

"Examiner's Questions for Admittance to the American (or Know-Nothing) Party," July 1854

Examiner's Duty

Examiner to Candidate: Are you a candidate for membership to our order?
(*I am*)

You will place your right hand on this holy emblem.

Obligation:

You do solemnly promise declare and swear upon that sacred and holy emblem before Almighty God, and these witnesses, that you will not divulge or make known to any person *whatever*, the nature of the questions I may ask you here, the names of the persons you may see here or that you know that such an organization is going on *as such*, whether you become a member of our organization or not?

Will you promise me this?
(*I will*)

And that you will true and faithful answers give to all the questions I may ask you,
(*So help you God*)

Are you by religious faith a Roman Catholic?
(*I am not*)

Were you born in this country?
(*I was*)

Were either of your parents? Heritage of your grandparents? Were any of your ancestors in this country during the Revolutionary War?

If so then:

Are you willing to use your influence to elect to all offices of *Honor, Profit, or Trust* now but nature born citizens of *America*, of this *Country* to the exclusion of *all* foreigners, and to all Roman Catholics, *whether* they be of nature or foreign birth, regardless of all party predilections *whatever*?

(*Answer I am*)