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**{With Answers}**

The purpose of this Award is to allow a Sir Knight to demonstrate his Proficiency in the use of his sword, and of the various passes. Words, signs, and grips associated with each of the Orders and Degree and by which one Knight can recognize another true Sir Knight of the Order.

To qualify, a Sir Knight must then participate with the questions, answers/sword work to the satisfaction of the ***Flaming Sword Award Proficiency Committee***. The patent of accomplishment and lapel pin is then available to those who pass this proficiency.

The following is the proficiency in full as approved by the committee. The committee reserves the right to make certain allowances and adjustments based on circumstances and a Sir Knight's ability. {Note: All sword work is done without commands.}

Q: Are you a Knight Templar?

A: I am a Knight Templar.

Q: Communicate the Jewish Pass.

A: *{Both draw swords and come to On-Guard! Give cuts}*

Candidate says **J...h** and the Propounder responds **B...n**

*{Both come to Carry Swords} Pg 17*

Q: Communicate the Persian Countersign.

A: *{Both come to On Guard! Then give cuts}*

Candidate says **T...** and the Propounder responds **S... B...**

*{Both come to Carry Swords} Pg 17*

Q: Communicate the Red Cross Word.

A: *{Both come to On-Guard! Then gives the cuts}*

Candidate says **V...s** and the Propounder responds **T...h**

*{Both come to Carry Swords} Pg 18*

Q: Communicate the Sign, Grip and Word of a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

A: *{Both come to ON-Guard! Then gives one cut and the Candidate gives the Sign.*

*{ Both give the second and third cuts and both give the Grip}*

Candidate says **L...y**, and the Propounder responds **L...s**

*{Both come to Carry Swords ! then Return Swords} Pg 18*

Q: Give me the Sign and Words of the Mediterranean Pass.

A: {Gives the Sign and Word} Pg 68 The Pass Word is **Fear Not Paul**  
The Grand Word is **Melita** Pg 69

Q: What are the Sign, Grip and Word of the Order of Malta?

A: Reach hither thy finger and feel the print of the nails {Both join right hands}  
Reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side {Both extend left hands  
and place accordingly} Candidate says **My Lord** and the propounder  
responds **And, My God** Candidate then says {the name of  
this grip is **Infidelitas – unbelief** Pg 78

Q: What is the Grand Hailing Sign and Grand Word of a Knight of Malta?

A: {Gives the Sign} and ask { **Do You Come in Peace?** }  
Propounder responds: **We Come in Peace!**  
Candidate then says: **'Then Come in Peace'** Pg 79

Q: What are the Grand Token and Word of the Order of Malta?

A: {Both Draw – Swords! Interlace fingers of left hand and raise swords}  
Candidate says **"King of Kings, and Lord of Lords"**  
{Both drop hands and return to Carry Swords} Pg79

Q: What are the Passwords of the Order?

A: **Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension.** Pg 79

Q: What is the Sacred Word of the Order?

A: **INRI Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews** Pg 80

Q: Communicate the Pilgrim Warrior's Word.

A: {Both come to On-Guard! Then gives the cuts}  
**M-S-H-B**  
{Both Come to Carry Swords!} Pg 124

Q: Communicate the Pilgrim Penitent's Word.

A: {Both come to On Guard! Then gives the cuts} Candidate says **G...**  
Propounder responds **a.p.o.a.s**  
{Both come to Carry Swords! Then returns Sword} Pg 147

Q: Communicate the Grip and Immaculate Word,

A: {Un-Cover! Deposit.....Chapeaux! Interlace Fingers Right over Left}  
**E...I**, and the Propounder responds **G.W.U**  
{Both Re-Cover} Pg 148

Q: What is the Penal Sign and the Grand Sign of this Order?

A: {Give the Signs} Grand Sign **In Hoc Signo Vincas** Pg 147

Draw\*\*\* Sword  
Present\*\*\* Sword  
Carry\*\*\* Sword  
Salute\*\*\* Sword  
Carry\*\*\* Sword  
Order\*\*\* Sword  
Un\*\*\* Cover  
Re\*\*\* Cover  
Carry\*\*\* Sword  
Return\*\*\* Sword  
Form Arch of Steel\*\*\*Cross\*\*\*Swords  
Carry \*\*\* Swords

## FLAMING SWORD

A sword whose blade is of a spiral or twisted form is called by the heralds a flaming sword from its resemblance to the ascending curvature of a flame of fire. Until very recently, this was the form of the Tiler's sword. The flaming sword of the Tiler refers to the flaming sword which guarded the entrance to Paradise, as described in Genesis (III, 24): **"So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubim's and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life;"**

