

preventing it, if in my power. I do solemnly promise that I will not know a Royal Arch Purple Marksman to be in want, hardship or distress (which has not been brought upon him by his own misconduct) without rendering him such reasonable relief and assistance as may be in my power, without injury to myself or family. I do further promise, that I will not unlawfully have any carnal knowledge of a Brother's wife, sister, daughter or mother, knowing them to be such. I do solemnly promise that I will not initiate, nor be present at the initiation of any Candidate into the dignity of a Royal Arch Purple Marksman, except there be present at least a quorum of the Royal Arch Purple Order, nor will I initiate, nor be present at the initiation of any Candidate into the dignity of the said Order, without his first having paid the prescribed fee, current money of this Province. Lastly, I swear that I will use all my influence to promote fellowship and brotherly love amongst my Brethren generally; and that I will abide by a decision of a majority of them upon all business connected with the affairs of the Lodge: And all this I do solemnly promise, testify and declare in the plain words by me spoken—and without any hesitation, secret evasion or mental reservation whatever.—*So help me God, and keep me steadfast in this my Royal Arch Marksman's Obligation.*

After the Candidate has taken the Obligation, and before rising, he goes through the ceremony of the Mark, which is to be inflicted on the L. B.

The Candidate shall then be taken and led up . . . the Chaplain reading the following portions of Scripture :

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went towards Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven, and beheld the Angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Here give him the . . . (T's); the Candidate being left * * * whilst the following is read :

And, behold the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and I will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.—*Gen., c. xxviii.*

The Candidate shall then be * * * and led under the Arch, and placed against the (W.) where the Chaplain shall read the following Psalm, cxlii.:

I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before Him; I shewed before Him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me; I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me: no man cared for my soul. I called unto Thee O Lord: I said, thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name; the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

The Candidate shall then receive the penalties of the Order. He shall then be shown the Lights, which shall be explained to him; and from thence, led under the Arch again to the Master.