

hand and behold; but there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul, I cried 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 have 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 penitential of the Order. He shall then be shown the L's, which shall be explained to him, and then shown the A's under the Ark again to the Master.

The Signs, Passwords and Mysteries of the Order shall then be explained to the new Brother, after which the Master shall deliver the following

CHARGE

Brother,

You have been now admitted, after strict trial, to this exalted Degree. It must have proved to you many facts, which, if duly thought of, may tend to inform your mind, and to render less obdurate the propensity inherent in man, to sin. Reflect, and you will see, that taken in its totality by Omnipotence on account of his weakness, it is the malice of the soul that we remove, not the wickedness we possess our avowed sinners; and you will have good reason to marvel how much it has become your duty to render assistance;