

Condemnation of the Knights Templar, concil vienna, May 2, 1312.

Considering there fore infamy , suspicions and insinuations noisy and above other things that have been raised against the order , and also the secret and clandestine reception of the brothers of the order , that many of the brothers moved away from general customs , life and habits of other followers of Christ, and this especially when they received other [men] among the brethren of their order [that] for the reception, they were to profess and swear to those they received not tell anyone how they are received and not to leave the order, because what assumptions have been raised against them ; Considering also the grave scandal that these things have raised against the order , which does not seem to subside as the order remained, and also the danger to faith and souls so many horrible things have been committed by many brothers of the order of [...] who have fallen into the sin of apostasy against an atrocious the Lord Jesus Christ himself, in the crime of detestable idolatry in the execrable outrage of the Sodomites [...] ; Considering also that the Roman Church has sometimes removed other illustrious orders made much lower than those mentioned above , without even a reprimand is attached to the brothers, not without bitterness and sadness of heart , not under of a judicial sentence , but by way of provision or prescription apostolic , the aforesaid order of the Temple and its constitution , his coat and his name by decree irrevocable and valid for life , and we submit to a lifetime ban with the approval of the sacred council, formally forbidding anyone to afford in the future to enter said order , receive or wear its habit , or act as a Templar . Whosoever shall alter this incur the sentence of excommunication ipso facto.