

Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

Commandery: _____

No. _____

Date: _____

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CHANGE FROM COMMANDERY TO COUNCIL (p 150-151)

	C:	Commandery attention! I now declare the business of the Commandery suspended...
	SM:	reports to Sovereign Master
	W:	informs sentinel, gives *** **
	W:	reports to Sovereign Master
	SM:	Prince Master of the Palace, see that the Audience Chamber is in suitable array...
	PMP:	Companions, equip yourselves as Comp of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross...
	PMP:	salutes SM
	PMP:	The audience chamber is in suitable array.

FULL CEREMONIAL - BEGINNING (p 19-20)

	SM:	Comp W, ascertain if any candidate is in waiting for I O R C.
	W:	SM, Comp _____, a RA Mason is in waiting to receive the I O R C.
	SM:	Comp Master of Dispatchs has the candidate complied with the Statutes?
	MD:	He has, Sovereign Master.
	SM:	Companions. If there be no objections, we will confer the IORC upon _____.
	SM:	There being no objection, Comp M of Inf, retire and prepare Comp for reception...
	SM:	Let the Grand Council be formed in the Council hall under the direction of the Ex HP.

GRAND COUNCIL (p 20-25)

	HP:	*** Comp... I now declare...
	HP:	Comp W you will so proclaim...
	W:	(at open door) By order of the Ex HP, I proclaim the Grand Council open.
	HP:	*
		Candidate in Royal Arch Apron.
	W:	Ex HP there is an alarm.
	W:	(in prep room) Who comes here?
	CC:	Comp_____, who having received...
	W:	Await the order of the Ex HP.
	W:	(inside) Ex HP, the alarm was caused...
	W:	You have permission to enter.
	CC:	CC & C enter and stand at foot of Grand Council.
	HP:	...are you willing to assume his name... and participate...of this council
	HP:	Z, you will be seated... give attention...
	HP:	Reading for High Priest done well.
	HP:	You see companions, how our enemies...
	CC:	CC & Z arise.
	CC:	Ex HP, our Sovereign Lord Darius...
	HP:	Comp, you have heard the generous offer of Z. Do you accept? All: We do.

PLEDGE AND INSTRUCTION (p 25-26)

	HP:	(rises) Comp Z, this council with joy accepts...
	HP:	Place your R hand on your heart and answer me truly...
	HP:	Having knowledge... I will invest you with a sword. Let Z be girded.
	HP:	Receive this sword...
	HP:	I will now invest you with the Green Sash. Accept it...
	HP:	The Comp W will now invest you with the JP.
	W:	does JP correctly
	HP:	Z, you are now prepared... speed you on your way.
	HP:	*** I now declare this council closed. *

JOURNEY (p27-31)

	1st G:	Advance friend and give the pass... Correct, pass on
	2nd G:	Advance friend and give the pass... Correct, pass on
	CC:	Z, you have reached the river...
	PG:	Advance friend and give the countersign.
	PG:	Ho Guards! An Enemy! A spy! Seize him! Disarm him!
	CC:	Why treat me thus...
	PG:	Who are you then?
	CC:	A prince of the house of Judah, the first among my equals and a mason.
	PG:	You, a prince... Where are you from? What is your name? What do you desire?
	PG:	Only as a captive and slave can you approach his majesty.
	PG:	Guards. Clothe him in the garb of slavery and bind him in fetters.
	PG:	*** **
	PG:	A detachment of his majesty's guards...
	PG:	He claims to be a prince of the house of Judah, the first among his equals and a mason.
	W:	Where is he from?... What is his name?... What is your desire?
	W:	Your request shall be made known to his majesty.
	W:	SM, the alarm was caused...
	W:	He claims to be a prince of the house of Judah, the first among his equals and a mason.
	SM:	Where is he from?... What is his name?... Z! What does he desire?
	SM:	Comp MC. (MC salutes.) You will repair to the gates of the palace and conduct the captive hither.
	MC:	Is he armed? Then follow me.
	MC:	(salutes) SM, I have brought hither the captive.
	SM:	This is no enemy...
	CC:	O King! Live forever!...
	SM:	Z, I have often reflected with much pleasure... reveal to me the secrets of Freemasonry
	CC:	SM, when our Most Ex GM, Solomon King of Israel...submit to exile or even death
	SM:	Z, your virtue and integrity... Strike off those chains, remove that garb of slavery.
	SM:	Bring forth a royal robe and clothe Z in habiliments befitting his rank
	PMP:	(puts robe on Z) Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor.

IMMEMORIAL DISCUSSION (p 32-36)

	SM:	From time immemorial it has been the custom...
	PC:	(arises, bows) SM, it is the opinion of your chancellor...
	PMP:	(arises, bows) SM, it is the opinion of your chancellor...
	CC:	(arises with Z, bows) I have your majesty. In my humble opinion...
	PC:	(arises, bows) O ye princes and rulers
	PMP:	(arises, bows) It is beyond dispute...
	CC:	(arises with Z, bows) O princes and Rulers...
	PC & PMP:	Great is Truth and mighty above all things
	SM:	(rising and lifting crown) Blessed be the God of Truth
	CC:	O King, remember thy vow, which thou hast vowed to build Jerusalem...
	SM:	Prince Z, it shall be done... Master of Dispatches, read aloud the decree

VOW, PRESENTATIONS (p 36-42)

	SM:	Princes and Rulers to perpetuate...
	SM:	Comp M of Finance bring forth from the Treasury
		Master of Finance brings an Altar-Open Bible and Square & Compass
		Z directed to kneel on L knee, R Knee forming a square, L hand on Bible, R hand on heart.
	SM:	Princes and Rulers, arise and witness the vow.
	SM:	(raising scepter) We now create and constitute you a Comp of the IORC...
	SM:	(with green sash in hand) This green sash of which you were deprived by our guards...
	SM:	(taking up sword) This sword of which you were deprived by our guards...
	SM:	Persian countersign given.
	SM:	The Red Cross Word given.
	SM:	The Sign, Grip & Word of a Companion of the Red Cross given.
	SM:	The banner of this Order shall be of green color...
	SM:	(going to Z & taking his hand) And now Comp , we bid you welcome.
		Companion welcomed by the members.

CLOSE COUNCIL AND RESUME COMMANDERY (p 151)

	SM:	Companions, attention. The purpose for which this council was opened having been accomplished, I now declare the council closed.
	C:	Sir Knights, I now declare business resumed in the Commandery.
	C:	Sir Knight Warder, inform the Sentinel and direct him to guard accordingly.
	W:	Informs Sentinel, give *** **
	C:	Sir Knights, be seated.

SCORING ORDER OF THE RED CROSS

Initial Score 250

Total Errors - _____

Order Total _____

Sovereign Master	NOT A MEMBER OF INSPECTED COMMANDERY 0	+ _____
Prince Master of Palace		+ _____
Conductor of Counsel	USED RITUAL, A LOT OF PROMPTING 1-5	+ _____
High Priest		+ _____
Warder	SOME PROMPTING, BUT OVERALL GOOD RITUAL 6-10	+ _____
Jewish Guards		+ _____
Persian Guard	MINOR ERRORS, NO PROMPTING 11-15	+ _____
Power of Wine		+ _____
Power of Women	NO ERRORS, NO PROMPTING EXCELENT JOB 16-20	+ _____
Sentinel		+ _____

Officer Rating _____
Possible 200: