

L. P. I will now clothe you in the habit of our Order. It is an emblem of penitence since its color represents the hard and cruel life of St. John the Baptist. The white Cross denotes that all our acts should be pure and holy. I now tie this girdle. It is the girdle of humiliation, and teaches us that oftentimes the lowliest acts are the most exalted.

I will now adorn your brow with this wreath of roses and forget-me-nots, a coronet more graceful than the gemmed diadem of a Queen, and more becoming our Order since it betokens eternal love or friendship. Wear this wreath, Sister, and may its fragrance remind you of the sweet savor of universal sisterhood.

I now place on your finger this ring. It denotes the fraternal bond which henceforth exists between you and me, and all associates of our Order. You will now rise.

(The *L. P.* then returns to her station.)

L. P. * * * Sister, you will now retire to the Nave of our Chapter, there to receive adoption at the hands of our belted Knights.

(The N. then faces the East.)

Com. of M. Attention, Sir Knights, form lines.

(The Knights then form in two lines, facing inwards from the veil to the Commander's station.)

Com. of M. Sir Knights, form arch, draw swords, cross swords.

(The Com. of M. stands at his station, with his sword at the present, facing the West.

The N. is then led under the arch of steel to the Commander's station.)

Com. of M. Sir Knights, return swords.

D. Eminent Sir, a Sister of our Order, who craves defence and protection at the hands of our belted Knights.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, a Sister of our Order who seeks the protection of our bright swords. Did ever fair Lady sue for such in vain? No, never. Companions, what say you? Is her request granted?

Knights. It is.

Com. of M. Lady, you have heard the answer of our Knights. It is such as is ever given by Maltese chivalry to the appeal of beauty or the cry of the distressed.

(Taking Lady by the right hand with the grip of the Order.)

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:)

CHARGE OF THE LADY PRECEPTRESS.

Associate, it is with feelings of gratification that I, as Lady Preceptress of this Chapter, do now welcome you to the exercise of the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Order. The Ladies' Order is founded on the historic circumstance that the Order of St. John in its palmy days included in its ranks, as it does to-day, not only the manly but the gentle sex. In the olden time this Branch was indeed highly esteemed, the society being of the conventual order, and restricted to Ladies of the noblest families of England, Portugal and Spain. In the modern Rite, the conventual features have been removed, the veil guarding against the intrusion of knighthood has been drawn aside, nobility of character has taken the place of nobility of blood, and the Order has been constituted upon the enduring basis of the Three Christian Graces. May you, as an Associate, ever contribute to the manifestation of those virtues, which like a coronet encircle and adorn the character both of the Lady and the Knight.

I will now instruct you in the secret mysteries and customs of the Order.

The Annual password is this

It is changed on the

day of

in every year, and hence is styled the Annual. It can be communicated to you by the Preceptress of your Chapter only, or by a Preceptress or Deputy on her written order. It should be given by you to an officer of the Order only in the discharge of her duty, or to an Associate in the proper discharge of yours. It must always be given in a whisper.

The entrance password is * * * * *, which being transposed signifies * * * * *, Countess of Blois, the daughter of William, the Conqueror, and heroine of the First Crusade.

The hailing sign signifies Watchfulness and Silence, but more especially the revelation that eye hath not seen nor tongue confessed the happiness reserved for those who truly love God. Within the Chapter Room the sign is given thus Without the Chapter Room the sign is to be divided. The challenger will advance the sign indicating watchfulness, and the challenged will respond with the sign denoting silence.

Transposed they may be used as a sign and answer of distress.

The grip is thus given, and denotes the union of the three basic principles of the Order.

The number of the Order is Three. The Motto of the Order is "Crux mea Anchora est,"

which, being translated, signifies "The Cross is my anchor." This motto may also be used as a token of distress.

In entering a Chapter you will give * * * raps at the outer door, and the Annual to the Outer Guardian, which will admit you to the Outer Court. You will then give * * * raps at the inner door and the entrance password, your name and the name and number of your Chapter to the Inner Guardian, which will admit you to the Chapter Room. When admitted, you will advance to the Altar and salute the Lady Preceptress with the hailing sign, which being responded to, you will then take your seat.

In retiring from a Chapter you will advance to the Altar and salute the Lady Preceptress with the hailing sign, which being responded to, the Inner Guardian will permit you to withdraw.

In crossing the floor of the Chapter Room you will pause in front of the Altar and salute the Lady Preceptress with the hailing sign.

Finally—I will instruct you in the use of the Wand of office. One rap calls the Chapter to order, seats it or dismisses it from duty *; two raps call the officers, whether designated or not, to their feet * *; and three raps raise the

entire Chapter * * *. You will now face the Chapter.

(This is done.

This formula applies both to Ladies and Knights.)

L. P. Officers and Associates, permit me to introduce to you Associate _____, who has been duly received into the Order and is enrolled on the Register of this Chapter. It is the hour for congratulations. The Chapter will now be at ease.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE INNER GUARDIAN.

(Should an alarm be made at the Inner door when the Chair would be disturbed by the entrance of an Associate, the I. G. will give one rap at the inner door; and upon the conclusion of the business, she will give three raps. When the Chapter is ready, the announcements will be as follows:)

I. G. Lady Preceptress, there is an alarm.

L. P. Attend to that alarm.

(The I. G. will then raise the wicket and receive from the associate—

1. The entrance password.
2. Her (or his) name.
3. The name and number of the Chapter to which she (or he) belongs. The I. G. will then announce as follows:)

I. G. Associate (giving name) of——Chapter No.

(If the Associate is without the password, she will add "without the password.")

L. P. Admit her (or him).

(Where the Associate is without the password, the *L. P.* will ask for vouchers and will use her discretion as to accepting them or not.)

THE LECTURE.

(The Associates repeating this lecture should stand at the Altar, one at the North and the other at the South side.)

Q. Are you my Sister?

A. I am. Try me.

Q. How will you be tried?

A. By a sign, grip and word.

Q. Advance the sign.

(This is done.)

Q. What does that sign denote?

A. Watchfulness and Silence, but especially the revelation that eye hath not seen nor tongue confessed the happiness reserved for them who truly love God.

Q. Give me the grip.

(This is done.)

Q. And the word.

A. I will, if you begin.

Q. A.

A. L.

Q. *

A. *

Q. * Which being transposed, signifies:

A. A.

Q. *

A. *

Q. *

A. * * * * *, Countess of Blois. the daughter of William the Conqueror, and heroine of the First Crusade.

Q. By this, I perceive you to be a Sister of our Order.

A. I am always taken and accepted as such by all worthy Associates wherever dispersed.

Q. As an Associate, why do you wear the red and white rose?

A. To denote Him who was the Rose of Sharon.

Q. And why do you wear the blue forget-me-not?

A. To denote constancy, which itself, the sweetest attribute of the sex, so well becomes the Ladies of our Order.

Q. Have you a Motto?

A. I have.

Q. What is your Motto?

A. "CruX mea Anchora est."

Q. Which being translated signifies?

A. The Cross is my anchor.

Q. On our sacred Altar burn three lights, what do they denote?

A. The three grand virtues of our Order, viz: Faith, Hope and Charity.

Q. In the presence of these lights may we always dwell; in the perfume of those flowers may we ever abide; may the Cross prove a safe anchorage for the Sisterhood of our Order. Sister, I salute you in Faith.

(Advances the H. S.)

A. And I in Hope.

(Advances the H. S.)

Q. And I in Charity.

(Advances the H. S.)

Both. Amen! Amen! Amen!

GRAND HONORS.

(1. Grand Officers, Past Grand Lady Preceptresses and State, Provincial or District Officers are to be received with Grand Honors when announced by their official titles.

2. When the L. P. is aware of the presence of an officer entitled in the Outer Court, she will direct the D. to retire and introduce the officer.

3. The D. then escorts the officer to the Altar, the Chapter standing. The salute having been given and returned, the D. will announce as follows:)

D. Lady Preceptress, permit me to introduce to you and the Chapter, Associate—(giving name) who is the—(giving title in full.)

L. P. Associate, gladly do we receive and honor you within these walls. As evidence thereof, I hereby vacate this station occupied in the past by daughters of the Kings, Princes and Potentates of earth, and respectfully request you to be installed therein.

(The officer is then escorted by the D. to the West where she (or he) at once takes her (or his) seat in the principal chair.)

L. P. I will now hand over to you this Wand. As an instrument of offence it is worthless, but as an emblem of power it is most potent. Receive it as a token of the respect we pay to your office, as well as of the confidence in which you are held by the Associates of this Chapter.

Associates, assist me to confer the Grand Honors upon our—(title in full).

(The Grand Honors are thus given: All advance the hailing sign, and then give three claps of the hands, taking time from the L. P. The claps denote F. H. and C.)

Com. of M. Sir Knights, face the West, draw swords, present swords, return swords.

Visiting officer. *

(4. Suitable remarks are then made by the visiting officer when the wand is usually returned, and the station vacated to the L. P., except the visit be for investigating or installation purposes.)

HONORS.

It is the duty of the L. P. to bring the Chapter to its feet upon the entrance of a Preceptress, Past Preceptress or Commander, or Past Commander of Malta, and to invite such to a seat in the West.

CONSTITUTING AND DEDICATING
A CHAPTER AND INSTAL-
LING ITS OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTION AND DEDICATION.

*C. O. ** Associates, we are assembled for the purpose of constituting and dedicating a Chapter of Ladies of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem; therefore, let watchfulness and silence reign within the precincts of our Chapter House.

C. O. Right Excellent Grand Secretary, read the names of the petitioners for the Charter and also the warrant of constitution.

(This is done.)

C. O. Associates, do you still approve as Lady Preceptress of the Sister named in the warrant of constitution?

Response. We do.

CONSTITUTION.

C. O. Therefore, by virtue of the high power transmitted to my hands, I do now, my well be-

loved associates, constitute you into a regularly formed and legally stationed Chapter of Ladies of Justice. Henceforth you are authorized to hold a Chapter of the said Order, and to perform all necessary duties appertaining thereto, conforming in your doings to the Constitution and Statutes of the General Grand Chapter of America.

Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, you will perform the ceremony of dedication.

DEDICATION.

G. C. From ancient days it hath been the custom to identify all Christian and chivalric institutions with the name of some Saint or Martyr. We dedicate our Chapters to St. John the Baptist, the first Confessor and Martyr of Jesus Christ.

To St. John the Baptist do I dedicate this Chapter under the name, style and number of Chapter No. on the Grand Registry of America. Glory be to God on High.

Response. And on earth peace, good will towards men.

C. O. Right Excellent Grand Deaconess, do your devoir.

G. D. Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, Associates, that in the name of the General Grand Chapter

of America, and by order of the constituting officer, I proclaim—Chapter No. Ladies of Justice, to be duly constituted and dedicated in accordance with the prescribed usages of the Order. This I proclaim to the honor of Faith.

Response. And of Hope.

G. D. And of Charity.

C. O. *

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

1. The Grand Lady Preceptress or her Deputy, who must be either a Preceptress or Past Preceptress, shall install the officers of a Chapter, but should a vacancy occur during the term, the Lady Preceptress may install.

2. The installing officer should be assisted by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary and Grand Deaconess, but in their absence Associates may be appointed by her to fill those offices pro tem.

3. The installing officers will be received in a body according to the Ritual for the reception of Grand Officers. The installing officer will occupy the Chair with the Grand Chaplain at her right, the Lady Preceptress at her left, and the Grand Secretary at station No. 6.

4. All being in readiness, the installing officer will proceed.

THE CEREMONY.

I. O. Associates, we are assembled for the purpose of installing the officers of this Chapter for the ensuing term. The officers for the expired term will vacate their posts and surrender the jewels of their office.

(This is done.)

I. O. Right Excellent Grand Deaconess, arrange the Chapter Room for installation.

(The G. D. then places a row of seven chairs at the North side of the Altar facing South, and a similar row at the South side of the same facing North; also one chair at the East of said chairs facing West. The officers to be installed will occupy these chairs.)

G. D. Most Excellent, your commands have been obeyed.

I. O. Right Excellent Grand Secretary, favor me with the names of the officers elect, who, as they are called, will rise and remain standing.

(The G. S. reads the names.)

I. O. Right Excellent Grand Deaconess, perform the duties of your office.

(The G. D. then seats the officers elect as follows:)

West.

O. G.	15		14	I. G.
Mus. Dir.	13		12	C.
H.	11		10	F.
Std. B.	9	Altar.	8	Dea.
Trea.	7		6	Secretary.
Chap.	5		4	Com. of M.
J. L. Asst.	3	1 L. P.	2	S. L. Asst.

East.

G. D. Most Excellent, the Chapter is ready.

I. O. We will now sing our ode of Fraternity. 1

* * *

(The following ode is then sung:)

Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in purest love.
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.

I. O. The Grand Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

G. C. Eternal Spirit, bless this Chapter of our Order. May Charity be exemplified by its Associates, Hope be its guiding star, and Faith be evidenced by its good works. Bless the officers for the ensuing term. Keep them by Thy strong arm, and guide them by Thy unfailing wisdom. These and all other blessings we ask to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Response. Amen! Amen! Amen!

I. O. Associates elect, are you ready to subscribe to the oath of office?

Response. I am.

I. O. Then repeat after me, saying:

OATH OF OFFICE.

I, A. B., Associate of Justice, do solemnly and sincerely promise that I will faithfully discharge the various duties appertaining to the office to which I have been elected. I also promise that I will support and maintain the By-Laws of this Chapter, also the Constitution and Statutes of the General Grand Chapter of America.

I. O. Right Excellent Grand Deaconess, you will now proceed.

(The G. D. then escorts the O. G. elect before the I. O.)

G. D. Most Excellent, I have the honor of presenting to you for installation the Outer Guardian elect of this Chapter.

CHARGE TO THE OUTER GUARDIAN.

I. O. Associate, you have been elected to the office of Outer Guardian of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The sword and pastoral staff crossed will remind you of your duties. Your post is at the Outer

Court. Your duties are to guard the Chapter from surprise and to permit no one to alarm the Inner Guardian, who is not justly entitled. Associate Outer Guardian, you will now be escorted to your post.

(The mode of presentation and installation of the remaining officers is the same as the above, except that the charges are as follows:)

CHARGE TO THE INNER GUARDIAN.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Inner Guardian of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The passion cross and key interlaced will remind you of your duties. Your post is at the inner door. Your duties are to attend to all alarms at the inner door, and to permit no one to enter or retire without permission from the Lady Preceptress. Associate Inner Guardian, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Musical Director of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. It is a Harp. Your post is at station No. 13. Your duty is to have charge of the choir and to play

such voluntaries or other music as the occasion may require. Associate Musical Director, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO SISTER CHARITY.

Associate, you have been elected to the office in this Chapter which is the personification of Charity. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. It is a black triangular plate with a deep silver border on which rests a plain white rose. Your post is at the left of the Commander of Malta. Your duty is to communicate to all novices knowledge of the sublime virtue which it is your privilege to impersonate. Associate Charity, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO SISTER HOPE.

Associate, you have been elected to the office in this Chapter which is the personification of Hope. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. It is a black triangular plate with a deep silver border, on which rests a plain red rose. Your post is at the right of the Senior Lady Assistant. Your duty is to communicate to all novices knowledge of the sublime virtue which it is your privilege to impersonate. As-

sociate Hope, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO SISTER FAITH.

Associate, you have been elected to the office in this Chapter which is the personification of Faith. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. It is a black triangular plate with a deep silver border, on which rests a spray of blue forget-me-nots. Your post is at the left of the Junior Lady Assistant. Your duty is to communicate to all novices knowledge of the sublime virtue which it is your privilege to impersonate. Associate Faith, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE STANDARD BEARER.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Standard Bearer of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The Cross and anchor will remind you of our sublime motto. Your post is in front and to the left oblique of the Lady Preceptress. Your duty is to display the Standard of the Chapter, which I now commit with pleasure to your charge. May this banner ever stimulate you and the Associates of this Chapter to the faithful performance of every Christian and fra-

ternal duty. Associate Standard Bearer, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE DEACONESS.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Deaconess of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The torch and pastoral staff will remind you of your duties. Your post is in front and to the right oblique of the Lady Preceptress. Your duties are to see that the Chapter Room is in proper array, to test all present when so required by the Lady Preceptress, and to perform such other duties as the Constitution or Ritual may direct. Associate Deaconess, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE OF THE TREASURER.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Treasurer of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The crossed keys will remind you of your duties. Your post is at the left of the Lady Preceptress. Your duties are to have charge of all moneys received by the Secretary, and to disburse the same upon the order of the Lady Preceptress; also to render an account of your receipts and disbursements

at the expiration of the term, or whenever the Chapter may direct. Associate Treasurer, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE SECRETARY.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Secretary of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The crossed pens will remind you of your duties. Your post is at the right of the Lady Preceptress. Your duties are to make a true record of the proceedings of the Chapter, to have charge of the seal, books and archives, and to carry on its official correspondence under seal; to collect all fees and dues, keeping account thereof, and handing the same to the Treasurer; to make out the annual returns, to render a report of the business transacted in your office to the Chapter at the expiration of the term or whenever the Chapter may direct; and to perform such other duties as may be required of you by the Constitution, the Chapter or the Lady Preceptress. Associate Secretary, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE CHAPLAIN.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Chaplain of this Chapter. I will now invest

you with the insignia of your office. The pastoral staves crossed will remind you of your duties. Your post is at the left of the Lady Preceptress. Your duties are to read the prescribed lessons, and to offer prayers unto the Deity. Associate Chaplain, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE COMMANDER OF MALTA.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Commander of Malta of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. It is a red triangle on which is depicted a white passion cross, whilst resting upon the triangle are cross swords. Your post is at station No. 4, in the East. Your duties are to have charge of the Nave of the Chapter Room, and of the Knights admitted thereto, subject always to the Lady Preceptress; to certify to the chivalric qualifications and regularity of all Knights visiting the Chapter, or petitioning for membership therein; to act as adviser to the Chapter in matters relating to the Order of Knighthood; to assist in the ceremonies of the Order; and to perform such other duties as the Constitution, Ritual, Chapter or Lady Preceptress may direct.

Associate Commander, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE JUNIOR LADY ASSISTANT.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Junior Lady Assistant of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The passion crosses interlaced will remind you of the trials of your profession. Your post is at station No. 3 in the South. Your duties are to have charge of the veil of the Sanctuary, to assist the Lady Preceptress and Senior Lady Assistant in the discharge of their duties, in the absence of either to assume her station according to rank, and to perform such other duties as the Constitution, Ritual or this Chapter may direct. Associate Junior Lady Assistant, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE SENIOR LADY ASSISTANT.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Senior Lady Assistant of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The Cross will remind you of the trials of life, the Crown of that sure reward which

L. of C.

awaits the faithful Associates of our Order. Your post is at station No. 2 in the North. Your duties are to have charge of the veil of the Sanctuary, to assist the Lady Preceptress in the discharge of her duties, in her absence to assume her station, and to perform such other duties as the Constitution, Ritual or this Chapter may direct. Associate Senior Lady Assistant, you will now be escorted to your post.

CHARGE TO THE LADY PRECEPTRESS.

Associate, you have been elected to the office of Lady Preceptress of this Chapter. I will now invest you with the insignia of your office. The Crown will remind you of your exalted station, which commands respect and imposes obligation. The Wands denote the power of the Chair. Ladies of ancestral pride have occupied it before and we trust that those of nobility of character may do so hereafter. Upon you will devolve during your term, more than upon any other Associate, the duty of maintaining the traditions and customs of the Order, the principles upon which it is based, and the dignity of the Chapter. * * * And now permit me to induct you into the principal Chair, and to place this emblem of authority in your hands.

(This is done.)

I. O. Associates, assist me to confer the Grand Honors upon the Lady Preceptress of this Chapter.

(This is done.)

Com. of M. Sir Knights, face the West, draw swords, present swords, return swords.

I. O. Right Excellent Grand Deaconess, do your devoir.

G. D. Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, Associates, that in the name of the General Grand Chapter of America, and by order of the Installing Officer, I proclaim the officers of—Chapter No. . Ladies of Justice, on the Grand Registry of America, to be duly elected, legally obligated and regularly installed for the ensuing term.

L. P. It is the hour for congratulations. The Chapter will now be at ease.*

DESCRIPTION OF JEWELS.

1. The Jewel or Badge of the Order for membership generally is a white Malta Cross edged with gold, on which rests a black triangular plate with a gold border. On the black plate is a spray of red and white roses and blue forget-me-nots. On the gold border of the triangle is the motto, "Crux mea anchora est."

2. The Chapter Jewels are as follows:

Lady Preceptress—A Crown with two wands interlaced through the Crown.

Senior Lady Assistant—A Cross and Crown with the Cross projecting through the Crown.

Junior Lady Assistant—Two passion crosses interlaced.

Commander of Malta—A red triangle on which is depicted a white Passion Cross. Resting on the triangle are cross swords.

Chaplain—Pastoral staves crossed.

Secretary—Crossed pens.

Treasurer—Crossed keys.

Deaconess—A torch and pastoral staff crossed.

Standard Bearer—A passion cross and anchor with the anchor joined to the foot of the Cross.

Faith—A black triangular plate with a deep silver border. On the black plate rests a spray of blue forget-me-nots.

Hope—A black triangular plate with a deep silver border. On the black plate rests a plain red rose.

Charity—A black triangular plate with a deep silver border. On the black plate rests a plain white rose.

Musical Director—A Harp.

Inner Guardian—A Passion Cross and key crossed.

Outer Guardian—A sword and pastoral staff crossed.

All of the above are to be of silver and suspended from a bar by a scarlet ribbon through a ring hanger which is attached to the jewel.

3. Past Preceptress, same as Preceptress, with the addition of a wreath of maple leaves encircling the jewel.

4. Grand Chapter jewels to be the same design as the Chapter jewels, but shall be of gold. They shall be suspended from a gold bar by a purple ribbon.

5. Past Grand Official jewels to be the same as for Grand Officers, except that they shall be encircled with a gold wreath of maple leaves.

BURIAL SERVICE.

1. This service shall be held at the residence of the deceased. At the grave the Associates will merely deposit their spray of flowers on the coffin just prior to interment.

2. The coffin will rest upon a pall of red and black, which are the ancient colors of Malta, and will be covered with the flowers of the Order.

3. The Ladies and Knights will meet at the house of the deceased at the appointed hour.

and will wear a spray of red and white roses and blue forget-me-nots on the left breast.

4. The L. P. and Chap. will stand at the head of the coffin. The Com. of M. at the foot. The S. L. Asst. at the left and the J. L. Asst. at the right side thereof. Four Knights will also stand at the four corners of the bier. The L. P. will then begin.

THE SERVICE.

L. P. Associates, assist me in singing our funeral Ode.

“THERE IS NO DEATH.”

By J. L. MACCLEARY.

Air—Hamburg.

There is no death, the stars go down
 To rise upon some fairer shore,
 And bright in heaven's jewelled Crown
 They shine forevermore.

There is no death, the dust they tread
 Shall change beneath the summer showers,
 To golden grain, or mellowed fruit
 Or rainbow tinted flowers.

There is no death: an angel form
 Walks o'er the earth with silent tread.
 He bears our best loved ones away
 And then we call them dead.

Thus ever near us though unseen
The dear immortal spirits tread.
For all the boundless universe
Is life. There are no dead.

L. P. Associates, surrounding the bier of our departed Sister, let us contemplate the past, be instructed by the present, and look forward hopefully to the future. The past is linked to the present by reminiscences of our lost one. The present is the hour of mourning, and the future is unknown. We who mourn typify these periods by the flowers we wear; the past by the blue forget-me-not which speaks of remembrance, the present by the white rose, symbol of sorrow, and the future by the red rose of hope. Thus also do we signify our faith in our dear Sister, our charity toward the unavoidable shortcomings of life, and our confidence in her eternal peace and happiness. Believing in the continuity of life and with fraternal feelings of respect, may we not commune with the departed, saying:

“Thee and us.”

Author unknown.

L. P. Strange, strange for thee and us sadly
afar.

C. Thou safe, beyond, above, we 'neath the star.

L. P. Thou in eternal peace, we 'mid earth's strife.

C. Thou where care hath no name, we where 'tis rife.

L. P. Strange, strange for thee and us, loved, loving ever.

C. Thou by life's deathless fount, we near death's river.

L. P. Thou winning wisdom's lore, we strength to trust.

C. Thou 'mid the Seraphim, we in the dust. Let us pray.

S. L. Asst. Sisters, to your devotions.

Com. of M. Attention, Sir Knights, uncover.

(The *C.* will then offer the following:)

PRAYER.

Eternal and universal Spirit, with profound sorrow at the thought of mortality, we thank Thee for the Hope of eternal life, and for the blessed assurance that Thou hast not left that Hope unwitnessed amongst men. We thank Thee for the example of our Sister's life. Willingly we received her into the Order, according to Thy Will we cheerfully commend her to Thy

justice and mercy. Lead her onward and upward through the realms of spiritual space, and finally bring us all to meet again where there shall be no more weeping nor parting, where the path of life shall be strewn with immortal flowers, and where finite things shall have passed away. All of which we ask to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Response. Amen! Amen! Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE GOOD ESTATE OF THE ORDER.

Eternal and Universal Spirit, we beseech Thee to let Thy divine influence rest upon the Associates of our Chapter in their present bereavement. Bless the Order of Ladies of Justice with renewed evidences of Thy approbation; Increase its usefulness to the world, and its devotion to right; watch over its Associates wherever dispersed; Keep it in perfect peace and unity; and grant that being built upon the lasting foundation of the Christian Graces, it may be established forever. These and all other blessings we ask to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name.

Response. Amen! Amen! Amen!

S. L. Asst. Sisters, attention.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, re-cover. Atten-

tion, Sir Knights, draw swords, present swords, Sir Knights at the bier, cross swords.

(The four Knights at the four corners of the bier will then cross swords over the coffin.)

Com. of M. Our Associate who on her reception was adopted by us with promise of faith and fealty, we do now commit to the hands of the Almighty, looking for her adoption into His heavenly Kingdom.

THE BENEDICTION.

C. May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, be with us and all the children of Sorrow now and forever. Amen.

Com. of M. Sir Knights, return swords.

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