

¶ The Master shall then say :—

I declare this Royal Blue Lodge duly opened ; enjoining on all Brethren, a strict observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Blue order of the Orange Institution.

¶ The Members then resume their seats, and the business of the Lodge shall proceed in its appointed order.

¶ Directions to Tylers.

RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION.

¶ The preparation of the Candidate is to take place in a Room outside, and as follows :—He is to be stripped of his coat and vest, and his left arm bared to the shoulder, and a blue ribbon tied round that arm above the elbow.—All being ready, the candidate shall be led to the Lodge-room door, when a sudden alarm shall be made by the Sponsors and they shall knock.

MASTER.—*What alarm is there, what strangers are at our gates ?*

TYLER.— (Opening the door and communicating with those without) asks—What strangers are there ?

SPONSORS.—*Travellers from the East hither lead, by a strange appearance in the Heavens, and ask admission here, that the mystery may be explained to them.*

TYLER.— (Repeats this announcement to the Master.)

MASTER.—*If they have their guides and sureties, let them enter.*

¶ The door is then opened, and the candidate (having the Bible in his hand) shall be introduced between his two sponsors, each bearing in his hand, an orange rod, decorated with blue ribbon, and one carrying also, the Blue Book of the Lodge, with the Obligation thereon and open, and the other an Inkstand. He shall then be conducted to the side of the room, and then east towards the Deputy Master, before whom shall be burning one *bright* light ; and before the Master there shall be placed eleven candles, (in a semi