



Other Oaths

Critics of Masonry often attack us because they consider the penalties of our obligations as inhuman and barbaric. Of course these penalties have never been imposed on any Mason. They are merely symbolic and point to the seriousness of the obligation. Ironically many of these and other atrocities were imposed on our ancient brethren by civil and religious authorities. Our ancient brethren believed their soul would not find peace or rest if their body was not buried whole.

I began to wonder what the obligation and oaths of other organizations might be like. Recently Bro. Vincent Grienti wrote *THE VATICAN AND FREEMASONRY—THE ATTACKER AND THE STONE* published in *THE PHILALETHES*, which discusses the Catholic Church's attacks over its history on Freemasonry. The entire Jesuit Extreme Oath of Induction and a short description of the ceremony is printed. The oath is recorded in the Journal of the 62nd Congress, 3rd Session, of the *UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL RECORD*, in 1913. It is also quoted in the book *SUBTERRANEAN ROME* translated from the original French work. Dr. Albert Rivera, formerly of the Jesuit Order confirmed it as being identical. The description is quite lengthy and only a short portion will be described.

THE JESUIT EXTREME OATH OF INDUCTION

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 to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that will spare neither age, sex nor condition, and that 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, of the leaden bullet regardless of the honor, rank, dignity, or authority of the persons, whatever may be their station in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agents of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus. In confirmation I will hereby dedicate my life, soul, and all corporal powers, and with the dagger, which I now receive I will subscribe my name written in my blood in testimony thereof; and should I prove false, or weaken my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly be opened and sulphur burned therein with all punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth, and my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever.

The oath ends with the statement, "Go ye, then, into all the world and take possession of all the lands in the name of the Pope. He who will not accept him at the Vicar of Jesus and his Vice-Regent on earth, let him be accursed and exterminated."

My purpose has not been to attack the Catholic Church but merely to point out the other organizations also have oaths. I don't for a moment think that a modern American Jesuit priest would literally carry out any part that oath.