

The Candidate is now to be led three times on his journey, bearing his scrip and staff—gets . . . (f's,) which are explained to him : he is then led to the M. H., which, having ascended, the number of steps are explained to him till he comes to the R. with three solemn steps. The last one coming into the centre of the R. (dry) where he shall remain until further orders.

The Chaplain then reads :

And it came to pass, when the people were removed from their tents to pass over Jordan, and the Priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant before the people, and as they that bare the Ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the Priests that bare the Ark were dipped in the brim of the water ; that the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up upon a heap ; and the people passed over, right against Jericho. And the Priests that bare the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan.—*Joshua*, 3 c.

The Candidate shall then take out of the R, with both his hands, the Chaplain reading as follows :

And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, and the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, take you twelve men out of the people ; out of every tribe a man, and command you them, saying ; take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the Priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place where you shall lodge for the night. That these may be a sign among you, and these stones shall be a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.—*Joshua*, ch. 4.

The Candidate shall then be conducted under the Arch to the Master, where kneeling he shall receive the Obligation.

Obligation of the Royal Arch Purple Mark.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely Promise and Swear, in the presence of Almighty God, and of this Worshipful Lodge, erected to God and dedicated to Joshua, that I will always conceal the whole and every part of the Secrets of a Royal Arch Purple Marksman ; that I will not Write them, Print, Stamp, Stain, Cut, Hew, Carve, or Engrave them, or any part of them, on any substance whatever, nor cause them to be done, so that they may become Legible or Intelligible, without due authority—not even to a Brother of the Royal Arch Purple Order, except after strict trial and due examination. I do further swear, that I will never Marry a Roman Catholic or Papist, nor Educate, nor suffer to be Educated my Children