

unless specially ordered by the Master, through the proper officer, to do so, under pain of immediate expulsion from the Lodge-room.

OPENING OF THE LODGE.

The Brethren being seated in their places, and all strictly silent, the Master shall ascertain if all present are Royal Arch Purple Marksmen, and shall give charge to the Tylers and Brethren.

The Chaplain shall then read the following portion of Scripture :

Now, we command you, Brethren, by the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every Brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which he received of us. For yourselves, know how you ought to follow us, for we have behaved not ourselves disorderly among you, neither did we eat any man's bread for nought ; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.—*II Thes., c. iii., v. 6, 8.*

The Brethren shall then rise and form the double arch ; and the Chaplain shall read the following prayer :

GRACIOUS AND ALMIGHTY GOD ! Thou who didst raise a wall of waters around Thy servants, the children of Israel, on their right hand and on their left, and who didst save them from the power of Pharaoh, and the perils of the Red Sea : by whose divine permission in aftertimes our liberties have been secured, and our most holy Religion preserved, continue unto us Thy Almighty favour : May Thy heavenly love be the arch of our protection, and the increase of Thy Spirit amongst us the special mark of our seal and covenant with Thee. These, with all other needful blessings, we humbly beg, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say :

I now declare this Royal Arch Purple Lodge open in due form, strictly prohibiting any language or conduct that may tend to disturb the harmony of the brethren.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Brethren shall then resume their seats and the business of the Lodge shall proceed in the following order :

The Lecture to be repeated.

Minutes of former Meeting read.

Members to be advanced.

Public business connected with the principles, honour or prosperity of the Institution, discussed.

Lecture repeated.

Lodge closed with Prayer.