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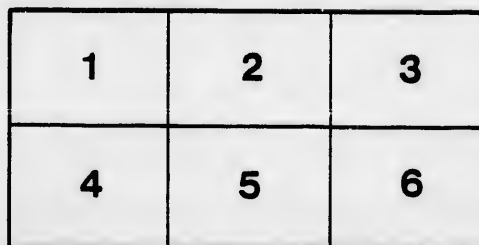
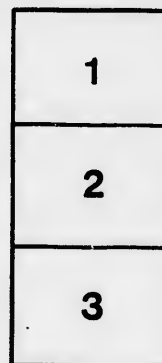
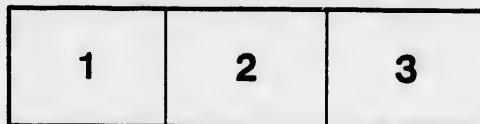
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OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.



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ORANGE ORDER.

No business connected with the affairs of the Institution shall be transacted except in open Lodge, and guarded by a Tyler ; and not less than Five Members shall be considered a quorum.

The Outside Tyler's post shall be outside the Lodge-room door, and he shall, before taking his post, undergo examination by the Master, to see if he is qualified to receive, as well as to reject applicants for admission.

After the Lodge is opened, no person shall be admitted without giving the Annual to the Tylers, except by special permission of the Master.

The Master and Brethren being assembled, and having taken their seats, and the Tylers at their posts, the Test (division of the Entrance Password,) shall be put to them, beginning by the Secretary, on the right, and the Treasurer, on the left hand, each Brother passing the Test till it reaches the last Brother on each side ; when both shall give their proof to the Deputy-Master, who shall rise, and say to the Master,—“ Worshipful, —all present are true members of the Order.”

The Brethren shall then, at a call from the Master, all rise, and each placing his right hand on his left breast, stand (strictly silent,) while the Master, Chaplain, or Brother appointed, proceeds to open the Lodge with the following Prayer :

OPENING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who of Thy gracious providence and tender mercy towards us, didst wonderfully conduct Thy servant King William, and bring him safely through many difficulties, to preserve us from the attempts of our enemies to bereave us of our Religion and Laws, we humbly praise and magnify Thy most glorious name, for Thy unspeakable goodness towards us, expressed in this act of Thy mercy. Be Thou still our mighty Protector, and scatter our enemies that delight in blood ; infatuate and defeat their counsels, abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices : Strengthen the hands of our present gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, and all that are put in authority under Her, with judgment and justice, to cut off all such workers of iniquity as turn religion into rebellion, and faith into faction, that they may never prevail against us, or triumph in the ruin of Thy Church among us ; but that our gracious Sovereign and Her realms, being preserved in Thy true religion, and by Thy merciful goodness protected in the same, we may all duly serve Thee, and give Thee thanks in Thy holy congregation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

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OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.*

The Master shall then say:

I now declare this Loyal Orange Lodge, Number — open in due form, strictly prohibiting any language or conduct that may tend to disturb the harmony of the Brethren.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Brethren shall then resume their seats, and the business of the Lodge shall be proceeded with in the following order:

The Lecture to be repeated.

Minutes of former meeting read.

Members to be initiated.

Candidates proposed.

Public business connected with the principles, honour or prosperity of the Institution considered.

Lecture repeated.

Dues collected.

Lodge closed with Prayer.

RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION.

The Candidate for admission shall be introduced between two Brethren, each carrying in one hand an Orange Rod, decorated at the top with Orange Ribbands, one of whom should be his Proposer or Seconder, who shall carry in his hand the Holy Bible, with the Book of Regulations placed thereon ; and on their coming to the foot of the table, opposite the Master, the Brethren all sitting, (strictly silent,) in their places—the Master shall say :

Master—Brethren, whom do you introduce ?

Introducer—A. B., a worthy friend.

Master—What do you carry in your hand ?

Introducer—The Word of God.

Master—Do you reverence that Word ?

Introducer—We do.

Master—What is that other Book ?

Introducer—The Constitution and Laws of the Orange Association.

Master—Are you acquainted with the Rules therein contained ?

Introducer—We are.

Master—Do you act in conformity with those Rules?

Introducer—We do.

Master—[Addressing himself to the Candidate.]—Friend, do you, of your own free will, desire to be admitted into our Loyal Association?

Candidate—I do.

Master—Friend, kneel down.

The Candidate shall then kneel down at the table, (all the Brethren standing,) the Chaplain or Brother appointed shall read the following portions of Scripture :

O Lord God of our Fathers; art not Thou God in Heaven? and rulest not Thou over the kingdoms of the heathen? and in Thy hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand Thee?—*II. Chron., c. xx., v. 6.*

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the Gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders : Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people whom Thou hast redeemed ; Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation.—*Exod. c. xv. v. 11, 13.*

And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt ; thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.—*Exod., c. xiii., v. 16, 10.*

Here the Obligation shall be administered by the Master :

ORANGE OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., do solemnly and voluntarily swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to Her lawful heirs and Successors, in the Sovereignty of Great Britain and Ireland, and of these Provinces, dependant on and belonging to the said Kingdom ; so long as She or They shall maintain the Protestant Religion and the Laws of this country : that I will, to the utmost of my power, defend Them against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Her or any of Them : that I will steadily maintain the connexion between the Colonies of British America and the Mother Country, and be ever ready to resist all attempts to weaken British influence, or dismember the British Empire : that I will be true and faithful to every Brother Orangeman in all just actions, neither wronging him, nor knowing him to be wronged or injured, without giving him due notice thereof, and preventing it if in my power. I swear that I will ever hold sacred the name of our Glorious Deliverer, King William the Third, Prince of Orange ; in grateful remembrance of whom I solemnly promise, (if in my power,) to celebrate his victory over James, at the Boyne, in Ireland, by assembling with my Brethren, in their Lodge-Room, on the 12th day of July in every year ; I swear that I am not, nor ever will be, a Roman Catholic or Papist, —nor am I now, nor ever will be, a member of any

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Society or body of men, that are enemies to Her Majesty and our Glorious Constitution: that I never was, to my knowledge or belief, rejected in, or expelled from, any Orange Lodge : I further declare, that I will do my utmost, to support and maintain the Loyal Orange Institution ; obey all regular summonses, and pay all just dues, (if in my power,) and observe and obey the Constitution and Laws of the same : and, lastly, I swear that I will always conceal, and never in any way whatsoever disclose or reveal, the whole, or any part, of the Signs, Words, or Tokens that are now about to be privately communicated to me, unless I shall be duly authorized so to do, by the proper Authorities* of the Orange Institution, of which I am now about to become a member. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in this my Orangeman's Obligation.

The Chaplain, or Brother appointed, shall read the following portions of Scripture :

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the Sons of God! Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the Sons of God ; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be : but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him ; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath his hope in Him, purifieth himself even as He is pure. Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law. In this the

* The proper authority is the Grand Lodge of British North America.

children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.—He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer : and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because He laid down his life for us ; and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of *compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ! My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue ; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. And this is His commandment. That we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment.—*I. John, c. iii., v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23.*

Here the following Prayer shall be read, (all kneeling.)

ALMIGHTY God, Judge of all men, to whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid ; look down, we beseech Thee, upon us who are now assembled beneath Thy All-seeing eye ; Thou hatest the deceitful heart ; to Thee the false tongue is an abomination. Strengthen us, then, we implore Thee, that we may ever avoid falsehood, and cleave to that which is true ;

dispose us to brotherly love and Christian charity, to be true and faithful to our Brethren in all just actions, and as we do now receive this dear friend into our Benevolent and Loyal Association, may we be admitted into Thy Heavenly Kingdom. In Thy name, and looking to Thy Providence to direct us to what is right, we do now receive this Thy Servant to a Membership in our Society, trusting that Thou wilt so guide and govern his heart and actions, that he may long continue an ornament to our Association, and a firm and steadfast supporter of Thy Church and People. —*Amen.*

The Candidate shall then rise, and the Master shall take him by the hand and say :

We receive you, dear Brother, into the Religious and Loyal Association of Orangemen, trusting that you will abide a devoted servant of God, a true believer in His Son Jesus Christ, a faithful subject of our Queen, and a supporter of our Constitution. Keep thou firm in the Protestant Faith ; make yourself a friend of all pious and peaceable men, avoiding strife and seeking benevolence ; slow to take offence and offering none. In the name of the Brotherhood, I bid you welcome, and I pray that you may long continue among them, a true Orangeman, fearing God and loving the Brotherhood, honouring the Queen and maintaining the Law.

The Signs and Passwords shall then be communicated to the new Brother, after which the Master shall say :

“Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, good will towards men—*Luke, c. ii., v. 13.*”

The Signs and Passwords of the Association having been communicated to the new Brother, the Master shall deliver the following Charge :

BROTHER,

The Mysteries and Secrets connected with the Orange Institution have now been communicated to you, and if you will only conform to the Obligation you have freely and voluntarily taken, we shall have cause to rejoice in the steps we have taken to initiate you : but should you fail to observe them, then will our sorrow be great ; firstly on account of your fall, and secondly, on account of the injury that will thereby be done to our Institution.

I entreat you, let your obligation be your guide. Should the perpetration of crime ever enter your mind, reflect upon what you have now sworn—and let it be a check to any and every evil thought that human wickedness may suggest.

I have now further to admonish you against the snares that may be laid for you by our enemies, and to impress upon your mind the great value of *caution*—so that you will weigh well every word you may use in connexion with the Order. I further admonish you, to be ever watchful when the Order is at work, so that you may gain wisdom by listening to the advice and opinion of your seniors ; and when you have heard, you will be wise to reflect, and speak not—but that you treasure up the lessons in your heart, to the end that you may prove your great faith. There are two cardinal virtues which bind the Brotherhood

of our Order—they are *Union* and *Truth*. By the honourable exercise of the latter, in your intercourse with the world, and especially with the Brotherhood, you will find that the former is to be, and will be maintained. Regard them, then, as the apple of your eye, only to be parted with in death.

I trust what I have said to you in the name of the Lodge will have its due weight; and now allow me to introduce you to those whom, hereafter, you are to regard as Brethren.

My Brethren, receive this Brother to your friendship and love.

The Brother shall then make obeisance to the Master, be welcomed individually by the Brethren,—and all present take their seats.

The Initiation Fee in this Order shall not be less than Five Shillings, nor more than Fifteen Shillings.

If more than one Candidate is initiated, the Charge is to be reserved until all are introduced.

CLOSING PRAYER.

O God, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and Thy glory above the heavens, who hast so often miraculously preserved thy Church and People from the secret contrivance and open violence of numerous

conspirators, we bless and adore Thy gracious Majesty for Thy marvellous loving-kindness to our Church and Nation, in the preservation of our Religion and Liberties, and we humbly crave that the devout sense of Thy repeated mercies may renew and increase in us a spirit of steady allegiance to our present gracious Sovereign Lady Queen, Victoria and a spirit of fervent zeal for our Holy Religion, which thou hast so wonderfully rescued and continued, a blessing to us and to our posterity : all of which we humbly beg, for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say :

I now declare this Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 826 duly closed until the next regular meeting, except in case of emergency, of which all Brethren shall have due notice.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !

FORM

OF

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

At the General Election of Officers, in December, the Past Master shall proceed to instal the newly elected Master, who shall then proceed to instal the Deputy-Master, Secretary, Treasurer, and Five Committee-men. The Lodge shall be opened as usual—the Master elect taking his seat on the left of the Secretary. After the Lecture is repeated, the Past Master, turning to the Secretary, shall say :

Past Master—Brother Secretary, upon whom has the choice of this Worshipful Lodge fallen, to be Master for the current year ?

Brother Secretary—Having every confidence in the Worshipful Brother ———, and having had frequent proofs of his ability and desire to advance the cause of our glorious Institution, we have selected him for our Master, and now require his installation. I now present to you Brother ———.

Past Master—Let us pray. (All kneel.)

O GREAT MASTER and Creator of the World, Disposer of life and death, we entreat Thee look down upon us with mercy, and bless our undertaking ! We humbly

crave, that Thou wilt at all times give us wisdom to govern our own actions, and judgment to guide the actions of those under our care; endue us with a desire to conduct all our undertakings in peace and brotherly love. Permit the Master of this Lodge to enjoy Thy grace, and give him the light of Wisdom, so that he may impart it to those whose conduct he is called upon to scrutinize. May Faith, Hope, and Charity, Justice, Temperance, Prudence, and Fortitude ever be his guide, and the guide of us all, for Christ's sake.

Lodge—Amen.

*Past Master—*Brother ———, before you are sworn into the duties of office, let me ask you if you are prepared to act under the Rules and Regulations of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, and under any order that may be issued by its authority?

Master Elect—I am.

*Past Master—*By this consent you take upon yourself various duties; not only will you be required to perform them yourself, which, from the fact of your being chosen to the station you are to occupy, is proof you will, but you assume the office of Guardian and Adviser to the members of your Lodge. You will rebuke them for a violation of any portion of their obligation, as a superior Brother should rebuke an inferior. You are required to warn them that it is their duty to live peaceably with, and act honourably towards all men, and especially toward a Brother; that they are bound

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strictly to guard against all unworthy excesses, whether of intemperance or otherwise ; to rebuke and admonish them who profane the Name of the Lord, or who are guilty of cursing or swearing. You will teach them to denounce an impostor, and to cherish the faithful amongst our Brethren.

Do you acknowledge these obligations to be your duty ?

Master Elect—I do.

Past Master—Will you endeavour, with the help of God, to discharge them ?

Master Elect—I will.

Then administer the Oath, (Members all standing.)

OBLIGATION OF A MASTER.

I, *A. B.*, swear, that I do not undertake the office of Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage ; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Master to keep proper behaviour and sobriety in the Lodge over which I am to preside, and to cause a due observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Association, by all the members of my Lodge ; and lastly, I swear that I will not certify for any person without having first proved him, and being satisfied in my conscience that he is a person of good character.

The newly elected Master shall then take his seat, and administer the Oath to the other Officers, saying to each, as he swears them in :

Master—You have heard the duties which I have assumed for the sake of this Lodge. The like duties must you assume before you can be duly installed. Do you consent, as I have done, that these virtues and obligations shall be your guide ?

Answer—I do.

OBLIGATION OF A DEPUTY-MASTER.

I, *A. B.*, swear, That I do not undertake the office of Deputy-Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage ; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Deputy-Master, to keep proper behavior and sobriety in the Lodge over which I am to preside, to cause a due observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, by all the Members of my Lodge, and lastly, I swear that I will not certify for any person, without having first proved him, and being satisfied in my conscience, that he is a person of good character.

OBLIGATION OF A TREASURER.

I, *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully preserve all the monies or other property, that I may receive for the use of my Lodge, and that I will fairly account for and pay over the same, when requested so to do by the Master and Officers of the Lodge.

OBLIGATION OF A SECRETARY.

I, *A. B.*, do swear, That I will faithfully preserve the papers and all other documents of the Lodge, that may be committed to my charge ; that I will not myself, sign, or seal, or cause to be signed, or sealed, nor lend the Lodge seal, so that it may be affixed to any forged paper or irregular Orangeman's Certificate ; and lastly, that I will deliver up all the property of the Lodge when requested by the Master and the other Officers so to do.

OBLIGATION OF A COMMITTEE-MAN.

I, *A. B.*, do solemnly swear, That I will exercise the privileges, functions, and duties of a Committee-man, faithfully, conscientiously, and impartially ; that I will use what ever influence I may possess for the benefit of my Lodge particularly ; and generally for the interest of the Order, to the best of my skill, knowledge, and cunning.

(The Committee may be all sworn together.)

CHAPLAIN.—Father of Mercies, look down upon us, with grace, and unite us still closer in the bond of union, by which we are united as one family, give us wisdom to know thy ways, and a heart to love one another for our Saviour's sake.

“Behold how good a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ! It is like the precious ointment upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard ; that went down to the skirts of his garment ; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion ; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.”—*Psalm cxxxi.*

