

Master.—Brother, bend thy knee.

Here the Obligation is administered as follows :

PURPLE OBLIGATION.

I, *A. B.*, do voluntarily and sincerely swear, That I will keep the Signs, Words, and Tokens of a Purpleman from an Orangeman, as well as from all others who are not members of the Purple Order, unless I shall be duly authorized to communicate them by the proper authorities in the Purple Order of the Orange Institution. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in this my Purpleman's Obligation.

The Candidate is here invested with the Orange Collar and Rosette of Purple.

The Candidate shall then rise up, and the Master say :

Brother, you have been weighed in the balance, and not found wanting, therefore it has been judged right that you should be advanced to the Purple Order of our Institution, in which dignity we trust that your better means of serving this religious and loyal Brotherhood will be duly employed. And as your opportunities will now be advanced with your station among us, so likewise would your neglect, cause our more especial injury. For this cause, Brother, increase in your diligence ; be instant in season and out of season ; for the higher we stand, the more should we take heed lest we fall.

Here the Master takes the Candidate by the hand, and says :

In the name of the Purple Brethren, I bid you heartily welcome; nothing doubting but that you will continue with the greatest earnestness to fear God, to honor the Queen, and to maintain the Laws.

The Chaplain, or Master, shall then say :

Lord, watch over this our Brother ; teach him to keep sacred his vows, that his name may be found inscribed in the book of remembrance at the end of time. All this we humbly ask in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour—Amen.

Here the Master shall communicate, or cause to be communicated, unto the new Purple Brother, the Signs and Passwords. If there be more than one Brother to advance, the Signs and Passwords need not be communicated until all of them have been obligated. After which, the Master shall deliver the following Charge :