

The Rule

PROLOGUE

Our (discourse) is directed above all firmly to all those, who intend to renounce to follow their own will, and wish with purity of military spirit for the supreme and true King, because they assume the famous armor of obedience, fulfilling it with very special care, and bring it to perfection with perseverance. We therefore exhort you that up to this moment you have embraced the secular militia, in which Christ was not the cause, but only for human favor, so that you may be part of those whom God has chosen from the mass of perdition and for free compassion gathered for the defense of Holy Church, you hasten to join us forever. But first of all, whoever you are, or soldier of Christ, that you have chosen such a holy conversation, it is necessary that you use a pure diligence towards your profession and a firm perseverance; this, which is known to be of God, so worthy saint and sublime, you deserve to get strong, among the militants, who gave their souls for Christ if with purity and perseverance will be observed.

Above all things, whosoever would be a knight of Christ, you in your profession of faith must unite pure diligence and firm perseverance, which is so worthy and so holy, and is known to be so noble, that if it is preserved untainted forever, you will deserve to keep company with the martyrs who gave their souls for Jesus Christ. God works well with us and our savior Jesus Christ; He has sent his friends from the Holy City of who for our salvation and the spread of the **true faith** do not cease to offer their souls to God, a welcome sacrifice.

0 you venerable brethren, similarly God is with you, if you promise to despise the deceitful world in perpetual love of God, and scorn the temptations of your body: sustained by the food of God and watered and instructed in the commandments of Our Lord, at the end of the divine office, none should fear to go into battle.

Rule

The Manner in which brethren should be Received

1. If any man wishes to leave the mass of perdition, do not consent to receive him immediately, for thus said my lord St Paul: Probate spiritus si ex Deo sunt. That is to say: 'Test the soul to see if it comes from God.' Rather, if the company of the brethren is to be granted to him, let the Rule be read to him, and if he wishes to studiously obey the commandments of the Rule, and if the brethren, after prayer wish to receive him, let him reveal his wish and desire before all the brothers assembled and let him make his request with a pure heart.

Age requirements

2. Men must be at least 18 years of age. Individuals at this age should be discouraged if the trials of life are severe. They should reflect further if this is the correct choice for them with counsel of those with more life experience than themselves.

On the Brethren's Dress (high uniform)

3. We command that all the brethren' habits (high uniform) should always be of one color, that is white or black or brown. And we grant to all knight brethren in winter and in summer if possible, white cloaks; and no-one who does not belong to the aforementioned brotherhood is allowed to have a white cloak, so that those who have abandoned the life of darkness will recognize each other as being reconciled to their creator by the sign of the white cloaks: which signifies purity.

4. But these robes should be without any finery and without any show of pride. (no collar) They should distribute them so that they fit those who must wear them, according to the size of each one. Brotherhood clothing, approved insignia and symbols will all be discussed with new members. Linen and lambskin are held in high regard as connectivity with a past time of chivalry.

Decorum in words

5. Brothers should cultivate a spirit of active listening. Words should be chosen wisely. For it is written: In multiloquio non effugies peccatum. That is to say that to talk too much is not without sin. And elsewhere: Mors et vita in manibus lingue. That is to say: 'Life and death are in the power of the tongue.' And if anything is said during that conversation that should not have been said, be accountable to those that heard the words.

On care for one another

6. One reads in the Holy Scriptures: Dividebatur singulis prout cuique opus erat. That is to say that to each was given according to his need. For this reason, we say that no-one should be elevated among you, but all should take care of the sick; and he who is less ill should thank God and not be troubled; and let whoever is worse humble himself through his infirmity and not become proud through pity. In this way all members will live in peace.

Christ is first

7. Moreover, you should profess your faith with a pure heart night and day that you may be compared in this respect to the wisest of all the prophets, who said: Calicem salutaris accipiam. That is to say: 'I will take the cup of salvation.' Which means: 'I will avenge the death of Jesus Christ by my death. For just as Jesus Christ gave his body for me, I am prepared in the same way to give my soul for my brethren.' This is a suitable offering; a living sacrifice and very pleasing to God. Our first priority is to "scrub" ourselves to be ready for judgement. In doing so we will be a light for others and bring them closer to Christ.

Representing ourselves in public

8. Brothers should endeavor to keep the Rule according to their ability and live without reproach so that they may not sully by deed or word the precepts of this brotherhood, and so that they may set an example of good works and wisdom. Where they sleep and

take lodging should not be without light at night, so that shadowy enemies may not lead them to wickedness, which God forbids them.

On Keeping the Peace

9. Each brother should ensure that he does not incite another brother to wrath or anger, for the sovereign mercy of God holds the strong and weak brother equal, in the name of charity. Let there be no gossip amongst us. If brothers are in disagreement, they should discuss with one another. If this does not produce a favorable outcome, they should seek a mediator they both agree on and have another discussion with the mediator present. If necessary, the brotherhood may be enlisted to hear the issue and render decision.

On holding a leadership position

10. All senior roles will be decided by a vote of the brotherhood. Individual gifts from God for each brother will be considered along with prayer from each brother on their individual voting decision. There will be no “political activity”, no “side bar” agreements, deals etc. If this wickedness is identified purge it immediately. Leaders should serve the body and be first to commit themselves in “battle” of any kind. Our leaders should lead from the front. Office designations/duties and hierarchy of the brotherhood will be discussed if and when membership dictates this. Bringing together brothers of like minds through Christ is our initial charge.

On Serious Offense to the Brotherhood

11. **Auferte malum ex vobis. That is to say: ‘Remove the wicked from among you.’**

It is necessary for you to remove the wicked sheep from the company of faithful brethren. These rules will be discussed separately. We are a forgiving group, but disloyalty will result in immediate expulsion. Do not fear condemnation as we are not here to judge. First and foremost, we are here to help you prepare to meet God. In doing this, you will also be a better man, father, husband and community member.

On Weapons and Equipment

12. Weapons and equipment should be of the highest quality one can afford but with no design vanity attached to any weapon or equipment.

On Elderly brethren

13. We command by pious counsel that ageing and weak brethren be honored with diligence and given consideration according to their frailty; and, kept well by the authority of the Rule in those things which are necessary to their physical welfare, should in no way be in distress.

On Sick brethren

14. Let sick brethren be given consideration and care and be served according to the saying of the evangelist and Jesus Christ: *Infirmus fui et visitastis me*. That is to say: ‘I was sick and you visited me’; and let this not be forgotten. For those brethren who are wretched should be treated quietly and with care, for which service, carried out without hesitation, you will gain the kingdom of heaven.

On Deceased brethren

15. When any brother passes from life to death, a thing from which no one is exempt, we ask you make every effort to attend his funeral. The collective brotherhood should select a charity in his honor to support or donate to for the duration of a year. A rosary should be said by each brother in dedication to his life. If he leaves a wife and children brotherhood leadership are asked to monitor them from time to time to see if they need anything.

On Sisters

16. The company of women is a dangerous thing, for by it the old devil has led many from the straight path to Paradise. Henceforth, let not ladies be admitted as sisters into the house of the Temple. If married, Brothers should check one another to ensure we are not putting ourselves in perilous situations where we may falter on our vows of marriage. Further, accountability should be offered to ensure brothers are not viewing pornography on any digital device etc. This is a great battle in the world today where all men are at risk and fall frequently.

17. Sanctification is attained today in a world that opposes it by subtle heresies that have been introduced in all Catholic circles under the name of modernism. We oppose the modernist enemies of the church.

18. Pope St. Pius X was beatified for having courageously denounced these modern errors and for having given an example of holiness by his steadfast doctrine, purity of morals and devotion to the Eucharistic Sacrifice. This saintly pope is therefore held up as the model for souls that wish to be sanctified in our age.

19. Brothers will have a tender and filial devotion towards the Virgin Mary, to St. Joseph, to St. Bernard of Clairvaux and to St. Pius X.

20. They will seek to rediscover the capital importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and of its mystery, in order to find therein the meaning and source of Christian life, a life of sacrifice and of co-redemption.

21. Daily

1. Recitation of the rosary. Done with spouse or family preferred.
2. If possible, attendance at the traditional Mass and Communion—or a quarter of an hour of mental prayer.
3. Read and meditate on the Gospel.
4. Pray a brief prayer at noon and 3:00. (Angelus and Divine Mercy)

22. Weekly

Attendance at the traditional Mass is preferred. A Novus Ordo Mass is permissible if it is the only option available. It is recognized that it can be challenging to find a TLM in many locations.

23. Every Other Week

If possible, the sacrament of penance every other week or, as at least, once a month.

24. Recommended reading

The writings of St. Pius X, the Catechism of the Council of Trent, the New Testament, The Imitation of Christ, the lives of the saints, New American Unabridged Bible.

25. Penance

Fasting on Ember Days, on Vigils, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence on the Fridays of Lent and all Fridays. Abstain from ungodly video, TV, Internet, from all indecent reading, practice sobriety, cold showers, no snacking, lessen sweets.

For those who are in the bonds of marriage

26. To observe, in a spirit of submission to Our Lord, the laws of marriage in order to have a large family. To renounce absolutely any positive action to avoid having children. To make of the family home a sanctuary consecrated to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, where family prayer is said at least once a day. Where anything that can tarnish the souls of the children is rejected. To choose schools that are truly educational and traditional, and to contribute to their foundation. To be prudent in the choice of leisure and vacations places.

27. To follow the example of the Holy Family and to fulfill one's duties in justice and charity, whether one is an employer or an employee.

28. There will be no dues. If something is needed financially by the brotherhood costs will be attained and funds raised for particular needs. If at some juncture property is involved or collection of dues is necessary, a not for profit will be created. All members are responsible for costs associate with the purchase of their own clothing etc.

29. To foster and defend the Social Reign of Our Lord Jesus Christ in society; to combat Liberalism and Modernism, the scourges of modern times which are delivering the Church to its enemies.

30. Quarterly military or primitive training preferably with Brothers. (BJJ, Krav Maga, etc. or dry firing)

31. When in public representing the Temple every effort will be made to have at least two Brothers present.

32. Twenty minutes of exercise three days a week. Mix in fasting and abstaining for maximum effect.

33. Adherence to the Templar diet or a healthy diet as much as possible.
34. To work towards communities focused on Traditionalist values. Led by the Traditionalist Church. We do not believe that the separation of Church and state is a wise condition for the soul.
35. Daily focus of the brothers is to improve spiritual condition to be ready for God's judgement. This includes holding one another accountable, being vulnerable with our sins and asking for help when needed.
36. Promotion of the Traditional Latin Mass and Traditionalist views.
37. Resistance to those secular powers and politicians who seek the ruin of souls.
38. To evangelize Traditional Catholicism with courage. To evangelize to all those lost and without Christ.
39. To strive daily to put Jesus first. Above this world and all else. To prepare for his judgment. To pray for his will and not our own will in all things.
40. To oppose abortion whenever and wherever possible and to champion the nuclear family.
41. Our primary weapon is the Rosary which we should strive to say daily. (We should carry the Rosary at all times.) All brothers are expected to own and know how to use a gun. This does not mean we are lovers of guns or want to use them. It simply means that we must defend our faith, families, and brothers if necessary.
42. Understanding that language learning is not every person's gift; brothers should make efforts to learn words and phrases in Latin including prayers in Latin.
43. Vehement opposition to masonic, socialist, communist, and satanic views. Our brotherhood should look within these groups to convert hearts whenever possible for the greater glory of God's Kingdom.
44. Traditional Catholic values are necessary for admittance to this brotherhood. If you are a Traditionalist or Traditional you are welcome here. If you are a Modernist Catholic this is not the path for you.

Cadence for becoming a member

45. Prospects will be vetted with two individual calls and a group call. As membership increases this will be done in person. Each Prospect that wishes to become a Brother will need to agree to each line in this rule during an in-person meeting with all Brotherhood present. No one will be admitted unless they are met in person by all brothers. Each Prospect will undergo an examination of conscience where they are able to purge themselves by sharing past sins and answer all questions of the Brotherhood. Each prospect will undergo a background check. If all of the above is positive admittance will be advanced.

46. We are fiercely opposed to any government or religion that would try to curtail our right to practice the true faith.
47. You will be prepared to be a Martyr for Christ if need be, this means your life or imprisonment should this be required in defense of the Faith. Prayers that we never have to make this choice.
48. Each State where a chapter/commandery exists will work on developing a “safe zone” where faithful can go in extreme circumstances. This meeting point should have water and off grid communications available amongst other things. This plan should also include a Priest at the location.
49. Investigation and exposing if necessary heretical clergy.
50. Brothers will agree on all events and meetings before scheduling. Every effort will be made to attend to what is agreed upon as a group. Let our group witness proclaim Christ’s truth.
51. Investigation and Justice for those defaming holy property or attacking parishioners or clergy.
52. Supporting those prosecuted for their religious beliefs. Resisting those that would prosecute.
53. Evangelizing the true faith is important if this is your gift. We are all sinners and need of redemption. If this is a gift of yours proclaim the good news wherever you are able.
54. This Rule can only be amended by suggestions from Brothers with majority vote from the council of brothers.
55. When greeting a Brother or beginning a meeting. Dominus Vobiscum with Et cum spiritu tuo as a response.
55. Priests, Deacons and Seminarians will be allowed as members. Each role in the brotherhood will be defined.