

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBUS

The oath taken by members of this secret Papist order reproduced hereunder was discovered during an inquiry into the ramifications of the secret society by U.S.A. court officials, and such is to be found in the American Congressional Records and cannot be denied. Such oath is published on pages 3262/3 Congressional Records, under date 15th February, 1913, and is as follows:—

"I..... now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles St. Peter, and St. Paul, and all the Saints, Sacred Host of heaven, and to you my Ghostly Father, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola, in the pontification of Paul III, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that His Holiness the Pope, is Christ's vice-regent, and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by the virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given His Holiness by my Saviour Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, and that they may be safely destroyed.

"Therefore to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his Holiness's right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and the now pretended authority of the Church of England and Scotland, and the branches of same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere opposing the sacred mother Church of Rome.

"I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince, or state, named Protestant or Liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers.

"I do declare that the doctrines of the Churches of England, and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestant or Masons; to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned, who will not forsake the same.

"I do further declare that I will help assist, and advise all or any of his

Holiness's agents, in any place where I shall be in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Norway, Ireland or America or in any other kingdom or territory, I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Masonic Doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

"I do further declare and promise, that notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother Church's interests: to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they entrust to me, and not to divulge directly or indirectly by word, writing, or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred order.

"I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own, or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (*peride ac cadaver*) but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ. That I will go into any part of the world whither so ever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, to the burning sands of the deserts of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centre of the civilisation of Europe, or the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever is communicated to me.

"I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents **make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly against all heretics, Protestants and Masons**, as I am directed so to do, to **extirpate** them from the face of the whole earth; and I will spare neither age, sex, or condition and that I will **hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive** these infamous heretics; **rip up the stomachs and wombs** of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls, in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity, or authority of the persons, whatever may be their

condition of life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do, by any agent of the Pope, or superior of the brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

"In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul and all conferral powers, and with the dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name written in my own blood, in testimony thereof, and should I prove false, or weaken in my determination, may my brethren, and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon the earth, and my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell for ever.

That I will in voting, always vote for a K of C in preference to a Protestant—especially a Mason, and that I will leave my party so to do; that if two Catholics are on the ticket I will satisfy myself which is the better supporter of Mother Church, and vote accordingly.

That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic. That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant families that a weekly report may be made of the inner movement of the heretics.

That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed, or I am commanded to defend the church, either as an individual, or with the militia of the Pope.

"All of which I do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed Sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform and on my part, to keep this my oath.

"In testimony thereof I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of this Holy Sacrament"

Comment: If the above oath does not make every true Briton boil with righteous indignation he or she is surely lacking in all the elements of true patriotism.

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