

Master.—If they have their guides and sureties, let them enter.

The door is then opened, and the Candidates, (having the Bible in his hand,) shall be introduced between his two Sponsors, each bearing in his hand an Orange Rod, decorated with a Blue Ribband, and one, carrying, also, the Blue Book of the Lodge, with the Obligation thereon and open, and the other an inkstand; he shall then be conducted to the side of the room, and then East, towards the Deputy Master, before whom shall be burning one *bright* light; and before the Master there shall be placed Eleven candles, in a semi-circle, and also one candle placed in the centre of the circle. The eleven candles are not to be lighted until the Candidate has reached the Deputy Master; the one in the centre is not to be lighted.

The Chaplain, or Master, shall then proceed, as follows:

“ Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews; for we have seen his Star in the East, and are come to worship him. And lo! the Star which they saw in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold and frank incense