

PURPLE RITUAL.

In this (as in the Orange,) no business connected with the affairs of the Order shall be transacted, except in open Lodge, guarded by a Tyler, and with not less than a quorum.

In front of the door of entrance to the Lodge Room there shall be erected a canopy made of pillars, and a cross-piece, hung with Purple curtains.

There shall be two Tylers in this Order—one whose post shall be outside, (as in the Orange,) and the other whose post shall be inside the Lodge Room door.

The duty of the Inside Tyler shall be, to put the Test to all who, (after having previously given the Annual to the Outside Tyler,) enter the room after the Lodge is opened.

The Tylers shall, in all cases, be examined by the Master, to see if they are properly qualified to receive or reject those applying for admission.

No Brother shall be admitted unless he wears the prescribed decorations of the Degree.

The Officers and Brethren being assembled, and having taken their seats, and the Tylers at their posts, the Test (division of the Annual and the Entrance Password) shall be put to them by the Secretary on the right, and the Treasurer on the left hand, or by two of the Brethren appointed by the Master. Having tested the brethren they shall report to the Deputy Master, who shall rise and say to the Master: "Worshipful Sir, all present are true Members of the Order."

The Master shall then read :

We have a strong city ; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee : because he trusted in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever : for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—*Isaiah, c. xxvi, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4.*