

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple  
and of  
St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta  
in England and Wales and Provinces Overseas



Provincial Priory  
of  
Somerset

“Synopsis of the Ceremony of Installation as a Knight  
Templar”

*(copy to be presented to the Candidate)*

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The Ceremony is quite unlike any ritual of any Order in the World. Analysis of the Order shows that it embodies all the features of a complete Rite of Initiation, viz: Tying, Proper preparation, Ritual Garments, Pilgrimage, Warfare, Penance, Death, Rest, and Refreshment, new name, Rebirth, Enthronement, Proclamation, and the Long Journey Home across the Middle Sea. This is symbolism of a very high order which has survived the storms of over 175 years.

### Admission:

The Candidate seeks refuge as a Pilgrim, is refreshed with bread and water and questioned about his faith.

### Pilgrimage:

As a proof of his Faith the Candidate is enjoined a seven-year pilgrimage (remitted to three).

### Obligation:

The Pilgrim takes an Obligation on the Holy Gospels and is admitted as a Novice of the Order, being clothed, and armed as a Crusader and entrusted with the Sign and Word.

### Warfare:

The Novice is directed to perform a seven years warfare (reduced to three) on completion of which he assists the Marshal to unveil the Cross.

### Charge:

The Novice is addressed on the significance of the stages of the Ceremony.

### Penance:

The Novice undertakes a year of penance and mortification.

### Meditation:

Having been entrusted with the Casual Sign and Grand Password of the Order, the Novice retires to meditate on the Ceremony and to prepare for Knighthood.

### Re-admission:

The Novice is re-admitted and refreshed with the Cup of Memory.

### Presentation of the Mystical Stone:

The Companion-in-Arms signs his initials on the Mystical Stone and is given the Sacred Word.

### Investiture:

The Companion-in-Arms is escorted to the Investiture as a Knight of the Order, clothed, and armed as such, and entrusted with the Grand Sign, Grand Grip and Grand Word of the Order. On being escorted to his seat in the Preceptory he is proclaimed and saluted.

### Address:

The newly installed Knight is given an explanation of the Symbols of the Order.