

pretence whatever, without express directions from the Master, through the proper officer, to do so. No Brother shall indulge in any kind of levity; nor shall he meddle in any manner with the form of Initiation, 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 his charge to the Tyler 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 ye received of us. For yourselves, know how ye 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. Thess. c. iii. v. 6, 8.*

The Brethren shall then rise and form the double arch, the elbows touching—and the Master shall read the following Prayer:—