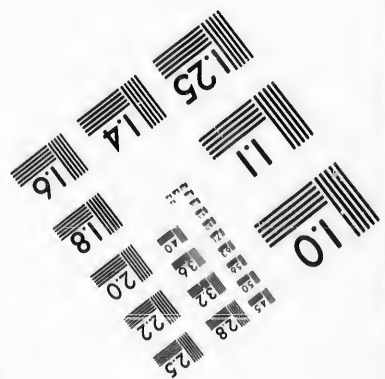
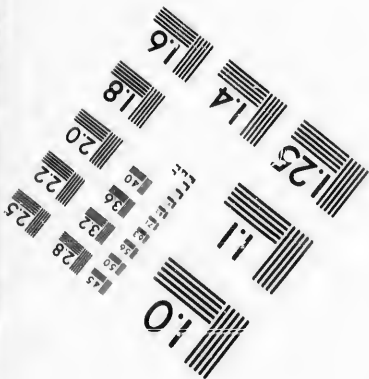
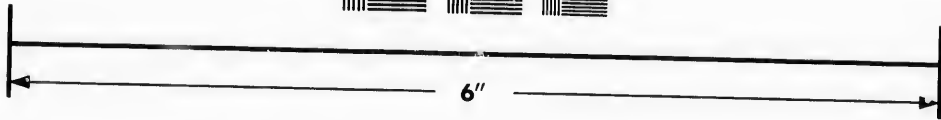
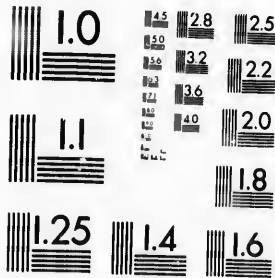


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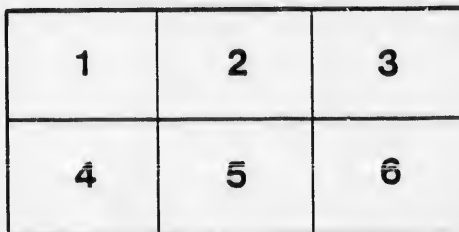
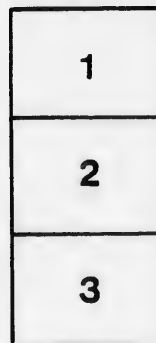
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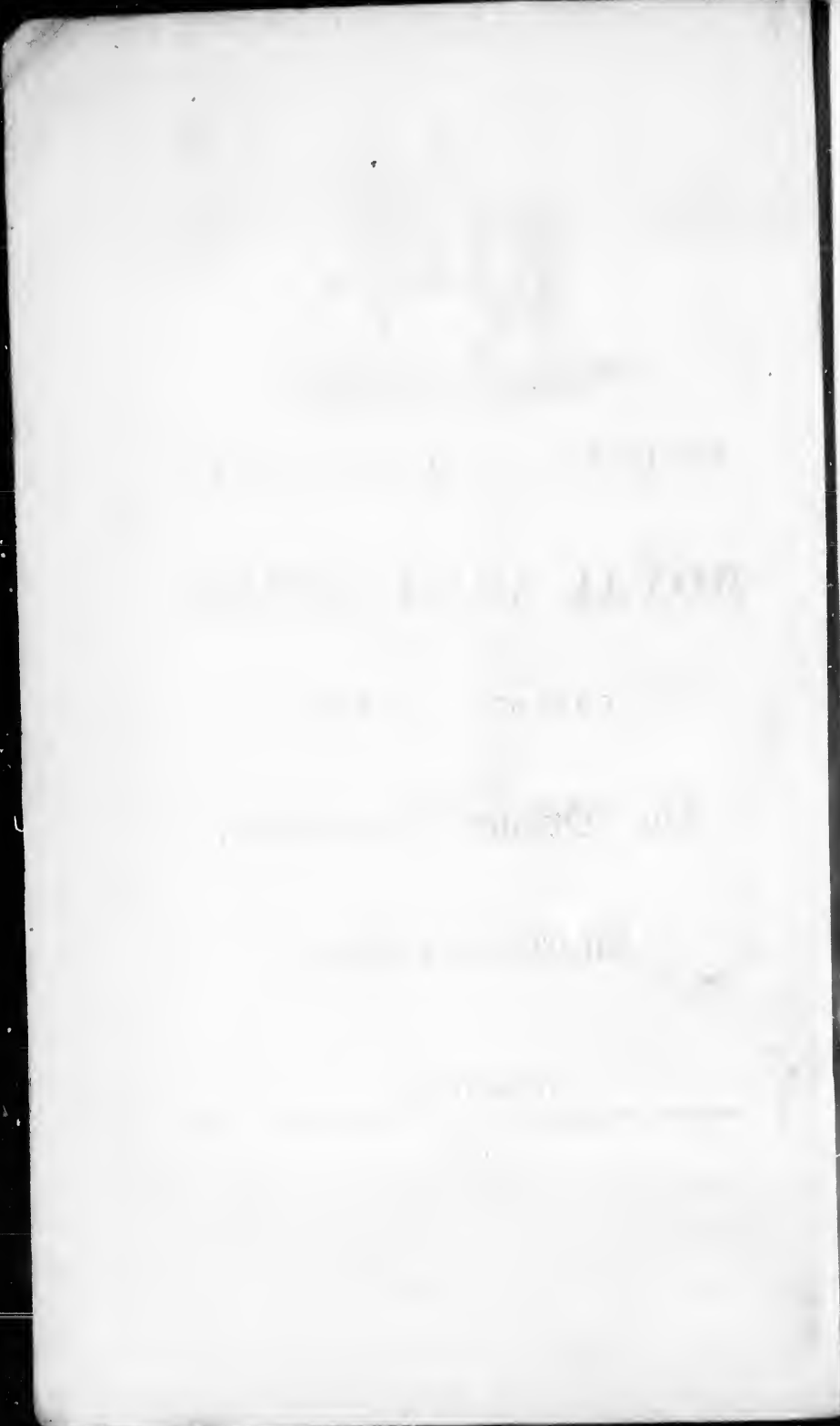


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# ROYAL ARCH PURPLE.

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## Rules and Regulations of the Lodge Room.

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- † No Royal Arch Purple Lodge shall be opened unless there be, at least, one proper arch erected in the Lodge Room.
- † All the lights shall be triple lights, that is three lights together, wherever lights are required in any part of the Room.
- † The Master's chair shall be placed directly under, or as near as possible to the Royal Arch, and a seat for the Chaplain shall be placed on the Master's right hand.
- † The articles to be used in initiating a member to this order shall be \_\_\_\_\_ all which shall be prepared before the opening of the Lodge.

### TYLERS.

- † There shall be two Tylers, one on the outside and one on the inside of the Lodge.
- The duty of the outside Tyler shall be to guard the Lodge Room door, and to prevent any person or persons, from loitering about or near the Lodge Room door. He shall examine every brother who shall present himself for admittance.— He shall admit no person, who has not the annual pass word for the current; year he shall also require the entrance pass word of the Royal Arch, and be satisfied that the brother seeking admittance has received the Royal Arch degree.— He shall answer to, and assist the inside Tyler when required.
- The inside Tyler shall answer to, and assist the outside Tyler when required. He shall examine all parts of the Lodge Room and report to the Master that the business of the Lodge may be proceeded with in safety. He shall not allow any brother to leave the Lodge Room without a pass word (communicated by the Deputy Master) emanating from the Master.

### The conduct and appearance of the Brethren.

- † The mysteries and solemnity of this degree require that the utmost respect, order and decorum be observed by all the brethren. No brother shall be admitted into the Lodge Room in a slovenly, or unbecoming dress, nor without a Sash appertaining to the order. Every brother shall keep in his place, and shall not leave it on any pretence whatever, without express directions from the Master, through the proper officer, to do so. No brother shall laugh, or indulge in any kind of levity, nor meddle in any manner with the form of Initiation, unless specially ordered by the Master, through the proper officer, to do so, under pain of immediate expulsion from the Lodge Room.

### OPENING OF THE LODGE.

- † The Brethren being in their places, and all strictly silent, the Master shall ascertain if all present are Royal Arch Purplemen, and shall give his charge to the Tylers and brethren. The Chaplain shall then read the following portion of scripture:—

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us, for we have behaved not ourselves disorderly among you, neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.—2 *Th.*, c. 3, v. 6-8.

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† The Brethren shall then form the double arch, the elbows touching.—And the Master shall read the following prayer:

**Gracious and Almighty God; Thou who didst raise a wall of waters around thy servants the children of Israel, on their right hand and on their left, and who didst save them from the power of Pharoah, and the perils of the Red Sea. By whose Divine permission in after times our liberties have been secured, and our Most Holy Religion preserved, continue unto us thy Almighty favour: May thy Heavenly love be the arch of our protection; and the increase of thy Spirit amongst us the special mark of our seal and covenant with thee. These, with all other needful blessings, we humbly beg through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.—Amen.**

† The Master shall then say, I now declare this Royal Arch Purple Lodge open in due form, strictly prohibiting any language or conduct that may tend to disturb the harmony of the Brethren.

† The Brethren shall then resume their seats, and the business of the Lodge shall be proceeded with in its appointed order.

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## RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION.

¶ The preparation of the candidate is to take place in a room adjoining the Lodge Room, and being properly prepared, the candidate is to be conducted between two brethren appointed for the purpose to the Lodge Room door, and on his approach, the Tyler is to make the formal announcement, which will be responded to, and the proper challenge given. The inside Tyler, making the proper inquiries, and receiving satisfactory answers, shall announce to the Master, that two Brethren, with a worthy friend, seek admission. The Master shall then direct them to be admitted.

¶ The candidate being introduced, the Receiver shall give him . . . (p.)

¶ The Receiver shall then say:

*What feelest thou?*

ANSWER.—. . . (p.)

[The meaning is here to be explained.]

¶ The candidate being ordered to kneel on his right knee and repeat the Lord's prayer.

¶ The Chaplain shall then read the following portions of Scripture:—

“Moreover, thou shalt make the Tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of one curtain, from the selvedge in the coupling, and thou shalt make a hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine-twined linen.”—*Ex. 26. c.*

“Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me, give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee let my prayer

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be set forth before thee as incense ;  
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**Lord**, before my mouth ; keep the  
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 thee, **O God the Lord** ; in thee is my  
 trust, leave not my soul destitute.—  
**Keep me from the snares which they**  
**have laid for me, and the gins of the**  
**workers of iniquity. Let the wicked**  
**fall into their own nets, whilst that I**  
**withal escape.”—Ps.**

† 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 till 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.  
—*Jos. 3. ch.*”

† 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,

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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 this may be a sign among you, and these stones shall be a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.—  
*Jos. ch. 4.*

† The candidate shall then be conducted before 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 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,—nor 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, (knowing her to be such;) nor Educate, nor suffer to be Educated my Children in that Faith, if in my power to prevent it. I do further promise, that I will answer all regular Signs, and obey all regular Summonses, if in my power. I do Solemnly Promise to keep the Secrets of a Royal Arch Purpleman, given to me as such, (except they may be contrary to the Law of the Land;) that I will not Wrong or Injure any Royal Arch Purpleman, or know him to be Wronged or Injured, without giving him timely notice thereof and preventing it, if in my power. I do Solemnly Promise that I will not know a Royal Arch Purpleman 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 and 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 to the Dignity of a ROYAL ARCH PURPLEMAN, except there be present at least Five Members 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 sum of Five Shillings current money of this Province. Lastly, I Swear, that I will use all my influence to promote Fellowship

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*and Brotherly Love amongst my Brethren rally; and that I will abide by the 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 passes 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 Beer-sheba, and went towards Haran, and he tarried there all night because the sun was set, and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillow 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 behold the Angels of God, ascending and descending on it.**

- ¶ Here give him the . . . (T's.) The Candidate being left lying 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 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. 28 ch.*

† The Candidate shall then be raised, and led under the arch and placed against the (W.)—where the Chaplain shall read the following Psalm.

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 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 am

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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 shewn the Lights (which shall be explained to him), and from thence led under the arch again to the Master.

† The Lodge shall be closed (by the Master) with the Lord's Prayer—the Brethren kneeling on the right knee.

**Our Father** which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on Earth ; as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

