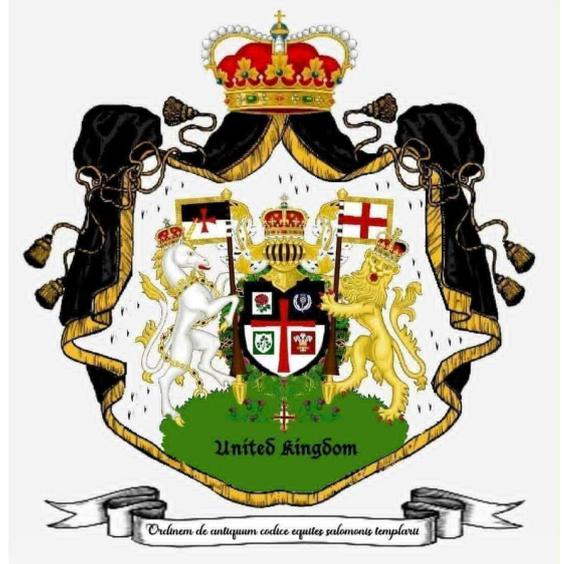


A LITURGICAL PRAYER & VOW OF RENUNCIATION



For the Order of the Knights Templar of the Old Code

(Formal Ceremonial Rite)

I. Invocation

Leader:

Brethren, let us stand before the
Eternal Light.

Let our hearts be steadfast, our
minds be lifted upward,
and our spirits be made ready for the
sacred act of renunciation and
dedication.

All Respond:

Illumine us, O Lord of Truth.

II. Prayer of Purification

Candidate kneels.

Leader:

O Almighty and Everlasting God,
Fountain of Wisdom,
Beacon of the Righteous,
Discerner of every oath and
intention—

We beseech You to look with mercy
upon Your servant who kneels
before You.

Cleanse all former bonds that lie
contrary to Your Light,
and let no shadowed allegiance
hinder the path now chosen.

Grant purity of heart, firmness of
will,
and clarity of devotion,
that the one who stands before You
may walk unburdened
into the way of honor.

All Respond:

Let the Light purify and restore.

III. Renunciation

Leader:

Do you now, of your own free will
and without compulsion,
seek release from any vows or
allegiances formerly sworn
within Freemasonry or any of its
rites, degrees, or assemblies—
not in hostility, but in the desire to
walk in truth and in accordance with
the Old Code?

Candidate:

I do.

Leader:

Then repeat after me:

*I, before God and before this solemn
Order,
do renounce, release, and set aside
all oaths, words, and obligations
formerly taken within Freemasonry,
whether known or forgotten, spoken
or unspoken.
I withdraw my consent from them,*

*and I reclaim my freedom of
conscience and soul.
Let all such ties be dissolved,
and let no former vow govern my
path henceforth.*

Leader:

May the Eternal Light witness your
renunciation
and grant peace to your conscience.

All Respond:

So let it be.

IV. Dedication to the Old Code

Leader:

Rise now, candidate, and stand in
the Light.

Candidate stands.

Repeat after me:

*In the presence of the Eternal Light,
and before the Order of the Knights
Templar of the Old Code,
I solemnly vow to uphold the virtues
of the Old Code—
Honor, Courage, Justice, Mercy,
Humility,
and unwavering Fidelity to the
Light.
I pledge myself to truth in word and
deed,
to the defense of the weak,
to integrity in all action,
and to the guardianship of sacred
honor.
This path I choose freely,
and this vow I seal with my steadfast
intent.*

Leader:

May the Old Code dwell within you
as a shield, a guide, and a sacred
charge.

All Respond:

By the Light, it is established.

V. Blessing and Conclusion

Leader:

O Eternal Lord of Light,
sanctify this vow spoken,
bind this heart to righteousness,
and lead this newly dedicated
Knight
upon the path of the Old Code.

Let honor flourish,
let truth reign,
and let the Light go before all their
steps.

All Respond:

Amen.

Leader:

Let this rite be sealed.
Welcome, aspirant of the Old Code.