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163. John Cook Bennett manuscript portion of the ritual of
the "Order of the Illuminati"
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Constantine the Great, after his defeat of Magentius, received from heaven an express command to institute the "Order of the Illuminati" for the defence of the Christian religion. This command was brought by an angel who held in his hand a cross of gold.

Receive thou the accolade by which I now create thee an Illuminated, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and the special edict of the Imperial Primate our absolute sovereign. Thus, O Illuminated! as I consecrate on earth, by anointing from the chalice of sacred oil, what has already received the unction of heaven; and, in remembrance of this hour, let it bear witness to a friendship which will be cemented by eternal ties in the celestial kingdom.

Digitque Deus: Fiat lux. Et facta
est lux.

Be faithful, bold and fortunate.
In behalf of the true, holy, catholic, and
apostolic "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints," by an edict of the Imperial
Private, I now extend to thee the right
hand of fellowship on the five points.