

in favor of a dissolution of the Union, or who are endeavoring to produce that result; and that you will in no case appoint such persons to any political office or place whatever. All this you promise and swear, or affirm, upon your honor as American citizens and friends of the American Union, to sustain and abide by without any hesitation or mental reservation whatever. You also promise and swear, or affirm, that this, and all other obligations which you have previously taken in this order, shall ever be kept sacred and inviolate. To all this you pledge your lives, your fortunes, and your sacred honors. So help you God, and keep you steadfast! Each one shall answer, "I do."

President.—Brother Marshal, you will now present the brothers to the instructor for final instruction in this third degree of the order.

Marshal.—Instructor: By direction of our worthy president, I present these brothers before you, that you may instruct them in the secrets and mysteries of this third degree of our order.

Instructor.—Brothers: In this degree, as in the second, we have an entering pass-word and a token of salutation. At the outer door ———. This will admit you to the inner door. At the inner door you will make ——— distinct ——— then announce your name, with the number, or name, and the location of the council to which you belong, giving the explanation to the pass-word, which is ———. If found correct, you will then be admitted, when you will proceed to the centre of the room, and, placing the ——— give the salutation, which is ———. You will then quietly take your seat.

The sign of recognition is made by ———, and the response by ———.

[The instructor will here give the grip of this degree, with explanations, and also the true pass-word of this degree, which is ———.]

CHARGE TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT.

BROTHERS: It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you upon your advancement to the third degree of our order. The responsibilities you have now assumed are more serious and weighty than those which preceded, and are committed to such only as have been tried and found worthy. Our obligations are intended as solemn avowals of our duty to the land that gave us birth, to the memories of our fathers, and to the happiness and welfare of our children. Consecrating to your country a spirit unselfish, and a fidelity like that which distinguished the patriots of the revolution, you have pledged your aid in cementing the bonds of a Union which we trust will endure for ever. Your deportment since your initiation has attested your devotion to the principles we desire to establish, and has inspired a confidence in your patriotism of which we can give no higher proof than your reception here.

The dangers which threaten American liberty arise from foes without and from enemies within. The first degree pointed out the source and nature of our most imminent peril, and indicated the first measure of safety. The second degree defined the next means by which, in coming time, such assaults may be rendered harmless. The third degree, which you have just received, not only reiterates the lessons of the other two,