

KNIGHT TEMPLAR OPENING

SHORT FORM

[The commandery should always be opened in full form. In an extreme case the Commander is authorized to omit portions of the Full Form Ceremonies. But under no circumstances shall less than the following be used.]

C.: Officers: ---Take Your stations. Sir Knights, Be seated. Sir Knight Senior Warden: --- Are all present Knights Templar?

[Examination made as in the Full Form.]

S.W.: Eminent Commander: --All present are Knights Templar.

C.: Sir Knight Warden: --Post the Sentinel, inform him that _____Commandery No._____, is about to be opened, and direct him to guard accordingly.

[W. informs Sentinel, closes door, knocks ⚙⚙⚙ ⚙⚙⚙ ⚙⚙⚙ ⚙ Answered by the Sentinel. Warden resumes station and reports]

W.: Eminent Commander: --The Sentinel is at his post and the Asylum is duly guarded.

C.: [*Rising*] Sir Knights: -- *Attention. Uncover.* Ex-cellent Prelate: --Lead our Devotions.

[Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer.]

C.: Sir Knights: --*Re-cover.* Waiving further ceremony I now declare _____ Commandery, No. _____, open for the dispatch of such business as may regularly come before it; requiring all Knights present to govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this Mag-nanimous Order. Sir Knight Warder: --Inform the Sentinel, and direct him to guard accordingly.

W.: [*Opens the door and says*] Sir Knight Sentinel: -- The Commandery is now open. Take due notice and guard accordingly.

[Warder closes door, knocks ☼☼☼☼ ☼☼☼☼
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Answered by the Sentinel. Warder resumes station and reports.]

W.: Eminent Commander: --Your order has been obeyed.

C.: Sir Knights: --Be seated.

END, SHORT FORM OPENING