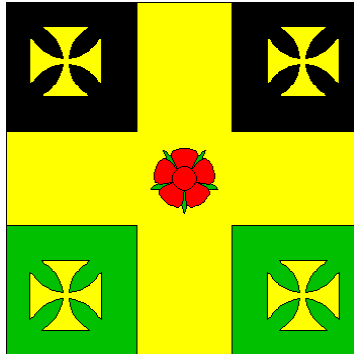


Grades of Rank for the Brothers Serjeant of the Jerusalem Temple



The Turcopole Ranks:

These were commoner soldiers who would fight alongside the Knights. Many of these were locals native to the Holy Land. The Turcopole rituals take place in a Garrison dependent on a Preceptory. Those in the Turcopoles are not yet full members of the Order. They have a voice in discussion, but do not have a vote.

- 1 -- Footman
- 2 -- Mariner
- 3 -- Archer
- 4 -- Fugitive

After a period of no less than 6 months, the Fugitive is reviewed and may receive the White Girdle elevating him to Serjeant. Serjeants are full members of the order and are granted full membership privileges in the Preceptory.

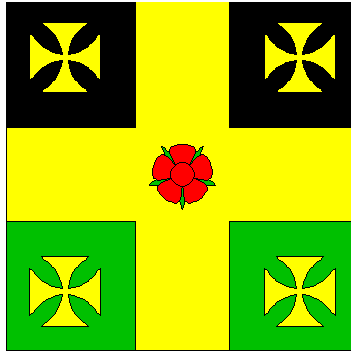
Serjeant Preceptory Grades

- 4 – Serjeant
- 5 – Man at Arms
- 6 -- Yeoman
- 7 -- Escuier

The Titular Elect

- 8 -- Preceptory Master of Serjeants
- 9 -- Serjeant of the Realm Commandery
- 10 -- Grand Serviente

Serjeants of the Jerusalem Temple



Form of opening a Garrison for Ritual

*MS: seated, knocks *, repeated by Sen and Mar: Brethren Serjeants and Turcoples, assist me to open this Garrison. Knocks **.*

All rise.

MS: Brother Seneschal, what is the first duty of every Brother of the Jerusalem Temple?

Sen salutes: To guard against intrusion from Saracens, Infidels, and any other who would interfere with our sacred duties.

MS: Direct the posting of the Watch.

Sen: It shall be done. To U. Sen: Brother Under-Seneschal, Post the Watch.

U Sen: Brother Warder, is the Garrison guarded from intrusion?

Wdr goes to door, opens it and sees that the Stl is present; he then closes the door and returns to his station: Brother Under Seneschal, the Sentinel has posted himself without. He shall challenge all whom approach, welcoming friends and repelling foes. I stand guard at the gate allowing passage to none, neither in nor out, without leave of the Master of Serjeants.

U Sen knocks once; addresses Sen: The Watch has been posted.

Sen salutes: Honoured Master, the Garrison is secure from intrusion.

MS: It is well, what is the next duty?

Sen: To ensure none but Brethren are present.

MS: See that this is so.

Sen: Brother Under-Seneschal, assist me know our brethren.

Sen and U Sen will receive g & p from each person present. Sen checking the South, U Sen the North. The two meet across the altar and exchange the g & p. U Sen returns to post.

Sen salutes: Honoured Master, all present are recognized as Brethren of the Jerusalem Temple.

Visiting Brethren will be announced at this time.

MS: Brother Clerk, we are informed the Sentinel and Warder are at their posts. How many ritual officers besides these are called to duty in our Garrison?

Clk, saluting: Besides these, eight officers and the Chaplain.

MS: Brother Under Mareschal, your post and duties?

U Mar, saluting: My post is in the Southwest. My duties are to convey orders from the Master of Serjeants to the Brethren and to make them accountable for their actions.

MS: Continue then the call of the roll.

U Mar: Brother Mareschal, your post and duties.

Mar: My post is in the Northeast of the Garrison. I am the Serjeant-at-Arms. My duties are to prepare and conduct the candidate, assist the Turcopolier, and prepare the equipment.

U Mar: Brother Under Seneschal, your post and duties.

U Sen: My post is in the Southeast. I am the Serjeant of the Guard. My duties are to ensure the watch is posted and announce all whom enter and leave the Garrison.

U Mar: Brother Seneschal, your post and duties.

Sen: My post is in the Northwest. I am the Standard Bearer. It is my duty to try the Candidate.

U Mar: Brother Turcopolier, your post and duties.

Turc.: My post is in the West before the Master of Serjeants. It is my duty to oversee the training of the Turcoples, lead the March, and command the Serjeants in Battle.

U Mar: The Ritual posts are filled. Brother Drapier, your post and duties?

Drap: My post is at the Table. My duties are the disbursement of funds, the placement of furniture in the Hall, the preparation of refreshment, and the provision of attire to the Brethren.

U Mar: Brother Clerk, your post and duties?

Clk: My post also is at the Table. My duties are receipt of all funds, documentation of all activities of the Garrison, and maintenance of the rolls of membership.

U Mar, saluting: The ritual and business officers are at their posts Honoured Master. It remains for thee to post thyself and our Chaplain.

MS: As the Master of Serjeants of this Garrison, my post is in the West. My duties are to command the Garrison and see that all work conducted is in accordance with the Rule & Ritual.

This leaves but one office to account for. Brother Chaplain, please state your post and Holy duties.

Chap: My post is in the South. My duties are to prepare and administer the sacraments, to oblige the candidate and offer the prayers of the Brethren to the Almighty.

*MS knocks ***:* Brother Chaplain, please invoke the blessings of our Most Holy Commander.

Chap Moves to altar, opens Bible to Psalm 91: Brethren, let us pray:

Chap: He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. We will say of the Lord:

Breth: He is our refuge and our fortress; our God; in Him will we trust.

C: Surely He shall deliver us from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover us with his feathers, and under His wings shalt we trust:

B: His truth shall be our shield and buckler.

C: We shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

B: A thousand shall fall at our side, and ten thousand at our right hand; but it shall not come nigh us.

C: Only with our eyes shalt we behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because we have made the Lord, which is our refuge, even the most High, our habitation;

B: There shall no evil befall us, neither shall any plague come nigh our dwelling.

C: For He shall give his angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways. They shall bear us up in their hands, lest we dash foot against stone. We shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt we trample under feet.

All: Because we hath set our love upon Him, therefore will He deliver us; He will set us high, because we hath known His name. We shall call upon Him, and He will answer us; He will be with us in trouble; He will deliver us, and honour us. With long life will He satisfy us, and shew us His salvation. Amen

Chaplain returns to station.

MS: Brother Under-Mareschal, I Order the opening of this Garrison.

U Mar: Brethren, this _____ Garrison # _____ of the Jerusalem Temple is now open for any missions that may be requested of it.

*MS Knocks **. *All sit*.

Form of closing a Garrison

MS seated, knocks once with sceptre, MS. rises: Does any Brother have aught to propose for the good of the Brethren in general or of this Garrison in particular?

*MS knocks ****: Brethren, assist me to close the Garrison.

All rise.

MS: Brother Seneschal, what is our constant duty?

Sen, saluting: To guard our actions against intrusion.

MS: Direct that duty to be done.

Sen: Brother Under Seneschal, inspect the Watch.

U Sen: Brother Warder, prove that the Garrison is secured.

Wdr goes to door and knocks for rank worked; Sentinel replies; Wdr returns to his station: Brother Under Seneschal, the Garrison is secured.

*U Sen., knocks **: Brother Seneschal, the Watch passes inspection.

Sen, saluting: Honoured Master, the Garrison is secured.

MS: Brother Mareschal, what is the next care?

Mar: To see that all present are Brethren.

MS: To order, Brethren, as [rank worked].

All give appropriate sign.

MS: Before the Garrison is closed, let us beseech the Most Holy Commander of the Universe.

Chap: At last, all-powerful Master, You give leave to your servants to go in peace, according to your promise. For our eyes have seen Thy salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the Light to enlighten and give glory to your people. Amen.

All: Amen.

MS: Brother Seneschal, the mission being completed, you have my command to close this Garrison.

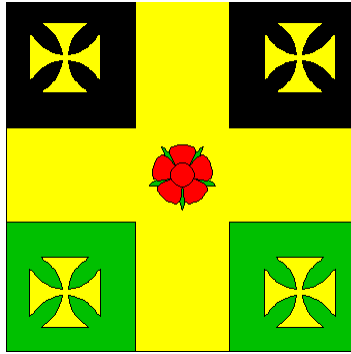
U Mar: Brethren, in the name of the Most Holy Commander of the Universe and by command of the Master of Serjeants, I close this Garrison. Brother Under-Seneschal, recall the Watch and command the gate be swung wide to allow the Brethren to go forth.

U Sen: Brother Warder, swing wide the gate, allowing the Brethren to go forth. Advise the Sentinel he is relieved of his duties for the present.

Wdr goes to door and knocks for rank. Sentinel replies. Wdr opens door. Chap goes to front of altar, closes Bible and returns to his place.

MS knocks thrice. All salute.

Serjeants of the Jerusalem Temple



Ritual of the First Rank
Being that of

Footman

- The altar is presented as the Stone of Moriah. Upon it rests a small casket of soil represented as taken from Mount Moriah in Jerusalem.
- The Chaplain will have the Sacraments prepared for the Communion.
- The Chiurgeon will have the necessary tools to perform his duties.

Raise to Footman

MS: Brother Turcopolier, I place this Garrison under your command for the purpose of drilling the Turcoples.

*Turc salutes and knocks **:* We will now muster a Garrison of Footmen.

Brother Under Mareschal, what is the Altar for a Garrison of Footmen?

Sen: The Stone of Moriah.

Turc: I presume there are traditions with reference to the Stone of Moriah sufficiently important to justify its use as the altar upon which a Footman Garrison should be opened?

U Mar: There are.

Turc: Relate them.

U Mar: This stone fell from Lucifer's diadem when he was cast from heaven. As such, it has the special ability to absorb the taint of sin and was one of the items Adam was permitted to carry when he was evicted from Eden. It served as the ballast stone in Noah's Ark. Upon this stone did Abraham offer his son. His

son Ishmael took a fragment of the stone and set it at the place of pilgrimage in the wilderness. As a pillow, this stone supported Jacob's head when he saw the Ladder of Angels ascending unto the Heavens. It was the Foundation Stone of Solomon's temple upon which sat the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. From this same stone, the Christ ascended to the Almighty.

Turc: In the name of Our Most Holy Commander, I declare this Garrison of Footmen of the Jerusalem Temple duly mustered.

*Turc knocks * *, which is repeated by U Sen, Wrd on the door, and Stl. Chap goes to front of altar, places Casket, opens to Gen 28:22 and reads: "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house" Chap salutes Turc. and returns to his place.*

*Turc knocks *:* Be seated, Brethren.

Ceremony of Initiation

Turc seated: Brother Mareschal, you will retire to the anteroom and prepare Mr. A. for entrance. *Mar salutes and retires.*

Turc: Brethren, we are about to undergo a solemn ceremony of initiation. That the candidate may have an experience worthy of our cause, I charge you to observe the utmost decorum.

*Mareschal sees that candidate is prepared by being dressed in a tunic and apron. If not done previously he is asked to sign the statement professing his faith and humility. When Candidate is prepared Mareschal knocks * *.*

Wdr, rises and salutes: Brother Under Seneschal, there is a report.

*U Sen, seated, knocks **.* *Wdr goes to and opens wicket.*

Wdr: Who comes here?

Mar: The Mareschal with a Craftsman who seeks employment in the works at the Temple.

Wdr: Is he properly prepared, Humble, and of the True Faith?

Mar: I have received his Profession of Faith and Humility, and seen that he is clothed appropriately.

Wdr: I will notify the Turcopolier. *Closes wicket, salutes:* Brother Turcopolier, there is a Craftsman at the gate seeking employment in the repairs of the Temple.

Turc: We have need of skilled Craftsmen in our works at the Temple. Has he professed his Faith and Humility?

Wdr: Our Brother Mareschal assures that he has.

Turc: Admit him, but see he is bound and blinded until he has been found true.

Wdr: It shall be done. *Returns to wicket:* The Craftsmen may be admitted, but must be bound and blinded until proven true.

Mareschal binds hands and places hood over candidate. Wdr watches through wicket then opens door.

Mar leads candidate once around garrison, stops west of altar. Turc advances to altar and receives profession from Mar. Looks to verify it has been signed.

*Turc knocks ***, all rise.*

Chap: "Blessed be the Lord God who has come to his people and set them free. Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, to show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life."

Turc: Mr. A, you have expressed a desire for employment in our works at the Temple. I have in my hands your profession of faith and humility. Before, however, you be allowed to engage in the work you must take an oath of fidelity to our Brotherhood. Being assured it will in no way interfere with your loyalties to your faith, family or nation, are you willing to take such an oath?

Cand: I am.

*Turc knocks ***; all stand:* Then you will kneel and have your hands placed upon the Altar Stone. *Assisted by Mar.* Our Chaplain will administer the Oath.

Chap: I [state your full name] **make this solemn oath, of my own free will, in the presence of God and this Garrison, upon my honor as a free man, to never reveal the business of this or any other regularly formed body of the Brothers Serjeant of the Jerusalem Temple. I will not discuss the rituals of the Order with anyone whom I cannot prove to be genuine member. Nor will I allow them to be written, copied, recorded or communicated to a non-member in any form. I will inform the Supreme Council of any organization outside its control that is engaged in conferring the Rites belonging to this Order.**

When mustered in Garrison, I will at all times conduct myself with dignity and demand the same of my Brethren. I will avoid discord with my Brethren and accept the command of the Master of the Garrison without question as per the Rule of the Order.

I will comply with the Rule of the Order, the Ritual, and all governing By-Laws of my Garrison and will remain loyal thereto. I will never attempt to wrong or bring discredit upon the Order nor any member thereof. Nor will I permit any wrong to be done to either should it be in my power to prevent.

Further, should my affiliation with the Serjeants of the Jerusalem Temple cease in any way, I will consider this Oath perpetually binding as though I had remained a member in good standing.

If I should willingly fail in this my oath, may I suffer no less a punishment than that my veins may spill forth my life upon the barren ground, yea, even unto the very last drop. So help me God.

Chaplain places hand upon candidates head: "And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high [*Chap pulls off hood*] shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

*Turc knocks *:* Mr A, you may now rise. Brother Mareschal you may release his bonds.

Mar moves forward, but is stopped.

U Sen: Brother Turcopolier! I respectfully object! All members here are first and foremost warriors; joined in the defense of this Brotherhood, our Faith, and Equality among mankind. This Craftsman must be assigned weapons and instructed in their use if he wishes to join with us.

Turc: This seems reasonable and right. Craftsman, are you willing to serve as a Footman among these Brethren?

Cand: I am.

Turc: Brother Mareschal, assign Mr A his weapon.

Mar removes bonds and places spontoon into left hand of candidate. "They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held a weapon".

Turc: Mr A, I now declare you to be a Footman of the Jerusalem Temple.

Sen: Brother Turcopolier! I also respectfully object. An oath is insufficient. Assigning arms may be dangerous. The enemy is skilled in the art of deceit. Lies are not considered sinful among the infidels. He may be a spy sent to infiltrate our order.

U Mar: And how then shall we prove his loyalty? He has taken the same oath that all here assembled took when they joined this order. If he be a spy, then the same might be said for any here assembled, including thyself Brother Seneschal. How may we know that thou art true?

Sen: I, like all here assembled, have proven my loyalty to my faith, this order and its values by the blood I have shed. Many are the Brethren who have shed even their last drop of blood on the soils of the Holy Land. This craftsman must show he also is willing to shed his blood.

Turc: Our Brother Seneschal speaks wisely. Mr. A, are you willing to shed your blood for your Faith, the principles of Equality, and your new Brethren?

Cand prompted, replies in the affirmative.

Turc: Brother Chiurgeon, see to your duties and bleed this new Footman that he may be proved true. Brothers Mareschal and Brothers Seneschal, you will aide the Chiurgeon by securing the Footman's limbs.

Mar takes spontoon and sets it aside. Candidate is laid upon the Chiurgeon's table. Limbs are held by the Mareschals and Seneschals at their respective corners. The Chiurgeon bares the candidates left arm.

Chiur: In previous times, you would have been bled until you became faint. We no longer take so much blood from you. I will ask of you three drops to be taken using this thorn. Please give me your right hand.

Cand extends right hand. Chiurgeon uses sterile lancet to obtain a drop from the candidates thumb. The Turc catches this drop in the chalice, saying: In defense of the Faith.

Chiurgeon pierces index finger. Turc catches drop on statement saying: In defense of Equality among mankind.

Chiurgeon pierces middle finger. Turc catches drop in casket saying: In defense of our Brotherhood.

Turc: You are now one with us.

Chap raising Chalice: This is your blood and our blood which we have shed for Him even as the Christ shed for us. Let us drink that we may always remember.

The Chaplain drinks then passes the cup to the Turc, Mar, U Mar, Sen, U Sen, then around the Garrison until all members have shared in the cup. When the cup is returned to the altar, it is passed to the new Footman that he may drink last.

Turc: You are now indeed a Turcopole among the Serjeants of the Jerusalem Temple. Our Mareschal will now escort you to the Seneschals who so recently voiced objection that they may instruct you on the secrets of a Turcopole and this degree.

Mar escorts the candidate one full time around Garrison stopping at post of the Under Seneschal.

Lecture

U Sen: Welcome to our Garrison. To gain admittance to this or any Garrison of Turcopoles of the Jerusalem Temple you will be required to prove your membership to the sentinel by a sign, a grip, and a password. The sign is given thus: *demonstrates*. The grip is given as such: *demonstrates*. The password is *Qrhf lhyg*, meaning *Tbq jvyyf vg*. This was the war-cry of the First Crusade. The password is always given in conjunction with the grip as you have just received it.

I will now instruct you in identifying yourself as a Footman of the Jerusalem Temple. To gain admittance to a Garrison in session as Footmen, you must further prove yourself. This is done by a sign, a grip, and a password. The sign is given thus. The three fingers being those from which you proved your loyalty. The grip is given thus with the same fingers. The password for the degree is *Fnat rg Fby*, given in two parts, the challenger leading with *Fnat*, and the reply being *rg Fby*.

Our Mareschal will now escort you to the Seneschal who will give you further instruction.

Mar escorts candidate to station of Seneschal

Sen hands spontoon into left hand of candidate: *It pleases me to return your weapon.* The altar on which you took your oath represents the Stone of Moriah. This stone, tradition says, fell from Lucifer's Diadem when he was cast out of heaven. As such it has the ability to absorb the taint of sin. After the sin of Adam and Eve, they were so overcome by shame and grief they fell upon their faces as if dead. God took pity on them and permitted them to carry the stone with them from Eden. While the stone did not provide forgiveness for their sin, it did absorb some of the associated shame, allowing them to continue their lives.

Upon this same stone the Patriarch Noah rested from his daily labours during the building of the Ark, and he placed this Stone as ballast when the Ark was finished. Upon this Stone, Noah made his first offering to the Lord in thankfulness for his safe deliverance.

Knowledge of the Stone passed to Abram, who was willing to sacrifice his son upon it. Ishmael took a fragment of the Stone to the site of pilgrimage in the wilderness where the Muhammadans still revere it today. As a pillow, the Stone supported Jacob's head when he saw the Ladder of Angels ascending unto the

Heavens. It was the Foundation Stone of Solomon's temple upon which sat the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. From this same Stone, the Christ ascended to the Right Hand of the Almighty.

The device used to draw your blood represents a Sacred Thorn from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. Remember well the three drops of blood upon this thorn.

The small casket contains soil from the Holy Land; you have indeed shed your blood upon the Holy Land's soil.

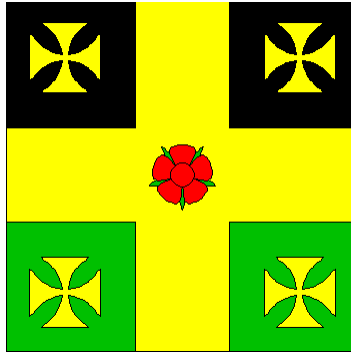
The three fingers form the sign of the trinity – being God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Man also exists in a trinity: Spirit, Body, and Soul. It will serve you well to think on this comparison.

You will now take your seat among the Turcopoliers for the closing of the Garrison

Salutes Turcopolier: Brother Turcopolier, the new Footman has received his instruction.

Close according to the closing ritual of a Garrison.

Serjeants of the Jerusalem Temple



Ritual of the Second Rank
Being that of

Mariner

The altar is presented as the Cup of Life.

- Before the ceremony, the candidate dressed in a tunic and trousers. He is given a sealed document which he is told is from the Commander of the Kingdom of Jerusalem to the officers of the Order in France.

Raise to Mariner

MS: Brother Turcopolier, I place this Garrison under your command for the purpose of drilling the Turcoples.

Turc: We will now muster a Garrison of Mariners. Footmen! *knocks ***, *all Footmen stand and salute the Turcopolier*. Footmen, you are dismissed. Brother Under Seneschal, order the gate opened for the passage of the Footmen from the Garrison.

U Sen: Brother Warder, swing the gates and give the Footmen passage.

When all Footmen have left, Turc: Brother Seneschal, do you know all present as Mariners of the Jerusalem Temple?

Sen if unsure of any present will test them then report: Brother Turcopolier, I know all present to be my Shipmates as Mariners of the Jerusalem Temple.

Tur: Brother Under Mareschal, what is the altar for a Garrison of Mariners?

U Mar: The Cup of Life.

Turc: I presume there are traditions with reference to the Sacred Cup sufficiently important to justify its use as the altar upon which a Mariner Garrison should be opened?

U Mar: There are.

Turc: Relate them.

U Mar: When Lucifer was cast from heaven, his crown fell to the earth landing in the fountain at the foot of the Tree of Life where the waters of the river which fed the four quarters of the Earth flowed from its roots. The crown was re-forged in its falling as a basin and was one of the items permitted to be carried forth by Adam when he was cast out of Eden. It was one of the treasures granted to Abram by the Priest-King Melchizedek. It was the silver cup given to Joseph and used to identify himself to his brothers. It was the cup on the table of shewbread in the tabernacle.

It played an important role in Christ's last supper. It was this cup in which St. Joseph of Arimathea caught the water from the wound in the side of Christ. It has since been hidden.

Turc: In the name of Our Most Holy Commander, I declare this Ship of Mariners of the Jerusalem Temple duly mustered.

*Turc knocks sceptre * **, which is repeated by Sen, U Sen, Wrd and Stl. Chap goes to front of altar places basin of salt water, opens to Gen 8:21 and reads "and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite every thing living, as I have done." Chap salutes Turc and returns to his place.*

*Turc knocks *:* Be seated, Brethren.

Ceremony of Embarkation

Turc.: Brother Mareschal. *Mareschal rises.* You will retire to the anteroom and examine Brother A. as a Footman of the Temple and prepare him for his trials. *Mar salutes and retires.*

Turc: Brethren, we are about to undergo a solemn ceremony of initiation. That the candidate may have an experience worthy of our cause, I charge you to observe the utmost decorum.

*The Can is examined by Mar, who demands the s, g, & p of a Footman. The Can is then hoodwinked. The Stl knocks * **.*

Wdr: Brother Under Seneschal, there is a report.

*U Sen, knocks **:*

Wdr goes to and opens wicket: Who seeks to board?

Mar: Brother Mareschal returning with a Footman tried and proved. He bears a sealed document for the Officers of the Order in France.

Wdr: Let him wait patiently while a report is made to the Turcopolier.

Wdr closes door: Brother Turcopolier, we are hailed from ashore.

Turc: Who seeks to board?

Wdr: Our Brother Mareschal returns with a Footman tried and proved, who bears a sealed message for the Order in France, and requests passage.

Turc: Permit them to come aboard.

Can is introduced, Wdr closes door behind him. Mar leads candidate twice around the Ship stopping at the altar

Mar: Give the Turcopolier the sign of a Footman.

Can gives sign.

*Turc. Knocks ***; all rise.*

Chaplain: "Oh Lord help us, for we have no strength to bear this evil that hath encompassed us, for the waves of the waters have surrounded us, mischievous torrents have terrified us, the snares of death have come before us; answer us, O Lord, answer us, light up thy countenance toward us and be gracious unto us, redeem us and deliver us. Amen."

All: Amen.

Turc: Footman, you must take a solemn obligation if you are desirous of becoming seaworthy. Are you willing to do so?

Can prompted by Mar: I am.

Turc: You will stand erect with your legs spread for balance against the rolling of the seas [*The candidate is made to stand upon a platform; to the bottom center of which is fastened a ~4" hemisphere as a balance point. Small blocks may be used to brace the platform while the candidate takes his place*]. Give me your hands, which I now place in the Cup of Life.

*Can complies. Turc knocks ***; all stand to order with Mariner sign.*

Chap: State your names at length, and repeat after me:

I, [state your full name], in the presence of God, and before this Ship of Mariners of the Jerusalem Temple, of my own free will and accord, declare I will keep the secrets of the Mariners. I will hold all knowledge of the Mariners close and will pass this knowledge only when commanded to do so by the Master of Serjeants of my Preceptory.

I will be a faithful Shipmate. I will defend the life and character of a Shipmate so far as may be consistent with my duty to God, my neighbour and myself. I will view my Shipmates as my family, for while blood be thicker than water, the water of the bilge be also thick. I will treat my Shipmate's family with respect, recognizing his wife as my own sister, his children as my children and aiding them to the best of my ability if need should arise.

I will answer all communications and perform any assigned duties faithfully when in my power to do so. I further re-affirm that I will continue to hold valid any and all oaths I have taken previously as a member of the Brothers Serjeant of the Jerusalem Temple.

All this I solemnly promise and swear under no less a penalty than that of being overwhelmed by the waters and swept from off the face of the earth. (*At words "overwhelmed by the waters", Sen dowses candidate with salt-water*).

So help me God.

Mar, remove Can's hands from Altar.

Chap placing hand on candidate's head "Father, if thou be willing remove this cup from me [*removes hood*] nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."

Turc: Shipmates be seated. *Knocks **

Turc, still standing: Brother A, you have in your possession a sealed document from the Commander of the Kingdom of Jerusalem for the officers of the Order in France. It is your duty to safeguard this document during your

voyage. Let no harm come to it, nor allow it to pass from your possession until we reach the port at La Rochelle.

Brethren, I now grant you a period of liberty to go ashore for refreshment before we get underway. Brother Under Seneschal, lower the gangplank that the Mariners may go ashore.

U Sen: Brother Warder, inform the sentinel we are coming ashore and lower the gangplank.

*Warder goes to door and knocks * **, returned by Sentinel. Warder opens door:* Brother Turcopolier, the gangplank is lowered.

Turc: Brethren, you may go ashore.

During the refreshment, the Turc will advise the candidate to go talk with the Clerk to ensure his information is accurately recorded in the rolls. The Clerk during his talk with the candidate will offer to take the message from the candidate, telling him "it is no longer needed". After the conversation between the candidate and the Clerk has concluded and all are refreshed, the Turc will announce: Brother Under Mareschal, it is time we sail. Recall the Mariners to the ship and prepare to get underway.

U Mar: Brethren return to the ship and take your posts.

When all have returned to the meeting room and taken their posts, the door is closed and U Sen states: Brother Warder, raise the gangplank that we may be underway.

*Warder goes to door and knocks * **, returned by Sentinel. Brother Under Seneschal, the gangplank is raised.*

U Sen: Brother Turcopolier, we are ready to get underway.

Turc: It is well.

Brothers Mareschal, bring Brother A to post at the mast.

Mar escorts candidate to altar.

There are now two ways for the ceremony to go dependent on whether the candidate gave up the message or retained it in his possession.

If the candidate retained possession:

Turc: Brother A, I commend you on your sense of duty in performing your assigned mission and keeping the secrets of the Order. You will now receive instructions on the secrets of a Mariner from the Seneschals of this ship. See *lecture below.*

If the candidate gave up the message:

Turc: Brother A, you were given an important mission and specific instructions to perform that mission. You have betrayed the trust of the Order by allowing the sealed message placed in your care to pass into the hands of others. As captain of this ship, I sentence you to receive thirty lashes at the mast for your punishment. Brother Under Mareschal, do your duty.

U Mar: Brother Mareschal, please assist me.

The Mareschals remove the candidate's shirt and bind his hands before him.

U Mar: Brother A, you have been declared guilty of betraying the trust of the Order and as the captain of this ship, the Turcopolier has sentenced you to receive thirty lashes. As the Under Mareschal, it is my duty to hold you accountable for your actions. This is the flog with which you will receive your

lashes [*Shows "flog" consisting of a short handle with multiple strips of rag cloth attached. There are to be NO knots or other items attached to the cloth strips.*]
Brother Mareschal, if you will make the count.

Mar: One!

With each count, the Under Mareschal will lay the "flog" across the candidate's back. When the count of thirty is reached, the candidate's hands are unbound and he is redressed in his shirt.

U Mar: Brother Turcopolier, Brother A has received his punishment as ordered.

Turc: It is well. Brother A, you are forgiven and this matter will be forgotten by the Order, but may it remain in your memory. You will now receive instructions on the secrets of a Mariner from the Seneschals of this Ship.

The new Mariner is led twice around the Ship stopping at the post of the Under Seneschal

Lecture

U Sen: I will now instruct you on reporting to a Ship of Mariners in session. You will identify yourself to the Sentinel of the Ship with the password: *Zranpurz*. This is the name tradition says was given Noah by the patriarch Lamech who said "This one shall comfort us in our works and miserable toil in the earth, which God has cursed." The sign of a Mariner is given such [demonstrates] representing the drinking from a cup. The grip is given [demonstrates] as if to steady a shipmate on the rough seas.

The Mareschal will now escort you to the Seneschal who will give you further instruction.

Mar escorts candidate to station of Seneschal.

Sen: Welcome aboard. The altar in this ceremony bore a basin which represents the Cup of Life. Tradition states that when Lucifer was cast from the Heavens, his crown fell to earth being reforged as a basin. This basin came to land in the fountain at the foot of the Tree of Life where the rivers which watered the four quarters of the Earth flowed forth. This basin was one of the items Adam was permitted to carry forth from Eden and in part, draughts from this cup account for the long life-spans of the patriarchs. The cup was included in the share of treasure granted to Abraham by the Priest-King Melchizedek. Joseph came into possession of the cup and used it when he identified himself to his brothers in Egypt. The cup held a special place of honour on the table of shewbread in the Tabernacle. It was on the table during the last supper of Christ and was used by his uncle, Joseph of Arimathea, to catch the water which flowed from the wound in the Christ's side. It has since been kept hidden, but many stories have been told concerning its fate.

As water washes the body, the Spirit washes the soul. So Christ told the Pharisees "cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."

The message you bore represents the knowledge you are given in these ceremonies. At present time, these are sealed messages; you do not yet have the full authority or understanding to read them and share them with others. In

time you will gain understanding and be able to open the messages and pass them on to those entitled to receive them.

If lashes were not received: If you had given up this message, the Turcopolier, as captain of the ship, would have ordered you to receive thirty lashes at the mast with this flog. This number is the same as the number of silver pieces Judas Iscariot received for his betrayal of the Christ.

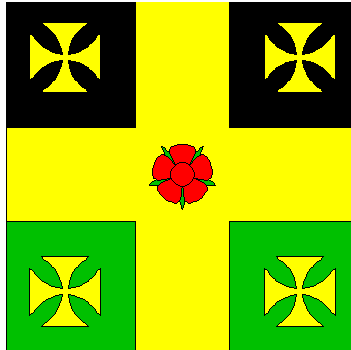
If lashes were received: The thirty lashes you received were the same in number to the number of silver pieces received by Judas Iscariot for his betrayal of the Christ.

Brother Turcopolier, Brother A has received his instruction.

Turc: It is well, for we approach the port of La Rochelle. Brother A, you may take your place among the Mariners as we pull into port and close this ship.

Close according to the closing ritual of a Garrison.

Serjeants of the Jerusalem Temple



Ritual of the Third Rank Being that of Archer

The altar is the Living Stump.

- The candidate is dressed in tunic and trousers

Raise to Archer

MS: Brother Turcopolier, I place this Garrison under your command for the purpose of drilling the Turcoples.

Turc.: We will now muster a Garrison of Archers. Footmen and Mariners! *knocks ***, all Footmen and Mariners stand and salute the Turcopolier. You are dismissed. Brother Under Seneschal, see the gate opened for the passage of the Footmen and Mariners.

U. Sen.: Brother Warder, swing the gates and give passage.

When all footmen and mariners have left, Turc.: Brother Seneschal, do you know all present as Archers of the Jerusalem Temple?

Sen. if unsure of any present will test them then report to Turc: Brother Turcopolier, I know all present to be Merry Men of a Glade of Archers and Brothers of the Jerusalem Temple.

Turc.: Brother Under Mareschal, what is the altar for a garrison of Archers?

UMar.: The Living Stump.

Turc.: I presume there are traditions with reference to the Stump sufficiently important to justify its use as the altar upon which an Archer Garrison should be opened?

UMar.: There are.

Turc.: Relate them.

UMar.: The tree whose stump we use as an altar had a most Holy pedigree. Its greatest ancestor was the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden where the winds of God's own breath rustled amongst its leaves. God granted Adam a living rod from the Tree when he was cast out from Eden. Wood grown from an offshoot of this rod was used by Noah to frame the doorway of his Ark. The rod given to Adam was later found and pulled from the stone in the garden of Pethro by Moses. This same rod was carried by Aaron when the Hebrew were led forth from Egypt. The rod would come down to Joseph who used it to perform the miracle by which he was chosen as to be betrothed to Mary, mother of the Christ. The rod flowered and took root to grown into a tree. This tree would later provide the wood for the Cross upon which the Christ was crucified, fulfilling its mission indeed as the Tree of Life. Tradition holds that Josephus of Arimathea, Uncle of the Christ, planted a sprig when he brought the Faith to Britannia. The living stump of that tree is now our altar.

Turc.: In the name of Our Most Holy Commander, I declare this Garrison of Archers of the Jerusalem Temple duly open.

*Turc. knocks * ***, which is repeated by U. Sen., Wrd. on the door, and Stl.. Chap. goes to front of altar, places arrow fletchings and opens Bible to Jer 51:11; Chap reads "Make bright the arrows; gather the shields; the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes." salutes Turc.. and returns to his place.*

Turc.: Be seated, Brethren.

Ceremony of Elevation

Turc., seated: Brother Mareschal and Senechals, you will retire to the anteroom and examine Mr A. as a Mariner of the Temple and prepare him for his trials. *Mar. and Sens. salute and retire.*

Turc.: Brethren, we are about to undergo a solemn ceremony of initiation. That the candidate may have an experience worthy of our cause, I charge you to observe the utmost decorum.

*The Can. is examined by Mar., who demands the s, g, & p of a Mariner. The Can. is then hoodwinked and bound. The Stl.. knocks * **.*

Wdr.: There is an alarm.

Turc.: Who seeks to penetrate our Glade at this unseemly hour? Ascertain the cause, good Warder.

Wdr. opens the door and says: Our leader bids me inquire the cause of this commotion in the glades of the forest!

Mar.: It is I, Little John, the Mareschal, and with me are Will Scarlet and Midge, the Miller's son, Seneschals of our Glade. While strolling in the forest we happened upon a stranger, who could give no good account of himself, and we straightway seized and bound him, and have brought him hither.

Wdr.: Has he a name?

Sen.: He has, but he refuses to give it!

Wdr.: Wait ye until I have informed our leader of this tale.

Wdr. leaves the door open and addresses the Turc.: Brother, the commotion outside the portal is caused by Little John, our Mareschal, and Will Scarlet and

Midge, the Miller's son, our Seneschals, who, finding a stranger in the glades of the Forest, have brought him hither to be interrogated.

Turc.: A stranger in our forest! Bring him in that we may hear what tale he has to tell!

Wdr.: By command of our Chief Ranger, you will advance into the Glade.

The Mar.. and the Sens resume their positions beside the Candidate, the Mar. grasping his right arm. They walk slowly around the room thrice, and halt in front of the altar.

Turc.: How now, Little John? Who is this stranger whom ye bring into our Glade of Archers? He is not of our band, and for aught we know, may be a spy sent by the Sheriff. Where was he found, and what doth he seek?

Mar.: While wandering and seeking news we fell across this stranger. He refused to give his name, but said he was seeking Robin Hood, and thinking he might be a spy, we bound him and brought him here that you might question him.

Turc.: You did well, Little John! *To Sen:* And you Will Scarlet, what say you concerning our prisoner?

Sen: I say he is a spy and should meet the same fate the Sheriff has threatened upon our Brethren. Let us dangle him as fruit from yon mighty oak and find whether his tongue can be loosed.

Turc.: You speak well Will; Midge, erect for us a gallows ladder and fix a rope about this trespassers neck.

The rope is run through a block affixed from the ceiling and the noose is placed around the candidates neck. The candidate is made to climb upon the altar stump. The other end of the rope is held by the USen just tight enough to cause tension. AT NO TIME SHALL THE ROPE BE TIED OFF.

Turc: Now strange fellow, will you state your business in our forest? Or will you suffer to hang as fruit upon the tree of death?

Mar: He says his business is with the outlaw called Robin Hood.

Turc: You seek Robin Hood, the outlaw, you say? Know, then, that I am Robin Hood, and all around me are the Merry Men who remain loyal to our oaths and to our God-appointed king.

Mar: Our prisoner says that if you are truly Robin Hood, he has come to seek you as *Qrhf lhyg*.

Turc: Prisoner, are you a Brother of the Jerusalem Temple?

Can, prompted: I am

Turc: It is long since we have had news of our Brethren. What is your position in the Brotherhood?

Mar: He claims he is a Mariner recently landed on our shores.

Turc: If this is true, then what name was given to "One who shall comfort us in our works and miserable toil in the earth, which God hath cursed"?

Can, prompted: Zranpurz

USen: He knows the keys of the Brotherhood, but we must ensure our preceptory here remains under the rose.

Sen: He is indeed a Brother. Shall he be our Good Fellow as well?

Turc: Brother stranger, will you take our oath and join with our glade here in the forest?

Can: I will.

Turc: Good Friar Tuck, please administer our oath to this Brother from Outremer.

Chap: I, [state your full name] **in the presence of God, and before the Merry Men here assembled in this Glade of Archers of the Jerusalem Temple do make this oath to never reveal the secrets of the Glade unless commanded so by the Master of Serjeants of the Preceptory.**

I will be a Good Fellow to all Archers of the Jerusalem Temple. I will hold the secrets of all Merry Men of the Glade as if they were my own, keeping private the identity and personal information of all Good Fellows.

As a free man of the forest, I swear to fight tyranny, give charity to the poor, shelter to the old and helpless, and to protect the weak. I will fight for my legitimate sovereign against all oppressors.

Should the legitimate government falter, I will work to prepare myself and my family to sustain during periods of oppression or unrest so that a legitimate government may be re-established without undue suffering.

I re-affirm that I will continue to hold valid all oaths I have previously taken as a Brother of the Jerusalem Temple and shall continue to do so even though my affiliation with the Brotherhood should cease.

(increased tension is placed upon the rope at this point) **This oath I swear under no less a penalty than to hang by the neck until the last breath of life be squeezed from out of my body. So help me God.**

Turc: Merry Men, are you satisfied?

All: Aye

Turc: Little John, take him down and release his bonds.

Mar removes rope and hood from candidate and steps him down from the altar.

Sen: Now, Good Fellow, please introduce yourself and state your business with our Robin Hood.

Mar: His name is A.B. He says that the Grand Master has learned of our status and has informed His Majesty, King Richard, of our troubles. King Richard has agreed to grant all Good Fellows of the Glades pardon if they are loyal to the Crown.

Turc: Like you have just done, I have sworn as a Free Man of the Forest *** *all stand and recite:* to fight the oppressor, give charity to the poor, shelter to the old and helpless, to protect the weak. I will fight for my legitimate sovereign against all oppressors! *

Turc: It is our tradition upon taking a new member of our Glade to bestow upon him a new name. Hiding our identities is essential to protecting our families. Little John here was once known as John Little, Will Scarlet was once Will Scathelocke and I was once known as Robert the Earl of Huntingdon. But I gave up that title to live free among these Good Fellows. Now I ask you to dine with us and then we will grant you a new name as well.

Merry Men, let us sit to banquet and welcome our new Good Fellow. Brother Under Seneschal, open the Glade that we may go forth to our Forest Feast.

U Sen: Brother Warder, inform the Sentinel we are opening the Glade for the feast.

*Warder goes to door and knocks * ***, returned by Sentinel. Warder opens door:* Brother Turcopolier, the Glade is opened.

Turc: Brethren, you may go to the Feast.

When all are refreshed, the Turc will announce: Brother Under-Mareschal, it is time we attend to the christening of our newest member.

UMar: Brethren, return to the Glade and take your posts.

When all have returned to the meeting room and taken their posts, the door is closed and U Sen states: Brother Warder, see that the Glade is secure.

*Warder goes to door and knocks * **, returned by Sentinel. Brother Under Seneschal, the Glade is secure.*

U Sen: Robin Hood, we are ready to for the christening.

Turc: It is well.

Little John, bring Brother A to the altar stump.

Mar escorts candidate to altar where he is made to kneel.

Turc: Friar Tuck, come forward and perform the ceremony.

Chaplain advances to the altar with basin.

Chap: Who presents this babe?

If the candidate's sponsor is present, he will stand in as the God-parent. If the sponsor is not present, the the Mar replies: I do.

Chap placing his hand on candidates head and says: In your former life you were known as A. B. Today we mourn the passing of A. B. and celebrate your birth. I hereby christen you as C.D. *new name should be similar to or a pun on the persons real name.* In the name of the Father *sprinkle*, and of the Son *sprinkle*, and of the Holy Ghost *sprinkle*, rise as a man newly born *remainder of water is dumped over candidates head.*

Turc: Brother C.D., You will now receive instructions on the secrets of an Archer from the Seneschals of this Glade.

The new Archer is led three times around the Glade stopping at the post of the Under Seneschal

Lecture

U Sen: I will now instruct you on reporting to a Glade of Archers in session. You will identify yourself to the Sentinel of the Glade with the sign as such [demonstrates]. This represents drawing an arrow from the quiver. The sentinel will ask where you seek refuge, to which you will answer *Fho Hzoen Nynehz Ghnehz, Wrubin* with this grip which represents the drawing of the bow-string.

The Mareschal will now escort you to the Seneschal who will give you further instruction.

Mar escorts candidate to station of Seneschal.

Sen: Welcome. The tree whose stump we use as an altar had a most Holy pedigree. Its greatest ancestor was the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden where the winds of God's own breath rustled amongst its leaves. Tradition states that God granted Adam a living rod from the Tree when he was cast out from Eden. Wood grown from an offshoot of this rod was used by Noah to frame the doorway

of his Ark. The rod given to Adam was later found and pulled from the stone in the garden of Pethro by Moses. This is likely the source of the story of Arthur pulling the sword from the stone. The rod was then carried by Aaron to perform miracles when the Hebrew were led forth from Egypt. The rod would come down to St. Joseph who used it to perform the miracle by which he was chosen to be betrothed to Mary, mother of the Christ. The rod flowered and took root to grow into a tree. This tree would later provide the wood for the cross upon which the Christ was crucified, fulfilling its mission as the Tree of Life. Tradition holds that Joseph of Arimathea, Uncle of the Christ, planted a sprig of the tree when he brought the Faith to Britannia. The living stump of that tree is now our altar.

The tree is often identified as a species of flowering thorn. The thorns sprang forth as protection upon the tree after Adam and Eve committed the sin of eating the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.

The story of Robin Hood as told in this ritual is based on many varying traditions. Historians cannot agree on who Robin Hood was, when he lived, or even if he really lived at all. One version of the stories is that Robin Hood was a Knight Templar. Upon his return to Britain after fighting in Outremer, he found that his father's lands had been taken by Prince John and his elder brother had been slain. He found that many Serjeants of the Temple had returned to find the houses they served usurped by the crown. Robin Hood gathered these Serjeants together and they lived as outlaws in the forests of Britain by an adjusted version of the Templar rule. Although Richard pardoned these outlaws on his return to Britain, many returned to the forest life upon his death. This Brotherhood of Templar Serjeants living in the forests would prove beneficial when the Templar Order was outlawed by Philip IV of France and Pope Clement V. The practice of changing a new member's name also proved valuable after the arrest of the Templar order.

Brother Turcopolier, Brother C.D. has received his instruction.

Turc.: Brother C.D., you may take your place among the Archers as we close this Glade of Archers

Close according to the closing ritual of a Garrison.