

BROTHER,

You have now been advanced to the second Degree of our Order—and you may regard it as an addition to your character and standing, for none are advanced but the faithful ; none pass the fiery ordeal of the burning furnace but such as have well and faithfully served in the probationary Degree. I therefore congratulate you upon your advancement.

The Order itself will afford you ample scope for consideration and reflection, and will materially assist your understanding, and render you a more efficient and worthy member, if you persevere as you have commenced. You must at all times see that the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and the Mandates and Decrees of the Grand Lodge are strictly obeyed and enforced. You are not to screen the faults of a Brother from the Brotherhood—but you are, as far as possible, to screen him from the censure of the world, and to do all that is in your power for his reformation. You are at all times to treat his foibles with candor, and to admonish in friendship.

Having thus secured to yourself this advancement, it is hoped, by your continued practice of all that is good and commendable, and your avoidance of all that is bad and censurable, you will not give us cause to regret the step we have taken in advancing you as we have now done.

The Chaplain, or Brother appointed, shall say :

He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.—*Rev., c. ii., v. 27.*

In closing the Lodge, all the Brethren shall stand up, and raising their hands (as in opening the Lodge,) the Chaplain, Master, or Brother appointed, shall say the Lord's Prayer.

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say :

I now declare this Loyal Purple Lodge closed in due form.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.