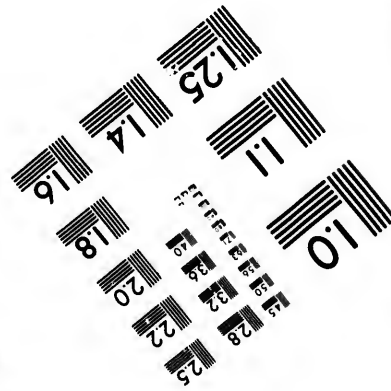
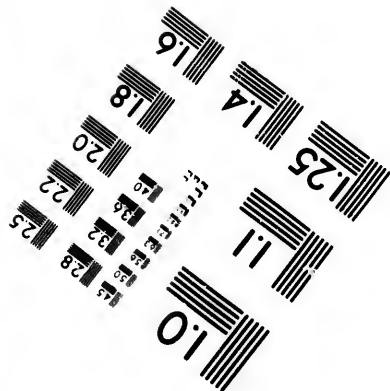
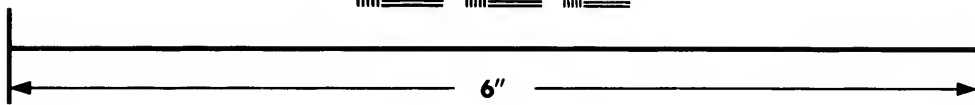
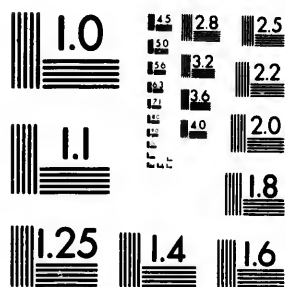


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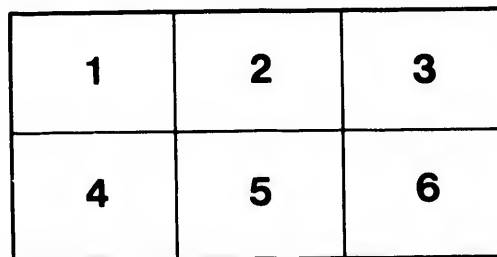
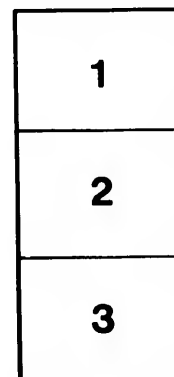
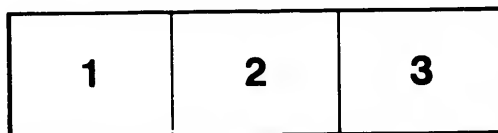
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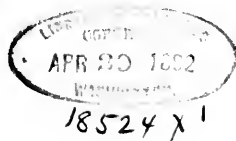
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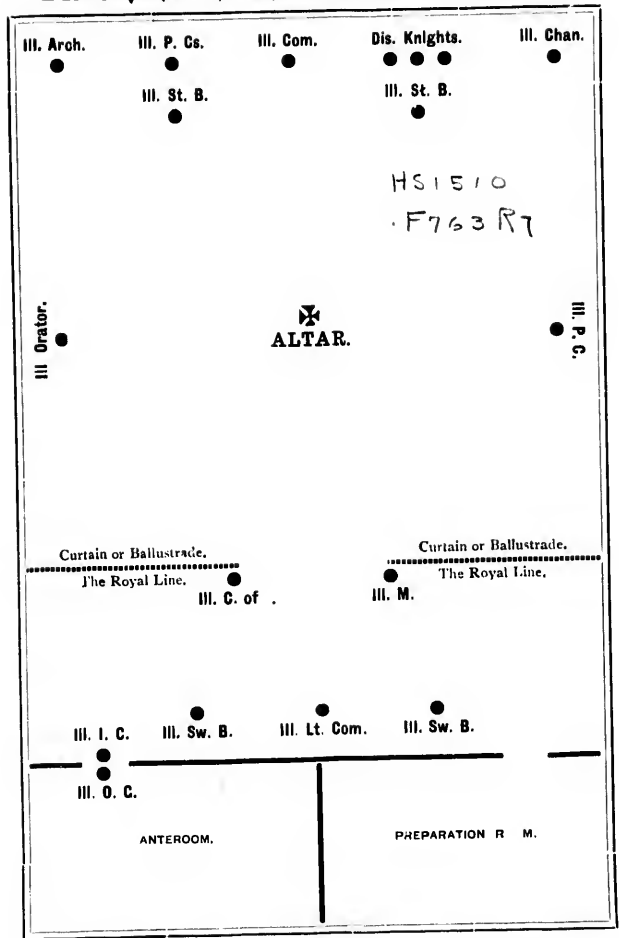
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Ill. Com.—Ill. Captain of the Guard, what is the first charge of an Encampment of Royal Foresters?

Ill. C. of G.—Ill. Commander, to see that we are duly guarded.

Ill. Com.—Attend to that charge.

Ill. C. of G.—Ill. Guards,—●—to your posts, and guard well this Encampment of Royal Foresters.

(As soon as the Ill Gs have taken their posts the Ill. I G will give three loud knocks upon the door, which will be answered by three loud knocks upon the door given by the Ill. O. G.)

Ill. C. of G.—Ill. Commander, the Encampment is duly guarded.

Ill. Com.—'Tis well. Ill. Lieut. Commander,—●—what is the next charge of an Encampment of Royal Foresters?

Ill. Lt. C.—To see that all present are Royal Foresters.

Ill. Com.—Direct that that duty be performed

Ill. Lt. C.—Ill. Sword Bearers, — ● — examine all present in the Countersign and Pass, and make due report.

(The Ill. Sw. Bearers will examine in the current S. A. Pass, and in the Countersign and Pass of a Royal Forester; after having examined all present, except the Ill. Com., the Ill. Lt. C. and any distinguished visitors near the Throne, the Ill. Sw. Bearers will report to the Ill. Lt. C.)

1st Ill. Sw. B.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, all on your right have given the Countersign and Pass of a Royal Forester.

2nd Ill. Sw. B.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, all on your left have given the Countersign and Pass of a Royal Forester.

Ill. Lt. C.—'Tis well. Ill. Commander, all present are Royal Foresters.

Ill. Com.—'Tis well. Ill. Lieut. Commander, are you a Royal Forester?

Ill. Lt. C.—I am, Ill. Commander; try me and prove me.

Ill. Com.—How will you be proved?

Ill. Lt. C.—By my Signs, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Advance the Signs.

Ill. Lt. Com.—I will, Ill. Commander, with the assistance of the Ill. Knights and Sir Knights present.

Ill. Com.—Let it be done in due form.



Ill. Lt C.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, attend to giving the Signs.

(All, then, in conjunction with the Ill. Lt. C., give the Countersign and the Salutation Sign).

Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, I perceive that you have all been advanced to the Exalted Degree of a Royal Forester ; but, before I declare this Encampment duly opened, let us look to God for His blessing.

Ill. O.—Almighty and Everliving God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we pray Thee to look with favor upon this assembly of Royal Foresters ; endue each of us with a competence of Thy divine wisdom, so that we may ever walk before Thee with acceptance ; and to Thee, Immortal, Omniscient, and Omnipresent Father, be all the glory, might, majesty, and dominion now and evermore. Amen.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Orator, what is the next charge of an Encampment of Royal Foresters ?

Ill. O.—To display God's Holy Book of the Law, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Attend to that charge.

(The Ill. O. then proceeds to the Altar, opens the Sacred Volume, returns to his post, and says as follows :)

Ill. O.—Ill. Commander, that duty is performed.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, what is the next duty ?

Ill. Lt. C.—To see that the Guards are alert and at their posts, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Perform that duty.

Ill. Lt. C.—● ●

Ill. I. G.—●

Ill. O. G.—● ●

Ill. Lt. C.—The Guards are alert and at their posts, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Then, by virtue of the powers vested in me, I declare this Encampment of Royal Foresters duly and legally opened.



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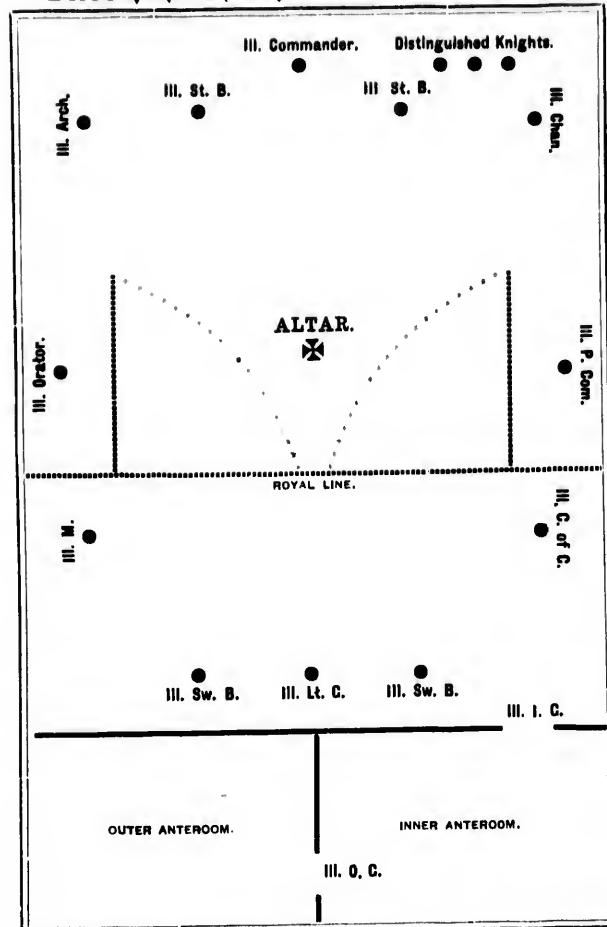
ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Opening Ceremony.
2. Calling Roll of Ill. Officers.
3. Reading, Correction, and Confirmation of the Archives.
4. Reception and Disposal of Petitions.
5. Balloting for and Reception of Suppliants.
6. Reception of Communications.
7. Reports.
8. Bills or Accounts.
9. Unfinished or Deferred Business.
10. General Business.
11. (Election of Ill. Officers.)*
12. (Installation of Ill. Officers.)*
13. Closing Ceremony.

*(*To be called only at the time of the election or installation of Officers.)*

DIAGRAM OF ENCAMPMENT ROOM.



N. B.—The III. C. of G. must sit on the side nearest the inner door, and the III. M. on the opposite side.

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ROYAL FORESTERS' CEREMONY OF EXALTATION.

(Each Sir Knight should be clothed in full uniform, if practicable. Those who are not provided with the uniform should at least wear a black suit, with sword belt and sword. Every Officer should know his part thoroughly by heart. The chairs and ballstrade, if any, at the Royal Line should be removed).

Ill. Com.—●— Ill. Archivist, you will retire to the outer anteroom, ascertain if there are any suppliants in waiting who have been duly elected to membership in this Encampment, and report to me. The Ill. Inner Guard will permit the Ill. Archivist to retire.

(The Ill. Arch. does as directed, and on his return will enter in the usual way, and proceed as follows :)

Ill. A.—(Salutes.) Ill. Commander, I find in waiting *Bro.*———(Give name in full.) of Court No.—— who *has* been duly elected to membership in this Encampment, *has* paid the required fees, and now *desires* to be advanced to the Exalted Degree of a Royal Forester.

(Here and throughout the ceremony, if there be more than one suppliant, the necessary words must be changed accordingly, as "have" for "has," and "desire" for "desires," etc.)

Ill. Com.—Thank you, Sir Knight. Ill. Lieut. Commander, I will thank you to attend to the admission and examination of the *suppliant*.

Ill. Lt. C.—Ill. Marshal, repair to the outer anteroom and bring the *suppliant* before me for examination.

(The Ill. M. salutes and retires, sees that the suppliant wears the badge or emblem of the Order, conducts him to the inner door, and gives *three loud knocks*).

Ill. I. G.—Ill. Captain of the Guard, there is an alarm at the inner door, but not that of a Royal Forester.

Ill. C. of G.—Inquire who comes.

Ill. I. G.—(Opens the wicket, if there be one, and says in a loud voice, Who comes here?

Ill. M.—(Loud enough to be heard within.) *A suppliant* who humbly *seeks* advancement to the Exalted Degree of a Royal Forester.

Ill. I. G.—Ill. Captain of the Guard, the alarm was caused by the Ill. Marshal who stands at the inner gate, accompanied by a *suppliant* who humbly *seeks* advancement to the Exalted Degree of a Royal Forester.

Ill. C. of G.—Open wide the door and let them enter.

(Ill. I. G. does so and closes the door again. As they enter the Ill. C. of G. will proceed as follows :)

Ill. C. of G.—(To Ill. Marshal and suppliant.) Halt! Sir Knights, attention! *A stranger is* within the Encampment; let the Royal Line be formed.

(Whereupon a line will be formed right across the room, at the Royal Line, each facing the Ill. Lt. C. The Ill. C. of G. meets the Marshal and suppliant, and proceeds as follows :)

Ill. C. of G.—Ill. Marshal, what do you know of *this suppliant*? What claim *has he* for advancement?

Ill. M. *He is a worthy Forester, a member in good standing in his Subordinate Court, recommended as worthy of Exaltation by Sir Knights of the Royal Degree.*

Ill. C. of G.-- Conduct *him* to our Ill. Lieut. Commander, and report to him.

(The Ill. M. conducts the suppliant directly to the front of the Ill. Lt. C's. seat.)

Ill. M.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, by direction of the Ill. Captain of the Guard, I bring before you *this suppliant*. *He is a worthy Forester, a member* in good standing in *his* Subordinate *Court*, recommended as worthy of Exaltation by Sir Knights of the Royal Degree.

Ill. Lt. C.—*Has he*, by faithful discharge of *his* duties, as *a man*, as *a citizen*, and as *a Forester*, fairly merited the honor *he seeks*?

Ill. M.—The members of this Encampment have so adjudged by their unanimous vote for Exaltation.

Ill. Lt. C.—Before *he* can be advanced, *he* must prove *his* knowledge of the work of our Order. You will examine *him* in the Semi-annual Password and the Grip of a Forester.

(The Ill. M. does so, requiring the suppliant to give the S. A. P. W. in a whisper, and to begin the Grip, and reports to the Ill. Lt. Commander as follows:)

Ill. M.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, I find the *suppliant* to be a worthy *Forester*.

Ill. Lt. C.—Thank you, Ill. Marshal. (^{Addressing}_{the suppliant.}) My *brother*, attend to the following questions:

(The Ill. Lt. C. then addresses the suppliant. The first three questions may be put to one, two or more of them in turn, the remaining questions are addressed to all, a pause being made for the reply in each case. If the Ill. Lt. C. is not satisfied with the examination of any suppliant, he may require him to withdraw and wait until the next convocation.)

Ill. Lt. C. —

1. What is the entering signal at the inner door of a Court Room?
2. What further is required in order to pass the inner door?
3. On being admitted to the Court Room; what do you do?
4. You will (*cach*) give me the Entersign.
5. Show me the Foresters' Sign of Recognition and its answer.
6. Give the Warning Sign and Danger Signal.
7. Give the Sign of Distress, and the answer to it
8. What are the Words of Distress?

My *brother*, you have passed our scrutiny thus far, but before you can gain advancement you must undergo a further test.

Do you still desire to proceed? (^{Suppliant}_{answers})

Do you promise to submit to all the established usages of the Royal Foresters? (^{Suppliant}_{answers.})

Do you pledge your word that you will never improperly reveal any of the ceremonies or other secrets of this Encampment? (^{Suppliant}_{answers.})

(Should any suppliant decline to answer any of these questions in the affirmative, the Ill. Lt. C. will direct the Ill. C. of G. to conduct him beyond the outer door. If the answers are all satisfactory, he will rise and proceed as follows:)

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Ill. Lt. C.—It gives me pleasure to reward your apparent devotion to our Order, by communicating to you one of the secrets of this Exalted Degree, namely, the esoteric significance of the letters on our emblem. To all who see them, they express the name and motto of our noble Order,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

LIBERTY, BENEVOLENCE AND CONCORD.

(Pointing to the initials on a badge or on a chart or banner.)

But to us they signify that which you will find to be true of those who meet within the sacred walls of an Encampment of Royal Foresters,

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Bear in mind that this phrase is never to be uttered in the hearing of any person whom you do not know to be a Royal Forester, unless it be as at present uttered in presence of *one* who *is* about to become *a* Royal *Forester*. Before you can fully attain to this Exalted Degree, it will be necessary for you to pass the Royal Line and take a solemn obligation at our sacred altar. You will now retire in charge of our Ill. Marshal that you may be duly prepared.

(The Ill. M. conducts the suppliant to the outer anteroom, the Ill. I. G. allowing them to pass, and the door being closed after them. The Sir Knights in the Royal Line then resume their ordinary places.)

Ill. Lt. C.—(Standing.) Ill. Commander, the *suppliant* *has* been duly admitted and examined, and *has* now retired to be prepared for the final ordeal

Ill. Com.—(Seated) Thank you, Ill. Lieut. Commander. Guards, attend to your duty. Let the "triangle of steel" be formed.

(The Ill. Sw. Bs. arrange themselves about six feet from the door, and about eight feet apart facing each other. The Ill. C. of G. stands about four or five feet farther from the door and facing toward it; each points his sword straight before him. The Ill. M. meanwhile conducts one of the suppliants into the inner anteroom, blindfolds him securely, and then places him close to the inner door. The Ill. O. G. keeps the outer door closed.)

Ill. Com.—Let the signal be given.

(The Ill. I. G. gives one loud rap on the door.)

Ill. M.—^(To suppliant in a low voice.) Until you see again, beware! Raise not a hand except as directed; just before you is a door; give two knocks, and when you hear the signal answered, give two more knocks.

The Ill. I. G. answers with one rap, and as soon as the signal is repeated by the suppliant, the Ill. I. G. opens the door wide.)

Ill. I. G.—Who comes here?

Ill. M.—^(Standing behind suppliant.) A suppliant, who has undergone the scrutiny, and been found worthy of advancement, and is prepared for the final ordeal.

Ill. I. G.—^(In a low voice.) Enter, but beware! Swerve not!

(The Ill. M. places his hands on the suppliant's shoulders, and causes him to go forward three steps, counting "One—two—three." This should bring the suppliant directly between the Ill. Sw. Bs.)

Ill. M.—You are now in a perilous position. On either side the way is hedged with points of steel. ^(The Ill. Sw. Bs. here touch his arms with their swords.) Before you the way is guarded, and you go forward at the peril of your life. Backward alone the path stands open; would you escape peril, you must retreat; but bethink you! If you turn back now, your advancement to the Royal Seat is for ever barred. Will you retire or go forward?

(Suppliant answers for himself.)

Ill. M.—Then advance!

(The Ill. C. of G. receives the suppliant upon the point of his sword, carefully pointed to his breast.)

Ill. C. of G.—You have advanced upon the point of a sword, and thus given proof of your courage and determination. Of such stuff worthy knights are made! But the end is not yet. Be patient!

(If there are other suppliants, the one just received should be conducted to a seat near by, to wait until all have been separately received in like manner. The Ill. M. will then arrange the suppliants near the Ill Lt. C's station, facing the Royal Seat. While he is doing this, the following movement will take place.

NOTE.—Should the number of Knights present not be sufficient to form the Royal Line effectively, this order and its execution will be omitted, also the words of the Ill. Com. from "But behold," down to "inner sanctuary" inclusive; and the giving of the C. S. and P. will be omitted.)



Ill. Com.—(Standing.) Sir Knights, to your places in the Royal Line.

(All the Sir Knights present, except the Ill. Com., the Ill. M., and the Ill. Gs., silently and quickly form a line or lines across the room below the altar facing the suppliants, each with a sword pointed forward from his breast. In order to present a good appearance, the Sir Knights should be arranged according to height, the tallest in the middle. One-half may be in command of the Ill. Lt. C., and the other of the Ill. C. of G. If the Ill. St. Bs. can be spared from the line, they may remain at their posts and display the standards when the line opens. If the Sir Knights are not in uniform then they will hold out their arms as if they were holding out their swords.

Ill. Com.—(Seated.) My suppliant *brother*, you have been tested and tried and found not wanting. Your fidelity and devotion heretofore warrant us in believing you worthy of advancement. You will now be restored to light, after which you may, if you will, pledge your vows at our sacred altar, thence to be conducted to the Royal Seat. (The Ill. M. removes the blindfold, or request, the wearers to remove them, assisting them if required.)
[But behold, the way is guarded; yet fear not; go forward without flinching.]

(The Ill. M., if necessary, prompts them to advance in line, he keeping near them on their right. When within three or four short paces, the Ill. M. gives the C. S., and begins the P.—“**Hkp Tvtwvj.**” The Sir Knights all wave their swords aloft and exclaim, “**Aku Ovjg Praygt,**” upon which the Ill. M. concludes the P.—“**Wqh Hhtkppfukr.**” The line then opens in the centre and each section wheels backward till the sections are parallel, facing the altar. See plan of room.)

Ill. Com.—(Seated.) Behold the power of the Royal Foresters’ Pass to open the way to our inner sanctuary.] Ill. Marshal, you have my command to proclaim the *suppliant*.

Ill. M.—(Standing in front of the suppliant, facing the altar.) Hear ye, Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, and give heed! By command of the Ill. Commander, I hereby proclaim that *Bro.* — has been tested and proved to be a *Forester*, faithful and true, a *man* courageous and zealous, and worthy to be advanced to the Exalted Degree of a *Royal Forester*. If any Ill. Knight or Sir Knight present can show cause why this should not now be done, let him speak forth, or for ever afterward hold his peace.

(If objection is made against the advancement of any suppliant, he must retire to the anteroom, whereupon the validity of the objection must be forthwith decided by a majority vote of the Encampment, without debate. If there are no objections raised, the Ill. Com. will proceed.)

Ill. Com.—Ill. Marshal, place the *suppliant* at the altar, and thereon lay this sword.

(Hands his sword to the Ill. M., who places it on the open Bible, after which he arranges the suppliants before or around the altar.)

Ill. M.—Your commands have been executed, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—’Tis well! Ill. Standard Bearers, take your positions near the altar.

(The Ill. St. Bs. station themselves on the right and left of the altar, with standards displayed, or if there are no standards, with drawn swords. In the absence of the Ill. O. the Ill. Com. may administer the obligation, in which case the necessary changes will be made in the directions given.)

Ill. Com.—The Ill. Orator will take his position at the altar. Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, attention!

(The Ill. Knights and Sir Knights will then draw their swords. The Ill. O. will pass to the side of the altar nearest the Royal Seat and will uncover his head, if chapeaux or fatigue caps have been worn. The ranks will at once close up the gaps left by the Ill. Officers.)

Ill. Com.—(Standing.) *The* (or "*each*") suppliant will place his left hand on the sword resting upon God's Holy Book of the Law, and repeat after the Ill. Orator the Sacred Obligation of a Royal Forester.

Ill. O.—You will *each* say "I," and then pronounce your own name in full and repeat after me the

SACRED OBLIGATION OF A ROYAL FORESTER.

I,—| in the presence of High Heaven, | and before these Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, | do most solemnly and sincerely | promise and declare, | upon my sacred word, | and upon the sword, | the symbol of honor, | and upon God's Holy Book of the Law, | that I will never reveal | any of the secrets | of or pertaining to a Royal Forester, | unless it shall be | to a worthy Knight of this degree | whom I certainly know to be such, | or to a brother duly qualified to receive the same | within the sacred walls | of an Encampment of Royal Foresters, | or as I may be instructed, | for the purpose of mutual recognition.

That I will take as the rule of action | and the guide of my life | the Divine Law, | "Do unto others as ye would | they should do unto you."

That I will acknowledge a Royal Forester | at all times | and in all places, | and will visit him in sickness, | succor him in distress, | and assist him at all times | to the full extent of my power.

That I will not speak ill of a Royal Forester, | nor suffer others to do so | without protest from me; | but will, as far as in me lies, | protect and maintain | his character and honor | as I would my own.

I further promise | to be an exemplar of temperance, | virtue and honor, | and to be at all times | a true and law-abiding citizen.

And I further promise | to cause the mortal remains | of a deceased Royal Forester | to be decently interred, | even at my own expense.

To all and each of these several points | I do hereby pledge | my sacred word and honor. | Amen. Amen. Amen.

Ill. Com.--Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, "Present arms!"

Ill. Com.—As a token of your sincerity, and to seal your vows, you will kiss God's Holy Book of the Law.

(When each suppliant has done so, under the guidance of the Ill. M., the Ill. Com. will continue.)

Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, "Order arms!"

Ill. Com.—The *suppliant* will now be conducted, under royal escort, to the foot of the Throne. The Ill. Knights and Sir Knights will resume their accustomed places.

(The Ill. M. will arrange a procession as follows : 1st, Ill. M. with sword at shoulder ; 2nd, Ill. St. Bs. with Standards displayed ; 3rd, the suppliants in single file or in pairs, and the Ill. Sw. Bs. one on each side of the leading file of suppliants, with swords at shoulder. In this order they will march once or oftener around the room, past the Ill. Com., O., Lt. C. and P. C., wheeling squarely at the corners, to the front of the Throne—a grand march being played, if practicable. The Ill. M. then passes to the rear of the suppliants, the Ill. St. Bs. stand on the right and left of the Ill. Com., upon the dais ; while the Ill. Sw. Bs. conduct the suppliants, not more than three at a time, to the foot of the Throne and cause each to kneel on both knees.)

Ill. Com.—^(Standing.)_(Covered.) By virtue of the high powers in me vested, and in the name of the Independent Order of Foresters, I do hereby proclaim (*each of*) you a Royal Forester. —*— Rise, Sir Knight—

(The last words are repeated for each one. When all have been Knighted, the Ill. St. Bs. and Sw. Bs. will take their respective stations ; the Ill. M. will arrange the newly made Knights in a line for instruction and may then take his seat.)

Ill. Com.—^(Standing.) As you have now taken upon yourself the sacred obligation of a Royal Forester, and been duly advanced to this Exalted Degree, you are entitled to be instructed in our secret work.

(The Ill. Com. gives full instructions as to the C. S. and P., the G. and the manner of entering and leaving the room when the Encampment is in session. He will then continue :)

[NOTE.—In the absence of a P. C. competent to give the explanations, etc., the Ill. Com. will take the part, in which case he will, instead of "You will now be conducted, &c.," say "I shall now further instruct you in the significance, &c."]

Ill. Com.—You will now be conducted to the station of the Ill. Past Commander, who will (*I shall now*) further instruct you in the significance of the emblems of our Order, our Signet and Token.

(The Ill. C. then skips to the Ill. P. C.'s charge on next page if he is to give all the instructions. If the instructions are to be given by the Ill. P. C. the suppliants face to the right, and proceed under escort in line to the front of the Ill. P. C.)

Ill. M.—Ill. Past Commander, by command of the Ill. Commander, I present before you *this Sir Knight* for further instructions.

Ill. P. C.—In a former part of these ceremonies, you were informed that the letters on the emblem or badge of our Order signify to us who have been ADMITTED to an Encampment of Royal Foresters, RECEIVED on the point of the sword, and KNIGHTED at the Royal Seat, that we are ++ ++ ++ ++

These letters form the **SIGNET** of a Royal Forester. In testing a person who claims to be such, * * * * *

The **TOKEN** is used by the Ill. Commander only in acknowledging the Royal Salutation, and is given thus, * * * * *

The **Moose's Head**, depicted upon our emblem or badge, is significant of the origin of the Foresters' brotherhood. The Moose is a lordly ranger of the forest, a king of his kind, and his head is to us a symbol of excellence, and should stimulate us to try and excel in all good works, but especially in those connected with our Order.

The two **Female Figures** represent *Liberty* and *Benevolence*, while the clasped hands symbolize the *Concord* which should ever exist amongst Foresters.

Upon the seal of an Encampment of Royal Foresters appear the following symbols :

1. The **Crossed Swords**,—emblematical of knightly honor and chivalry :

2. The **Crown**,—appropriate to our ancient title of *Royal Foresters* ;

3. The **All-seeing Eye**,—reminding us of the loving care exercised over us by an Omniscient and Omnipresent God, and of our duty to be ever watchful over the welfare of our brethren.

Brother and Sir Knight, it is now my pleasure to congratulate you upon having attained to this Exalted Degree in our Order, and having been made acquainted with its secret working. The vows you have taken at this time are of a very solemn character, and impose upon you new and increased obligations. Ever be watchful, lest you inadvertently violate any of them.

(The following lecture may be omitted if the Ill. Com. at this stage so decides.)

Ill. Com.—The *Sir Knight* will be escorted to the Ill. Orator for further instructions.

Ill. M.—Ill. Orator, by command of the Ill. Commander, I present before you *this Sir Knight* for further instructions.

Ill. O.—*Sir Knight* I congratulate you on having attained to the Royal and Chivalric Degree of our Order.

As a *Forester*, you should henceforth be more than ever devoted to the Order. Any society worthy to exist, will grow and prosper in proportion to the interest its members take in its working. We belong to a society of whose principles and of whose history we need not be ashamed.

As a *Sir Knight* of the Royal Degree, it becomes you to cherish in your *heart*, and exemplify in all your conduct, those high principles of chivalry and honor, unflinching courage in support of the right, and self-sacrifice on behalf of the weak or distressed, which characterized the noble knights of the olden time. By such qualities as these, the early forest rangers, known in English legends as "Robin Hood and his merrie men."—robbers and outlaws though they were,—won the admiration of the country folk.

"The ideal Robin Hood is the knight-errant of the lowly, a chief among free men united against despotism, and rejoicing in the virgin freshness and gladness of unsubdued nature. The kindly woods and secret-keeping mountains of all lands with a long history, have sheltered fugitives from injustice, and avengers of wrongs, whom popular love and fancy and faith have transformed and glorified into objects of enthusiastic admiration."

We modern Foresters, far from being outlaws, are bound by our obligations to be law-abiding citizens. But in all good ways we should emulate our ancient brethren, whose haunts were in the leafy depths of the forest. And not least of all should we imitate their love of Nature, that our more enlightened minds may be led up to Nature's God. Let us not forget that

"The groves were God's first Temples Ere man framed
The lofty vault, to gather and roll back
The sound of anthems; in the darkling wood,
Amid the cool and silence, he knelt down,
And offered to the Mightiest solemn thanks
And supplication. * * * * Ah why
Should we, in the world's riper years, neglect
God's ancient sanctuaries? * * * *

Be it ours to meditate,
 In those calm shades, His milder majesty,
 And to the beautiful order of His works
 Learn to conform the order of our lives."

Ill. Com.—The Ill. Sword Bearers will conduct the Sir *Knight* to the altar, after which the Ill. Marshal will proclaim the exaltation of the Sir *Knight*.



(The Ill. M. having previously provided himself with a list of the names, will proceed to the foot of the throne, stand facing the altar and make proclamation,—the new Knights standing in line.)

Ill. M.—Hear ye, Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, and take heed! By command of the Ill. Commander, I hereby proclaim that *Bro.* — — *has* been admitted, received, and advanced to the Exalted Degree of a Royal *Forester*; and *is* now entitled to the honors, privileges and immunities of that distinguished rank.

Ill. Com. — The new Sir *Knight* will now be welcomed by *his* older brethren, after which *he* will proceed to the table of the Ill. Archivist, where *he* will subscribe *his name* on our roll.



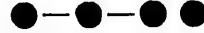
INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

(When an Encampment is ready for Installation, the Ill. Supreme Commander or other Installing Officer, acting as Ill. Supreme Commander, will take the chair and will appoint a full staff of Ill. Officers to assist in the Ceremony.)

Ill. S. C.—Ill. Archivist, you will read the record of the officers elect of this Encampment, and the Ill. Marshal will escort them to the altar for obligation.

(The Ill. A. will then call the roll of officers elect, and as they are called the Ill. M. will conduct them to their places around the altar; the first five in a circle around the altar, the remainder in a second circle around the principal officers, and about three feet away from the first circle.)

Ill. S. C.—Each of the Ill. Knights in the inner circle will place his left hand upon the sword resting upon God's Holy Book of the Law. Those in the outer circle will each stand at "attention," and stretch forth his left hand towards the altar.



Ill. S. C.—Each will say "I," pronounce his name in full, and repeat after me

THE SOLEMN VOW OF OFFICE.

I, (*name in full*), upon my Knightly word and honor, | do solemnly promise and vow | that I will, | to the best of my ability, | discharge the duties | of the office, | to which I have been elected, | in accordance with the Constitutions | and Laws | of the Independent Order of Foresters.

That I will strictly obey | the words of command |
of my superior officers.

That I will be ever ready | to draw my sword | in
defence of truth and virtue, | and to combat the hand |
of ignorance and superstition.

That I will be diligent | in advancing the interests |
of this Encampment ; | and, by every legitimate
means, | promote the welfare | of the Independent Order
of Foresters.

That I will cause the election of officers | to be held
at the time | provided in the Constitutions and Laws |
of the Order ; | and bind my successors in office | by
these same vows ; | and hand over to them | all books, |
papers, funds, | and other effects | of whatsoever kind,
of or belonging to this Encampment, | which may be
in my possession, | custody, or control.

All this I promise and vow | on my Knightly word
and honor. | May this vow be registered in Heaven. |
Amen. Amen. Amen.

III. S. C.— Ill. Knights, you have given your
Knightly vows to be true and faithful to the high
trusts now committed to your hands. To an honorable
and upright man there can be nothing more binding
than such vows. As you hope for heaven, I charge
you to so conduct yourselves that at the final inspec-
tion your record may be found clear, and that it may
be said of each of you, " Well done, good and faith-
ful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Ill. S. C.—Ill. Marshal, you will see that each of the Ill. Officers of this Encampment is conducted to his high and honorable station.

(The Ill. M. will see that the Sw. Bs. conduct each Ill. Officer to his post, beginning with the Ill. Gs., and ending with the Ill. Com.)

Ill. S. C.—Attention, Ill. Officers—●.

(The newly installed officers will rise to their feet and remain standing during the proclamation.)

Ill. S. C.—Ill. Marshal, you have my command to proclaim the Ill. Officers of this Encampment duly installed.

Ill. M.—By command of the Ill. Supreme Commander, and in the name of the Independent Order of Foresters, I proclaim the Ill. Officers of this Encampment duly and legally installed. May peace, virtue, and honor ever abide within this Encampment of Royal Foresters.

Ill. Brethren.—So mote it be.

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CLOSING CEREMONY.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Lieut. Commander.—●—I am about to close this Encampment of Royal Foresters: what is the first charge?

Ill. Lt. C.—To see that all present are Royal Foresters, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, are you a Royal Forester?

Ill. Lt. C.—I am, Ill. Commander; try me and prove me.

Ill. Com.—How will you be proved, Ill. Lieut. Commander?

Ill. Lt. C.—By my Signs, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Advance the Signs.

Ill. Lt. C.—I will, Ill. Commander, with the assistance of the Ill. Knights and Sir Knights present.

Ill. Com.—Let it be done in due form.



Ill. Lt. C.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, attend to giving the Signs.

(All then, in conjunction with the Ill. Lt. C., give the Token and then the Salutation Sign. The Ill. Com. will then give the Countersign and proceed as follows:)

Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, I perceive that you have all received the Exalted Degree of a Royal Forester; but, before I declare this Encampment duly closed, give ear to the words of the Ill. Orator.

(The Ill. O. then returns his sword and proceeds to the altar and takes his position just below the altar, facing the throne.)

Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, attention! Present Arms!

Ill. O.—And now, to God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, be accorded all might, majesty, and dominion now and for ever. Amen.

Ill. Brethren.—Amen. Amen. Amen.

Ill. Com.—Order Arms!



(The Ill. Brethren "return" their swords.)

Ill. Com.—Ill Orator, what is your next duty?

Ill. O.—To close God's Holy Book of the Law, Ill. Commander.

Ill. Com.—Perform that duty.

(The Ill. O. closes the Bible, and after reporting to the Ill. C. as under returns to his post.)

Ill. O.—Ill Commander, that duty is performed.

Ill. Com.—Thank you, Ill. Orator.

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Ill. Com.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, what is the next duty of an Encampment of Royal Foresters?

Ill. Lt. C.—To see that all present have received justice, tempered with fraternal love.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Marshal, you have my command to make the closing proclamation.

Ill. M.—Hear ye, and take heed! By command of the Ill. Commander, if any Ill. Knight or Sir Knight present has not received that justice which is due from one brother to another, let him now make known his grievance.

(A slight pause takes place, and if any grievance is laid before the Encampment, it must be attended to before closing the Encampment; but if no grievance is laid before the Encampment, the Ill. Lt. C. proceeds:)

Ill. Lt. C.—Ill. Commander, every brother present has received his just dues.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Lieut. Commander, what is the last duty of an Encampment of Royal Foresters?

Ill. Lt. C.—To see that the Guards are alert and at their posts.

Ill. Com.—Attend to that duty.

Ill. Lt. C.—● ●

Ill. I. G.—●

Ill. O. G.—● ●

Ill. Lt. C.—Ill. Commander, the Encampment is duly guarded.

Ill. Com.—Then, by virtue of the powers in me vested, I declare this Encampment of Royal Foresters duly and legally closed.



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RECEPTION CEREMONY.

FOR THE ILL. SUPREME COMMANDER.

(When the Ill. Supreme Commander visits an Encampment, he will gain admission to the anteroom in the usual way, and make himself and his rank known to the Ill. O. G. who will at once alarm the Encampment by giving three loud knocks upon the inner door, whereupon the Ill. I. G. will immediately open the wicket when the Ill. O. G. will inform the Ill. I. G. of the name and the rank of the visitor. The Ill. I. G. will then announce the name and the rank of the visitor in waiting, upon which the Ill. Com. will suspend whatever business may be before the Encampment, and forthwith instruct the Ill. Marshal to take with him the Ill. Sw. Bs. and the Ill. St. Bs. and proceed to the anteroom and form an escort to the Ill. visitor.)

Ill. O. G.—● ● ●

Ill. I. G.—(^{Opens the}_{wicket or door.})—Who comes there?

Ill. O. G.—The Illustrious Supreme Commander.

Ill. I. G.—Ill. Commander, I have the pleasure of announcing that the Illustrious Supreme Commander is in the anteroom for the purpose of visiting our Encampment.

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Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights, assist me to receive the Illustrious visitor with the honors due to his exalted rank. The Ill. Marshal, accompanied by the Ill. Sword Bearers and Ill. Standard Bearers, will retire and act as an escort to the distinguished Brother.

(The Ill. officers named retire to the anteroom forthwith, for the purpose of introducing the visitor. While the Ill. M. and escort are in the anteroom the Ill. Knights will arrange themselves in two parallel lines facing inwards and about six feet apart extending from the inner door to the altar. As the Ill. Supreme Commander enters they will cross their swords forming an "arch of steel." As soon as the escort is ready the Ill. O. G. will again give three loud knocks on the inner door, whereupon the Ill. I. G. will throw wide open the door, and the escort, accompanied by the Ill. Supreme Commander, will enter in the following order: The Ill. St. Bs., the Ill. M. with the Ill. Supreme Commander next and the Ill. Sw. Bs. bringing up the rear. The Ill. Com., at the moment of entry of the escort and visitor, will call up the Encampment and give the general salute at the same time that those in line form the "arch of steel." The escort will conduct the visitor to the altar in the usual way, the Ill. St. Bs. taking their positions on the right and left of the altar, the Ill. M. on the left of the Ill. Supreme Commander at the foot of the altar and the Ill. Sw. Bs. immediately in rear.)

Ill. O. G.—● ● ●

Ill. I. G.—(Throws wide open the door and the escort and visitor enter.)

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Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights! Attention! General Salute, Present Arms!

Ill. M.—Ill. Commander, I have the honor to present to you, and through you to this Encampment, the Ill. Supreme Commander.

Ill. Com.—Ill. Supreme Commander, we are indeed honored by this visit, and it gives us pleasure to extend to you a most hearty fraternal greeting. You will now be conducted to the "post of honor."

(The escort will then conduct the visitor to the "post of honor," where he is received by the Ill. Com., and after a hearty handshake from the Ill. Com., is seated therein. The Ill. Com. will then seat the Encampment.)

Ill. Com.—Ill. Knights and Sir Knights! Order Arms!

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Ill. Com.—I have now great pleasure in introducing to you our distinguished visitor, the Ill. Supreme Commander.

[NOTE—Ill officers holding the rank from 2 to 8 both inclusive, as per Section 277, will be received in the same manner as the Ill. Supreme Commander except that the "arch of steel" shall not be formed for them. Those of the rank from 9 to 18 both inclusive and general officers will be received in like manner but without the "arch of steel" and without the Sw. Bs. All other officers of the rank at least of a Commander will be received without the "arch of steel" and without the escort of the Ill. St. Bs. and Ill Sw. Bs.]



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