

The Handbook of Craft Masonry

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Exhortation.

Praise be to God. Lord of Creation, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Sovereign of the day of Resurrection. You alone we worship and to You alone we turn for help. Guide us to the straight Path. The path of those whom You have favoured, not of those who have incurred Your wrath, nor of those who have gone astray.

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Preface to the First Edition

Having been instilled with the purest sentiments of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, I hereby and hereon embark in the humblest yet most rewarding journey there can possibly exist, with the aim to step from the Darkness of Ignorance into the most Sublime and most pervasive Light of Knowledge. Humble no doubt it is, having managed to capture here only a medium sized portion of our Sacred symbolisms. Rewarding I do trust it to become since this project does present the potential to go as far as one is capable of seeing while their perspective gets in fact sharpened through deploying the poignard of profundity, the tracing board of understanding, the voice of reason and the testimony of revelation.

The idea of practising all of the moral and social virtues, an idea so characteristic to religious profundity in general and masonic thought in particular, has little to do with what an uninitiated may name as an utopia. At the same time, to the average initiated person, no doubt the current project would seem overly ambitious since the essential state of perfection of one's labour should characterize our activities, for any and all of our rituals do always read "so mote it be" and never "so mote it have been." Yet within this project I did maintain my faithfulness to our sacred precept that a true mason must labour during their day, for the night comes when no man can work.

Guided in this travel by a meek and candid attitude of contemplation of the essential tenets of piety and virtue that govern any masonic approach, I come to the illuminating realization that the two facets of our existential Gestalt are equally present within, and at the same converge without doubt, precisely towards masonic thought.

As this peculiar system of morality, veiled in a somewhat subtle allegory and illustrated symbolically in the most in-depth system of Philosophy mankind ever managed to bring into being, has it, one should not spare any effort or step aside from professing their faith according to the most fundamental tenets of the faith in question.

And by this I mean the profession of that essentially masonic habitualness, that is, that peculiarity that characterizes in full what the Masonic Craft offers Humanity, taken in its most general understanding of the terminology. By that I mean, Charity.

Leaving aside any notion of selfish propensity whatsoever, any determination that may injure the many beings around us, I have in this manuscript strived towards the ideal rather than the contingent and hereby endeavoured towards a steadfastness and purity of life and action in general. As the builder raises the column of Labour towards Infinity, and as the column itself touches the Heavens in similarity to Jacob's Ladder forming a straight line that unites the created to the Almighty Creator, I have highly solicited and altogether strained my intellectual faculties within the present manuscript. As Francisco de Goya would no doubt have it, yet also letter it together with myself, an idleness of reason and rationality has the potential to turn human beings into demonic creatures. To that I do object, and I do this for the greater good of God, that Supreme Being whence all goodness emanates, for safeguarding Morality in general, that Lighthouse that guides our regular steps through the darkness of ignorance, and for the preservation of this Human Society of ours in particular, a place of dwelling and, equally important, a place that should constitute a Tabernacle ground for those beings of divine provenance that can be appropriately named Humans.

It is therefore my expectation for the present manuscript to be a mosaic pavement for the future generations, lighting and leading their ways through endless labyrinths of virtue and science. I can only entertain the hope that my purposes were achieved in full within the present labour of many evenings, mornings and days within a reasonable direct proportionality to the length of the cabletow that the Almighty, and Grand, Architect of the Universe has assigned to me.

Maine, New England,
this Anno Mundi 5779th.

Chapter 1

The Contemporary Babylon

In traditional Paganism, ¹ Death is nothing else but the Veil that sets upon one's eyes on departing the world and familiar surroundings. An elevated, so to speak, Polynesian custom on this occasion is speaking to the departed in private. Politeness and gentleness is usually exercised.

In the Eastern Orthodox faith it is the Priest who essentially officiates this ritual and an emphasis is placed on the forces of Conscience. Freemasonry itself, from the perspective of religious experience, presents a counterpart whereby distinguished members of the Craft officiate a similar very brief ritual.

Natural death, burial and a marked resting place are privileges. The Christian Cross itself has different signifier/signified status in different parts of the Old Continent. Paganism is in effect in some of its parts, though the influence of Christianity seems to have diluted the old ideatic mould. "He has seen the Light of Day..." begins the traditional Orthodox address, a profoundly emotional experience. Thus, the step taken here is from Light into Darkness.

The veil is thus set. What is to be essentially understood here is that the Art that governs Paganism and its Rituals, its Relatives and Universals alike, is nothing else but Reading into The Stars and into the Celestial.

The question whether Zeus is the same as Thor bears little importance here. The fact that Cronos came from the Underworld, and Zeus is a descendant of Cronos and what exactly that means has also little importance. The Language of Mythos is Poetic and Metaphorical. As one would expect, there exists indeed a person called Zeus, and a person called Poseidon, and so on, however their manifestations in this world are far from being clear to most of us.

What is truly of uttermost importance for each spatial point on Earth is the Constellations that are visible from that point, and perhaps the overlapping of those Constellations, that is, the fact that some of those are visible from multiple neighbouring points on the Planet.

Thus Polynesians resemble Orientals, and Native Americans, and Eskimos. Is this just because this Human Soul that Dreams, and Travels, and tries to escape, and Loves, and plays, and Hunts, is guided by the Stars in its most eternal travels?

On birth on the other hand, the veil upon one's eyes is to be uncovered, to some extent. This office does not belong to a Priest but to a Priestess, as it should and as one would indeed expect. Logic, reason and a Luciferic epistemic principle dictates that knowledge on these matters should be precise. This is the standpoint of Freemasonry.

At the antipodes for example, there exists no such requirement in the Native American cultures, where we observe certain rituals of manhood and tests of courage. The subject is thus properly prepared for the next step in the becoming, which is suitable marriage. The officiator is the Shaman. In Celtic traditions, and Pagan European traditions we observe female rituals, whereby the Female chooses the suitable partner based on personal affinities, peer advice and suitable guidance. This is by far not restricted to the Island of Great Britain, though indeed it is granted that Christianity, whatever that means, and whatever one makes of it, has somehow and to some extent polluted the fresh waters of our origins.

Returning to the point of the precise, or Luciferic, knowledge of Human types, we pose here the objection that types per se should be understood as points, or instantiations, on a continuum space. The first point to be made here is that people should not be seen as breeds, and breeding itself should not be seen as entirely synthetic.

I do not drink, but I know I do prefer Lager to Ale, San Miguel to Stella Artois. Hennessy to Jack Daniels. I have sensitive teeth, but I really do prefer Movenpick ice-cream to any other kind. And I certainly do prefer Ginger People to actual People.

The second point to be made here is that it is entirely true that a person, in the shape they present themselves in, only lives once. It is exactly as if one would try to drop a needle on the continuum and ask if they really can drop it in the same “location” twice. We do not enter deeply a debate about the immortality of the soul, due to the different scope of our exposition.

Last point being made on this matter is that a healthier, so to speak, approach on viewing a human being is indeed through a totemic lens, as very common in North America and Africa alike. The communal principle is embodied by the Shaman.

By contrast, in Japanese Martial Arts, the soul is the Technique Itself and, as it should, is indeed subject to improvement through practice. The path of the Samurai is True Individualism. This is also the ethos of Zen Buddhism. The communal principle is the Dojo itself, rather than the leader of the Dojo who is merely a Teacher, a person providing guidance.

During the reign of Herod the Great of Judea (72 – 1 BC) we observe the first recorded attempt at “unveiling the truth” of Birth, whereby following the visit of a group of Magi from the East to Herod to inquire on the whereabouts of the one born “the King of Jews,” King Herod ordered the Massacre of all boys up to two-years old. This event is recorded in the Gospel of Matthew as the Massacre of the Innocents.

That omniscient power is required of a Ruler is not, as far as it can be seen, a necessity for performing the duties of their office. The assigned nominative given to Christ as “king of the Jews” which is found often in the New Testament is a loose one. To be entirely correct, this is something that was expected of him by the general population, as the Roman rule over Judea was at times despotic.

An interesting reading of the New Testament would suggest Christ was in fact himself bred by the community as a magician with the purpose of overthrowing the Roman rule over Judea.

In any case it is very likely we observe here a manipulation of King Herod by the star-reading Magi of the East, who used the terminology “king” in a deliberately misleading manner. The sort of “magic” these Magi were actually doing is unknown; it is very likely to have been a sort of ancient Hermetism, and it is very likely to have perceived Christ as their own enemy.

We observe here a relative tension between two of the principal offices in a State. They are the Office of the Ruler, who is essentially a Knight, and the Office of The High Priest, who is essentially a Mystic. The Knight’s interest is preservation of Power at any cost and under any circumstance, while the interest of the High Priest is actually very similar. That the King is usually anointed by the High Priest unveils the fact that the true traditional relationship between the King and the High Priest is one of subordination, rather than co-operation. Alchemy is truly the Art of the Priest, he has a word of wisdom for everybody based on fine knowledge and fine manipulation of Vices rather than virtues. To be the personification of God on Earth means to be omniscient (reading into the Stars) and omnipotent (manipulating the Ruler). The problem does rest on these points, together with the fact that Priesthood was always, in all societies and since ancient times, a self-interest rather than vocational based career.

There can be no Ethics of Meta-spiritualism other than essentially requiring total abstinence of the Priesthood from matters involving Military and Political action. From these points and this premier historical account stems the simply outrageous idea of Human right over Life, Death and the Promise of Paradise or Inferno. This concept is openly shared by Freemasonry and various of its other Sects and subsidiaries, today’s Embodiment of the Ancient Babylon.

Since 117 AD there has been a conquest and capitulation of Germany and France, an ambivalent Politics in the Isles of Great Britain and a general favouring of Spain and the Netherlands, these three Monarchies having been the main naval powers used for Colonization.

The Politics in North America and Australia were those of a shelter for enemies of Freemasonry, and today North America still does serve as an avant-garde for post-humanist intelligence and technological gathering.

Australia is important for its mineral resources. Eugenic experiments happen in New Zealand and French Polynesia, and also in various parts of Africa. Also in Africa there exists heavy chemical testing for Multinational Pharmaceutical Companies. South America serves as a cradle of agricultural and various other resources. An interesting case is South Africa, which demanded its independence and autonomy, and due to this a large part of the Afrikaners population was dislocated.

The Monarchies in Scandinavia seem to be well-placed, independent and self-sufficient due to a strong Fidelity towards the Monarchy within their Masonic circles. This is however only an appearance, as there exist for example in Norway powerful subversive sects that recruit innocent men and women for the purpose of dislocation. The Masonic presence in Scandinavia is large and powerful. It is a prized region, due to its resources.

Various countries in Asia are controlled from outside, based on limited Masonic presence on the inside. They are mostly controlled through mechanisms of International Trade, or International Treaties. The split between India and Pakistan is a Masonic creation. The annexation of Hong-Kong was a Masonic plan. It is well-known that various naval fleet leaders were in fact Freemasons, as it is the case of Lord Nelson for example.

Other examples in the English community are Bertrand Russell, who was in fact speaking heavily against this institution, and William Blake whose poem *The Smile* is an interesting and original outline of Masonic Philosophy.

The presence in Russia seems moderate, though certainly increasing since 1989 through what can be called N.G.O. activity. The French Revolution of 1789, exactly two hundred years before the fall of the Iron Curtain, is also a Masonic creation. There exist reasons to believe there do exist descendants of the French Monarchy, but to this day they are placed under heavy surveillance by Masonic Security, and confined to a modest and frugal life-style, most probably somewhere in the Metropolitan Paris area.

According to Masonic Tradition and Hermetism, the Grand Architect of the Universe was Lucifer who now dwells in the Eternal damnation of the Night. According to Legend this was the true source of the War in Heaven and the Defeat of Satan by Michael the Archangel, and from this perspective Freemasonry, together with some forms of black witchcraft such as Wicca Witchcraft, is a form of Devil Worship.

The masonic Ritual per se is highly misleading on this point, as what brethren in the inferior degrees may assign to be of Godly or Divine Nature – The Grand Architect of the Universe – has in fact, and it is in the Higher Degrees identified with a demonic nature, essentially.

The National Flag being raised in a Masonic Lodge is a matter that would sometimes mislead most of the uninitiated, so to speak. As a matter of fact History bears witness Freemasonry itself had an important role in the political division of Autonomous States and Autonomous Empires.

We have already brought forward the Central-Eastern European Revolution of 1848. The historical context was the dissolution of the Austriac-Hungarian Empire and the creation of the National States of the Central Europe.

Freemasonry has not only taken an important part in this operation, but has been the main venue for the actions of 1848, directed and coordinated through Masonic infrastructure.

On the Masonic Altar lies the V.S.L. as it is commonly denoted by Freemasons, which is an adjusted King James version of the Bible. What lies under the Masonic Altar, and in some constitutions, under the pulpits of the Worshipful Junior and Senior Wardens is a matter of what are called Masonic Secrets and Mysteries. What lies under the Mosaic Pavement placed in the centre of a Masonic Lodge is also somewhat of a Secret or Mystery.

There exist similarities between Freemasonry and the system of social organization originating in Southern Italy in the 19th century known as Cosa Nostra, whereby members of Masonic Lodges are obliged not to disclose any of the secrets entrusted to them on the threat of severe punishment. This punishment seems to us to be proportionate with the Secrets, or the Degree, attained by a Candidate.

The other similarity between Masonic Organization and Cosa Nostra is the uttermost Secrecy regarding its rituals and, which is more important, the List of its members. Tacit secrecy must at all times be maintained regarding the members of these organizations, though as far as we have researched there exists no special obligation regarding the maintenance of this secrecy.

The duty of representing the Craft to the outside community is usually delegated to the office known as the Tyler, who thus also appears to be responsible for recruiting new members into the Society and maintain they are “properly prepared” according to Masonic Ritual. An important part of Masonic Ritual is the Tyler’s Toast which, as most parts of the Ritual, differs in each Masonic Constitution. The duties of the office of the Junior Warden relate to “receiving visitors” into a Lodge and in some constitutions there exists a Visitors Toast which is delegated to the Junior Warden.

The duties of the Office of the Senior Warden are a matter of some subtlety, and they relate to directing “corrections” towards the Master of the Lodge in the performance of their duties. These “corrections” are misinterpreted today and usually take the form of carefully disguised threats.

Finally, the duties of the Office of Master of the Lodge relate to presiding over the Assembly and moderating the course of the Ceremony. An open question at this stage is whether The White House, the place of dwelling for the Presidents of the United States of America, is, or shelters, a duly formed Masonic Lodge. The Masonic heritage of the United States is well-known, as for example, all of the Founding Fathers were in fact Masons.

Though as noted above there exist significant differences in Masonic Ritual in different parts of the World, and though it is strongly maintained in the Ritual of the Second Degree that Freemasonry is a Universal Phenomenon, and though some Masonic Constitutions do not recognize each other as being “regular,” members of the Craft do receive shelter and support when finding themselves in other parts of the World.

This observation brings evidence, apart from the fact that the Organization has a deeply Subversive character, to the fact that the essential Purpose of Freemasonry is Self-sustenance and Self survival at any cost whatsoever.

Further to this, there exist very strong indications that the masonic involvement in Politics, and in subversive actions of sabotage and espionage against their host countries are also key ingredients in the Universal survival of this form of Satanism.

Tailoring of maps, of National States, of Country Flags and of National Anthems for example, is nothing but a very simple and straight to the point exercise in sociological control.

Which brings to the important point that Freemasonry itself is not exercised ecumenically all over the world, while in fact being exercised practically everywhere. Hence Satanic Worship does present a shape and a size, an an institution that embodies it.

The New Zealand Constitution presents a highly variate masonic decorum, split apart in three separate Regions, resting essentially on the foundations of the Scottish and English Rituals. There exist Scottish Lodges that do survive in New Zealand to this day, some of them older than one hundred years. The United Grand Lodge of England, or U.G.L.E. as it is commonly abbreviated was at time the author visited heavily strained politically and ideologically, which in itself manifested in hardship an cultural struggle in the United Kingdom itself. This Constitution too is divided in Regions and Districts, similar to the Scottish Constitution. Hence we observe the heavy Regional character of the Organization in question. The Western Australian Constitution is one of the smallest in size of all constitutions we have considered and studied, if one thinks primarily about the number of enlisted brethren. It is a monolithic assembly, with their Grand Master being an equivalent of Grand Junior Warden within the Scottish Constitution. Similar to the West Australian Lodge Royal Stuart No. 893 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the masonic hybrid that pertains to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia traces its roots to the older Scottish Constitution, pervasive in and around Perth and the Goldfields as early as the 1800s.

The Scottish Constitution presents perhaps the most conservative of the considered Rituals. The title of Grand Master Mason, that is, the Scottish equivalent to what is commonly denoted as a Grand Master, is in itself a highly prized and revered title within virtually all Masonic constitutions that survive to this day. The essential nature of Scottish Lodges lies in the fact that they do obey clan-structure. Masonic Regalia is peculiar in these Lodges in that it is essentially colored with the associated Clan colors. It is not an exaggeration to say that Masonic Craft is finely ingrained within Scottish tradition and way of life, while the converse also applies: being Scottish and being Scottish Freemason is to apply Masonic Art and Craft in a highly peculiar way.

For example, within some (Scottish) Research Lodges it is strongly maintained that Freemasonry originated in Scotland. This is a typical way of doing things in a Scottish fashion; while most likely Freemasonry as practised today originated in the late 1500s Medieval Italy, that vast and colorful family of people residing or tracing their roots to Scotland are endowed with an unusually developed sense of national pride. Another example is that major historical figures like Robert Burns were Masons, and are honoured to this day within the Scottish Constitution by having their name assigned to certain Scottish Lodges.

Finally, we are able to say that within most former British Colonies (Australia, New Zealand, the United States, etcetera) the Scottish Ritual was a foundation for the establishment of their autonomous Masonic Constitutions. Hence Australia, New Zealand, the United States, etcetera, trace their Masonic roots to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Also, these constitutions are essentially hybrids involving the Scottish, Irish, English and perhaps other rituals, such as the French Masonic Ritual, as it is the case with the United States. The Bilderberg Ritual presented here is a Skeleton Ritual, so to speak, practised by the Bilderberg Group, to which sincere and fraternal acknowledgements should be extended.

Chapter 2

The Ceremony of Initiation

LODGE OPENING IN THE FIRST DEGREE. ² ³

It is permissible for the Worshipful Master to be escorted into the lodge room by the Deacons, the brethren standing to receive him. Brethren being suitably clothed and assembled, officers at their respective stations.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives one knock, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

HAVE ALL BROTHERN SIGNED THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER?

Any brother who has not signed the attendance register must now retire and do so.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHERN, ASSIST ME TO OPEN THE LODGE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., WHAT IS THE FIRST CARE OF EVERY FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED. ⁴

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Junior Warden -

Addresses the Inner Guard by Surname.

BROTHER A., SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Inner Guard -

Regular Knock, expecting reply. One knock on the door of the Lodge, expecting a reply from the Outer Guard or Tyler who sits outside at the door of the Lodge. On receiving a reply, opens the door and satisfies himself that the Tyler is at his post. Closes the door and addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Junior Warden -

Addresses the Worshipful Master by Surname.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER A., THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Senior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT NONE BUT FREEMASONS ARE PRESENT.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT NONE BUT FREEMASONS ARE PRESENT?

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL BROTHER A.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the entire assembly.

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren stand to order, on all occasions first taking the step.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, HOW MANY PRINCIPAL OFFICES ARE THERE IN THE LODGE?

Brethren All -

Assume the attitude of reverence, all except the Junior Warden. ⁵

When addressed by and replying to the Worshipful Master, Lodge Officers return to order, Worshipful Master momentarily answering their first masonic degree signs.

Junior Warden -

THREE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, NAMELY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, HOW MANY ASSISTANT OFFICERS ARE THERE?

Senior Warden -

THREE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BESIDES THE OUTER GUARD OR TYLER, NAMELY THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DEACONS AND THE INNER GUARD.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THE SITUATION OF THE TYLER? ⁶

Junior Warden -

OUTSIDE, AT THE DOOR OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

HIS DUTY?

Junior Warden -

SYMBOLICALLY ARMED WITH A DRAWN SWORD, TO KEEP OFF ALL COWANS AND INTRUDERS TO FREEMASONRY; TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN ARE SUITABLY CLOTHED, AND THAT THE CANDIDATES ARE PROPERLY PREPARED.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF HIS OFFICE? ⁷

Junior Warden -

THE SWORD.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Warden -

TO PREVENT THE APPROACH OF EVERY UNWORTHY THOUGHT, AND TO PRESERVE A CONSCIENCE VOID OF OFFENCE TOWARDS "G-D, AND MAN."

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER INNER GUARD, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Inner Guard -

TO ADMIT MASONS ON PROOF, RECEIVE CANDIDATES IN DUE FORM AND OBEY THE
COMMANDS OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Inner Guard -

THE CROSSED SWORDS. ⁸

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DO THEY MASONICALLY TEACH?

Inner Guard -

THEY REFER TO TWO OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, PRUDENCE AND FORTITUDE.
THEY ALSO INDICATE THAT WHILE WITH ONE POINT I ADMIT THE CANDIDATE, I WILL
WITH THE OTHER FIRMLY GUARD THE ENTRANCE OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR DEACON, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Junior Deacon -

NEAR THE RIGHT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR DUTY?

Junior Deacon -

TO ATTEND ON THE SENIOR WARDEN, AND TO ASSIST IN THE ACTIVE DUTIES OF THE
LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Junior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH. ⁹

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH BEING AT ONCE AN EMBLEM OF CELERITY
AND PEACE, IT INDICATES THE SWIFTHNESS WITH WHICH I SHOULD ATTEND THE SENIOR
WARDEN.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR DEACON, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Senior Deacon -

NEAR THE RIGHT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Senior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Senior Deacon -

IT INDICATES THE SWIFTNESS WITH WHICH I SHOULD ATTEND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JUNIOR DEACON, PRESERVE PEACE, ORDER AND HARMONY IN THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Junior Warden -

IN THE SOUTH, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Junior Warden -

TO MARK THE SUN AT ITS MERIDIAN, TO CALL THE BRETHREN FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT, AND FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR, THAT PROFIT AND PLEASURE MAY BE THE RESULT.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Junior Warden -

THE PLUMB RULE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Warden -

THE PLUMB RULE BEING AN EMBLEM OF UPRIGHTNESS, POINTS OUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MEASURES I AM BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Senior Warden -

IN THE WEST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Senior Warden -

TO MARK THE SETTING SUN AND TO CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Senior Warden -

THE LEVEL.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Senior Warden -

THE LEVEL BEING AN EMBLEM OF EQUALITY POINTS OUT THE EQUAL MEASURES I AM BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

If the Immediate Past Master is present, the Worshipful Master interrogates them. If the Immediate Past Master is not present, the Worshipful Master interrogates the next Immediate Past Master. If no Immediate Past Master is present, a Regular situation, yet unheard of, the Worshipful Master interrogates the Senior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

WORSHIPFUL IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER, WHERE IS THE MASTER'S PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Immediate Past Master -

IN THE EAST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY IS HIM SO PLACED?

Immediate Past Master -

AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST TO OPEN AND ILLUMINE THE DAY, SO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IS PLACED IN THE EAST TO OPEN THE LODGE AND TO EMPLOY AND INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN IN FREEMASONRY.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF HIS OFFICE?

Immediate Past Master -

THE SQUARE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Immediate Past Master -

THE SQUARE, BEING AN IMPLEMENT WHICH FORMS THE RUDE AND PROVES THE PERFECT MASS, IS WELL APPLIED BY FREEMASONS TO INCULCATE THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF PIETY AND VIRTUE. MASONICALLY SPEAKING IT SHOULD BE THE GUIDE OF ALL OUR ACTIONS. ¹⁰

Chaplain - or Worshipful Master -

THE LODGE BEING DULY FORMED, BEFORE IT IS DECLARED OPEN LET US INVOKE THE BLESSING OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE ON ALL OUR UNDERTAKINGS; MAY OUR LABOURS THUS BEGUN IN ORDER, BE CONDUCTED IN HARMONY AND CLOSED IN PEACE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

All Brethren return to order.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, I DECLARE THE LODGE DULY OPEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

All Brethren complete the first masonic degree signs.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master gives three knocks answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.

Immediate Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law on Master's pedestal to be read from the East at Psalm 133.

Immediate Past Master adjusts square extended towards West, compasses towards East.

Senior Warden raises his column, Junior Warden lowers his.

First degree Tracing Board is now exhibited (usually by the Senior Deacon). Lesser Lights are lit. Entered Apprentice working tools should be displayed. Authorized ode is sang.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

CANDIDATE ADMISSION.

Tyler -

*Prepares Candidate and when ready to proceed with Ceremony gives three distinct knocks.
By giving the Entered Apprentice knocks with longer intervals the Tyler indicates that the
Candidate is ready.* ¹¹

Inner Guard -

Rises in front of his chair, Step. and Entered Apprentice Sign.

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THERE IS A REPORT. ¹²

Holds Sign.

Junior Warden -

*Seated, also gives three distinct knocks with the gavel, rises, Step and Entered Apprentice
Sign.*

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THERE IS A REPORT.

Holds Sign.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, INQUIRE WHO WANTS ADMISSION.

Junior Warden -

Cuts Sign. and sits.

BROTHER INNER GUARD, SEE WHO WANTS ADMISSION.

Inner Guard -

*Cuts Sign. and goes to door of Lodge, unlocks it, does not leave Lodge, but remains on
threshold with hand on door handle, and assures himself that Candidate is properly prepared.
(The colloquy between Inner Guard and Tyler. should be spoken loud enough for it to be heard
in all parts of the Lodge)*

Inner Guard - to Tyler -

WHOM HAVE YOU THERE?

Tyler -

Names Candidate.

MR. A., A POOR CANDIDATE IN A STATE OF DARKNESS WHO HAS BEEN WELL AND WORTHILY RECOMMENDED, REGULARLY PROPOSED AND APPROVED IN OPEN LODGE, AND NOW COMES, OF HIS OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, PROPERLY PREPARED, HUMBLY SOLICITING TO BE ADMITTED TO THE MYSTERIES AND PRIVILEGES OF FREEMASONRY.

Inner Guard -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THOSE PRIVILEGES? ¹³

Tyler -

Prompting the Candidate aloud.

BY THE HELP OF GOD, BEING FREE AND OF GOOD REPORT.

Candidate repeats. ¹⁴

Inner Guard -

HALT, WHILE I REPORT TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Closes and locks door, returns to position in front of his chair, Step, Entered Apprentice Sign, which he holds. ¹⁵

Inner Guard -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, MR. A., A POOR CANDIDATE IN A STATE OF DARKNESS WHO HAS BEEN WELL AND WORTHILY RECOMMENDED, REGULARLY PROPOSED AND APPROVED IN OPEN LODGE, AND NOW COMES, OF HIS OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, PROPERLY PREPARED, HUMBLY SOLICITING TO BE ADMITTED TO THE MYSTERIES AND PRIVILEGES OF FREEMASONRY.

THE TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT.

Worshipful Master -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THOSE PRIVILEGES?

Inner Guard -

BY THE HELP OF GOD, BEING FREE AND OF GOOD REPORT.

Worshipful Master -

THE TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN HEARD IN HIS FAVOUR. DO YOU, BROTHER INNER GUARD, VOUCH THAT HE IS PROPERLY PREPARED?

Inner Guard -

I DO, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

THEN LET HIM BE ADMITTED IN DUE FORM.

Inner Guard -

Cuts Sign.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER DEACONS.

Senior Deacon -

Places kneeling stool in position.

Inner Guard -

Takes poignard. and goes to door followed by Junior Deacon and Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon on left.

Opens door, retaining hold on it as before, presents poignard to Candidate's naked left breast.

DO YOU FEEL ANYTHING?

And after an affirmative answer from Candidate raises the poignard above his head to show that he has so presented it.

Junior Deacon -

With left hand takes Candidate firmly by right hand. (Senior Deacon on Candidate' s left) and leads him to the kneeling stool. All three stand facing East.

Inner Guard -

After Candidate is admitted, closes and locks door, places poignard. on Senior Warden's pedestal and resumes his seat. .

FREE AND OF MATURE AGE.**Worshipful Master -**

MR. A., AS NO PERSON CAN BE MADE A MASON UNLESS HE IS FREE AND OF MATURE AGE, I DEMAND OF YOU, ARE YOU A FREE MAN AND OF THE FULL AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud.

I AM.

Candidate repeats.

Worshipful Master -

THUS ASSURED, I WILL THANK YOU TO KNEEL WHILE THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN IS INVOKED ON OUR PROCEEDINGS. ¹⁶

Junior Deacon assists Candidate to kneel, instructing him if necessary in a whisper, and then releases his right hand.

Knocks of the First Degree. ¹⁷

Worshipful Master - one —I; Senior Warden - one —I; Junior Warden - one —I.

IN GOD WE PUT OUR TRUST.

Deacons.- holding wands in left hands cross them over Candidate' s head and give Sign of Reverence. ¹⁸

Brethren All - *Stand with Sign. of Reverence. Candidate does not give Sign of Reverence.*

Prayer.

Worshipful Master - or Chaplain -

VOUCHSAFE THINE AID, ALMIGHTY FATHER AND SUPREME GOVERNOR OF THE UNIVERSE, TO OUR PRESENT CONVENTION, AND GRANT THAT THIS CANDIDATE FOR FREEMASONRY MAY SO DEDICATE AND DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO THY SERVICE AS TO BECOME A TRUE AND FAITHFUL BROTHER AMONG US. ENDUE HIM WITH A COMPETENCY OF THY DIVINE WISDOM, THAT, ASSISTED BY THE SECRETS OF OUR MASONIC ART, HE MAY THE BETTER BE ENABLED TO UNFOLD THE BEAUTIES OF TRUE GODLINESS, TO THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF THY HOLY NAME.

Immediate Past Master -

SO MOTE IT BE. ¹⁹

Brethren All - *Drop Sign of Reverence.*

Deacons - uncross wands and hold them again in right hands.

Worshipful Master -

IN ALL CASES OF DIFFICULTY AND DANGER, IN WHOM DO YOU PUT YOUR TRUST? ²⁰

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

IN GOD. ²¹

Worshipful Master -

RIGHT GLAD AM I TO FIND YOUR FAITH SO WELL FOUNDED: RELYING ON SUCH SURE SUPPORT YOU MAY SAFELY RISE AND FOLLOW YOUR LEADER WITH A FIRM BUT HUMBLE CONFIDENCE, FOR WHERE THE NAME OF GOD IS INVOKED, WE TRUST NO DANGER CAN ENSUE.

Worshipful Master -

Sits.

PERAMBULATION. ²²**Junior Deacon -**

Assists Candidate to rise, taking his right hand firmly as before.

Brethren All - *except Deacons and Candidate sit.*

Senior Deacon -

Draws kneeling stool aside to his left out of way of Junior Deacon and Candidate.

Knocks of the First Degree. Worshipful Master - one —I; Senior Warden - one —I; Junior Warden - one —I.

Worshipful Master -

THE BRETHREN FROM THE NORTH, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT MR. A. IS ABOUT TO PASS IN VIEW BEFORE THEM, TO SHOW THAT HE IS THE CANDIDATE PROPERLY PREPARED, AND A FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO BE MADE A MASON.

Junior Deacon -

Keeping hold of Candidate's right hand firmly as before instructs him in a whisper to step off with the left foot, and begins the perambulation by leading him up the North to North East corner of Lodge, which is 'squared', then past Worshipful Master to South East corner where the Lodge is again 'squared,' and finally to East of Junior Warden's pedestal where they stand parallel to the pedestal, and a convenient distance from it.

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate at each corner, after 'squaring,' to step off with left foot. These instructions are whispered.

Senior Deacon -

Meanwhile replaces kneeling stool in normal position and when Junior Deacon and Candidate have passed N. E. corner, takes poignard. from Senior Warden to Worshipful Master and resumes seat.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S EXAMINATION. ²³**Junior Deacon -**

Holding Candidate's right hand firmly, strikes Junior Warden on right shoulder three times with Candidate's right hand.

Junior Warden -

WHOM HAVE YOU THERE?

Junior Deacon -

MR. A., A POOR CANDIDATE IN A STATE OF DARKNESS WHO HAS BEEN WELL AND WORTHILY RECOMMENDED, REGULARLY PROPOSED AND APPROVED IN OPEN LODGE, AND NOW COMES OF HIS OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, PROPERLY PREPARED, HUMBL Y SOLICITING TO BE ADMITTED TO THE MYSTERIES AND PRIVILEGES OF FREEMASONRY.

Junior Warden -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THOSE PRIVILEGES?

Junior Deacon -

BY THE HELP OF GOD, BEING FREE AND OF GOOD REPORT.

Junior Warden -

Rises and turns to Candidate.

Junior Deacon -

Places right hand of Candidate in that of Junior Warden.

Junior Warden -

ENTER, FREE AND OF GOOD REPORT. ²⁴

Junior Warden -

Replaces right hand of Candidate in left hand of Junior Deacon and sits.

Junior Deacon -

Holding Candidate's right hand firmly leads him to Senior Warden corner of the Lodge which is 'squared' and then to S. of Senior Warden's pedestal where they stand parallel to the pedestal, and a convenient distance from it.

SENIOR WARDEN'S EXAMINATION.

Junior Deacon -

Holding Candidate's right hand firmly, strikes Senior. Warden on right shoulder thrice with Candidate's right hand.

Senior Warden -

WHOM HAVE YOU THERE?

Junior Deacon -

MR. A., A POOR CANDIDATE IN A STATE OF DARKNESS WHO HAS BEEN WELL AND WORTHILY RECOMMENDED, REGULARLY PROPOSED AND APPROVED IN OPEN LODGE, AND NOW COMES OF HIS OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD,. PROPERLY PREPARED, HUMBLY SOLICITING TO BE ADMITTED TO THE MYSTERIES AND PRIVILEGES OF FREEMASONRY.

Senior Warden -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THOSE PRIVILEGES?

Junior Deacon -

BY THE HELP OF GOD, BEING FREE AND OF GOOD REPORT.

Senior Warden -

Rises and turns to Candidate.

Junior Deacon -

Places right hand of Candidate in that of Senior Warden.

Senior Warden -

ENTER, FREE AND OF GOOD REPORT. ²⁵

Replaces Candidate's right hand in left hand of Junior Deacon and remains standing.

Junior Deacon -

Holding Candidate's right hand firmly leads him to North of Senior Warden's pedestal makes an anticlockwise wheel, places Candidate's right hand in left hand of Senior Warden and turns Candidate to face East he stands on left of Candidate also facing East.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S EXAMINATION.**Senior Warden -**

Holding up Candidate's right hand Step and Entered Apprentice Sign.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I PRESENT TO YOU MR. A., A CANDIDATE PROPERLY PREPARED TO BE MADE A MASON.

Maintains Sign and continues to hold Candidate's right hand.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, YOUR PRESENTATION SHALL BE ATTENDED TO, FOR WHICH PURPOSE I SHALL ADDRESS A FEW QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE WHICH I TRUST HE WILL ANSWER WITH CANDOUR.

Senior Warden -

Cuts Sign., replaces Candidate's right hand in left hand of Junior Deacon and sits.

Junior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand from South West and positions himself on right of Candidate still holding Candidate's hand both facing East.

Worshipful Master - to Candidate.

DO YOU SERIOUSLY DECLARE ON YOUR HONOUR THAT, UNBIASED BY THE IMPROPER SOLICITATION OF FRIENDS AGAINST YOUR OWN INCLINATION, AND UNINFLUENCED BY MERCENARY OR OTHER UNWORTHY MOTIVE, YOU FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY OFFER YOURSELF A CANDIDATE FOR THE MYSTERIES AND PRIVILEGES OF FREEMASONRY?

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

I DO.

Worshipful Master - DO YOU LIKewise PLEDGE YOUR SELF THAT YOU ARE PROMPTED TO SOLICIT THOSE PRIVILEGES BY A FAVOURABLE OPINION PRE-CONCEIVED OF THE INSTITUTION, A GENERAL DESIRE OF KNOWLEDGE, AND A SINCERE WISH TO RENDER YOURSELF MORE EXTENSIVELY SERVICEABLE TO YOUR FELLOW-CREATURES?

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

I DO.

Worshipful Master -

DO YOU FURTHER SERIOUSLY DECLARE ON YOUR HONOUR THAT, AVOIDING FEAR ON THE ONE HAND AND RASHNESS ON THE OTHER, YOU WILL STEADILY PERSEVERE THROUGH THE CEREMONY OF YOUR INITIATION, AND IF ONCE ADMITTED, YOU WILL AFTERWARDS ACT AND ABIDE BY THE ANCIENT USAGES AND ESTABLISHED CUSTOMS OF THE ORDER?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

I DO.

METHOD OF ADVANCING IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, YOU WILL DIRECT THE JUNIOR DEACON TO INSTRUCT THE CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE TO THE PEDESTAL IN DUE FORM.

Senior Warden -

BROTHER JUNIOR DEACON, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU INSTRUCT THE CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE TO THE PEDESTAL IN DUE FORM. ²⁶

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate to step off with left foot and leads him diagonally to position facing Worshipful Master and about four feet from the pedestal, and, still holding Candidate's hand, instructs him in a whisper to place his feet together, then to turn out his right. foot so as to form a square (i.e., the left foot pointing East and the right foot pointing South)

Junior Deacon -

Aloud to Candidate and ensuring Candidate suits action to word.

Junior Deacon -

TAKE A STEP WITH YOUR LEFT FOOT BRINGING THE HEELS TOGETHER IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE. TAKE ANOTHER, A LITTLE LONGER, HEEL TO HEEL AS BEFORE. ANOTHER, STILL LONGER, HEELS TOGETHER AS BEFORE.

Candidate should arrive so that he can kneel without further advancing, and with his left foot directed to the East and his right foot in the form of a square directed South.

Senior Deacon - takes up position on left of Candidate simultaneously with arrival of latter and Junior Deacon so that all three stand facing Worshipful Master, Junior Deacon on right and Senior Deacon on left of Candidate. ²⁷

PREPARING THE CANDIDATE FOR E.A. OBLIGATION.

Worshipful Master -

IT IS MY DUTY TO INFORM YOU THAT MASONRY IS FREE, AND REQUIRES A PERFECT FREEDOM OF INCLINATION IN EVERY CANDIDATE FOR ITS MYSTERIES. IT IS FOUNDED ON THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF PIETY AND VIRTUE. IT POSSESSES GREAT AND INVALUABLE PRIVILEGES, AND IN ORDER TO SECURE THOSE PRIVILEGES. TO WORTHY MEN, AND WE TRUST TO WORTHY MEN ALONE, VOWS OF FIDELITY ARE REQUIRED; BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT IN THOSE VOWS THERE IS NOTHING INCOMPATIBLE WITH YOUR CIVIL, MORAL, OR RELIGIOUS DUTIES. ARE YOU THEREFORE WILLING TO TAKE A SOLEMN OBLIGATION FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLES I HAVE STATED, TO KEEP INVIOLEATE THE SECRETS AND MYSTERIES OF THE ORDER? ²⁸

I AM.

If Candidate does not answer voluntarily, Junior Deacon should whisper to him 'Answer.'
The Candidate is supposed to give this answer of his own free will and he is at liberty to refuse. If he does so, the ceremony cannot continue and he is led out of the Lodge.

Worshipful Master -

THEN YOU WILL KNEEL ON YOUR LEFT KNEE, YOUR RIGHT FOOT FORMED IN A SQUARE; GIVE ME YOUR RIGHT HAND WHICH I PLACE ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW WHILE YOUR LEFT WILL BE EMPLOYED IN SUPPORTING THESE COMPASSES, ONE POINT PRESENTED TO YOUR NAKED LEFT BREAST.

Junior Deacon - assists by raising Candidate's right hand on reference to right hand Senior Deacon - assists by raising Candidate's left hand on reference to left hand. Worshipful Master - places one leg of Compasses in Candidate's left hand and directs the point to his naked left breast The Compasses are held by Candidate with upper point on breast.

Knocks of the First Degree. *Worshipful Master - one —I; Senior Warden - one —I; Junior Warden - one —I. ALL - stand with Step and Entered Apprentice Sign. Deacons.- hold wands in left hand, cross them over head of Candidate, Step and Entered Apprentice Sign.*

ENTERED APPRENTICE OBLIGATION.

Worshipful Master - to Candidate.

REPEAT YOUR NAME AT LENGTH AND SAY AFTER ME:- I, A...,

Candidate gives name in full.

Worshipful Master -

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, AND OF THIS WORTHY, WORSHIPFUL, AND WARRANTED LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, REGULARLY ASSEMBLED AND PROPERLY DEDICATED, OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, DO HEREBY - WITH LEFT HAND TOUCHES CANDIDATE'S RIGHT HAND - AND HEREON - WITH LEFT HAND TOUCHES VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW - SINCERELY AND SOLEMNLY PROMISE AND SWEAR, THAT I WILL ALWAYS HEAL,* (PRONOUNCED HAIL) CONCEAL, AND NEVER REVEAL ANY PART OR PARTS, POINT OR POINTS OF THE SECRETS OR MYSTERIES OF OR BELONGING TO FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN MASONRY, WHICH MAY HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN KNOWN BY ME, OR SHALL NOW OR AT ANY FUTURE PERIOD BE COMMUNICATED TO ME, UNLESS IT BE TO A TRUE AND LAWFUL BROTHER OR BROTHERS, AND NOT EVEN TO HIM OR THEM, UNTIL AFTER DUE TRIAL, STRICT EXAMINATION, OR SURE INFORMATION FROM A WELL-KNOWN BROTHER THAT HE OR THEY ARE WORTHY OF THAT CONFIDENCE; OR IN THE BODY OF A JUST, PERFECT, AND REGULAR LODGE OF ANCIENT FREEMASONS. I FURTHER SOLEMNLY PROMISE THAT I WILL NOT WRITE THOSE SECRETS, INDITE, CARVE, MARK, ENGRAVE, OR OTHERWISE THEM DELINEATE, OR CAUSE OR SUFFER IT TO BE SO DONE BY OTHERS, IF IN MY POWER TO PREVENT IT, ON ANYTHING, MOVABLE OR IMMOVABLE, UNDER THE CANOPY OF HEAVEN, WHEREBY OR WHEREON ANY LETTER, CHARACTER, OR FIGURE, OR THE LEAST TRACE OF A LETTER, CHARACTER, OR FIGURE, MAY BECOME LEGIBLE, OR INTELLIGIBLE TO MYSELF OR ANYONE IN THE WORLD, SO THAT OUR SECRET ARTS AND HIDDEN MYSTERIES MAY IMPROPERLY BECOME KNOWN THROUGH MY UNWORTHINESS.

Worshipful Master -

THESE SEVERAL POINTS I SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO OBSERVE, WITHOUT EVASION, EQUIVOCATION, OR MENTAL RESERVATION OF ANY KIND, UNDER NO LESS A PENALTY, ON THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THEM THAN THAT OF HAVING MY THROAT CUT ACROSS, MY TONGUE TORN OUT BY THE ROOT AND BURIED IN THE SAND OF THE SEA AT LOW WATER MARK, OR A CABLE'S LENGTH FROM THE SHORE, WHERE THE TIDE REGULARLY EBBS AND FLOW TWICE IN 24 HOURS OR THE MORE EFFECTIVE PUNISHMENT OF BEING BRANDED AS A WILFULLY PERJURED INDIVIDUAL, VOID OF ALL MORAL WORTH, AND TOTALLY UNFIT TO BE RECEIVED INTO THIS WORSHIPFUL LODGE, OR ANY OTHER WARRANTED LODGE, OR SOCIETY OF MEN WHO PRIZE HONOUR AND VIRTUE ABOVE THE EXTERNAL ADVANTAGES OF RANK AND FORTUNE.

Worshipful Master -

SO HELP ME GOD, AND KEEP ME STEADFAST IN THIS MY GREAT AND SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON.

Brethren All - cut Sign.

Deacons - lower wands to right hand. Worshipful Master - removes Compasses from Candidate's left hand. Senior Deacon - lowers Candidate's left hand to side. Candidate's right hand remains on Volume of the Sacred. Law.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT YOU HAVE REPEATED MAY BE CONSIDERED BUT A SERIOUS PROMISE; AS A PLEDGE OF YOUR FIDELITY, AND TO RENDER IT A SOLEMN OBLIGATION, YOU WILL SEAL IT WITH YOUR LIPS ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.

Candidate does so.

Junior Deacon - if necessary instructs Candidate in whisper.

THE PREDOMINANT WISH OF THE HEART.

Worshipful Master -

HAVING BEEN KEPT FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME IN A STATE OF DARKNESS, WHAT, IN YOUR PRESENT SITUATION, IS THE PREDOMINANT WISH OF YOUR HEART?

Junior Deacon prompts Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

LIGHT.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR DEACON, LET THAT BLESSING BE RESTORED TO THE CANDIDATE.

Junior Deacon - should catch Worshipful Master's eye to indicate that he is ready. Worshipful

Master - raises gavel, moves it left right and down.

Brethren All - give one clap as gavel strikes pedestal.

Junior Deacon - removes hood wink at the same moment.

Worshipful Master -

Pausing till Candidate is used to light and ready to continue.

Worshipful Master -

HAVING BEEN RESTORED TO THE BLESSING OF MATERIAL LIGHT, LET ME POINT OUT TO YOUR ATTENTION WHAT WE CONSIDER THE THREE GREAT, THOUGH EMBLEMATICAL LIGHTS. IN FREEMASONRY: THEY ARE THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES.

Worshipful Master -

THE SACRED WRITINGS ARE TO GOVERN OUR FAITH, THE SQUARE TO REGULATE OUR ACTIONS, AND THE COMPASSES TO KEEP US IN DUE BOUNDS WITH ALL MANKIND, PARTICULARLY OUR BRETHREN IN FREEMASONRY.

Worshipful Master -

Takes Candidate's right hand from Volume of the Sacred Law with his right hand

Worshipful Master -

RISE, NEWLY OBLIGATED BROTHER AMONG MASONS - RESTORES CANDIDATE'S RIGHT HAND TO JUNIOR DEACON.

Worshipful Master - sits. Senior Deacon - returns to seat.

Brethren All - *except Junior Deacon and Candidate sit.*

Junior Deacon - takes Candidate's right hand, turns left and conducts him to North side of Worshipful Master's pedestal so that both are in a position parallel to the pedestal and about two feet from it, facing South towards Worshipful Master, and releases hand.

Worshipful Master - to Candidate.

YOU ARE NOW ENABLED TO DISCOVER THE THREE LESSER LIGHTS; THEY ARE SITUATED EAST, SOUTH AND WEST, AND ARE MEANT TO REPRESENT THE SUN, MOON AND MASTER OF THE LODGE; THE SUN TO RULE THE DAY, THE MOON TO GOVERN THE NIGHT, AND THE MASTER TO RULE AND DIRECT HIS LODGE.

THE DANGERS OF STABBING AND STRANGULATION.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER A. BY YOUR MEEK AND CANDID BEHAVIOUR THIS EVENING YOU HAVE ESCAPED TWO GREAT DANGERS, BUT THERE IS A THIRD WHICH WILL AWAIT YOU UNTIL THE LATEST PERIOD OF YOUR EXISTENCE.

Worshipful Master -

THE DANGERS YOU HAVE ESCAPED ARE THOSE OF STABBING AND STRANGULATION, FOR ON YOUR ENTRANCE INTO THE LODGE THIS POIGNARD...

Worshipful Master -

Picks up poignard from pedestal, unsheathes it, and shows it to Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

WAS PRESENTED TO YOUR NAKED LEFT BREAST, SO THAT HAD YOU RASHLY ATTEMPTED TO RUSH FORWARD, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCESSORY TO YOUR OWN DEATH BY STABBING WHILST THE BROTHER WHO HELD IT WOULD HAVE REMAINED FIRM AND DONE HIS DUTY. ²⁹

Worshipful Master -

Sheathes poignard and replaces it on pedestal.

Worshipful Master -

Junior Deacon removes cable tow from neck of Candidate and hands it to Worshipful Master.

Worshipful Master -

Shows cable tow to Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

THERE WAS LIKEWISE THIS CABLE TOW WITH A RUNNING NOOSE ABOUT YOUR NECK, WHICH WOULD HAVE RENDERED ANY ATTEMPT AT RETREAT EQUALLY FATAL.

Worshipful Master -

Hands cable tow to Immediate Past Master on his left.

THE PENALTY OF ONE'S OBLIGATION.

Worshipful Master -

BUT THE DANGER WHICH WILL AWAIT YOU UNTIL YOUR LATEST HOUR IS THE PENALTY OF YOUR OBLIGATION OF HAVING YOUR THROAT CUT ACROSS SHOULD YOU IMPROPERLY DISCLOSE THE SECRETS OF MASONRY.

Worshipful Master -

HAVING TAKEN THE GREAT AND SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF A MASON, I AM NOW PERMITTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY, AND PECULIAR SECRETS RESTRICTED TO EACH; THESE, HOWEVER, ARE NOT COMMUNICATED INDISCRIMINATELY, BUT ARE CONFERRED ON CANDIDATES ACCORDING TO MERIT AND ABILITIES.

Worshipful Master -

I SHALL THEREFORE PROCEED TO ENTRUST YOU WITH THE SECRETS OF THIS DEGREE, OR THOSE MARKS BY WHICH WE ARE KNOWN TO EACH OTHER AND DISTINGUISHED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD; BUT MUST PREMISE FOR YOUR GENERAL INFORMATION THAT ALL SQUARES LEVELS AND PERPENDICULARS ARE TRUE AND PROPER SIGNS TO KNOW A MASON BY.

Worshipful Master -

YOU ARE THEREFORE EXPECTED TO STAND PERFECTLY ERECT (CANDIDATE DOES SO), YOUR FEET FORMED IN A SQUARE. (CANDIDATE DOES SO), YOUR BODY BEING THUS CONSIDERED AN EMBLEM OF YOUR MIND, AND YOUR FEET OF THE RECTITUDE OF YOUR ACTIONS.

THE SECRETS OF THE FIRST DEGREE.

Worshipful Master -

YOU WILL NOW TAKE A SHORT PACE TOWARDS ME WITH YOUR LEFT FOOT BRINGING THE RIGHT HEEL INTO ITS HOLLOW. (CANDIDATE DOES SO). THAT IS THE FIRST REGULAR STEP IN FREEMASONRY, AND IT IS IN THIS POSITION THAT THE SECRETS OF THE DEGREE ARE COMMUNICATED.

Worshipful Master -

THEY CONSIST OF A SIGN, TOKEN AND WORD - RISES, FACES CANDIDATE AND TAKES STEP. PLACE YOUR HAND IN THIS POSITION WITH THE THUMB EXTENDED IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE TO THE LEFT OF THE WINDPIPE - ILLUSTRATES AND ENSURES THAT CANDIDATE COPIES - THE SIGN IS GIVEN BY DRAWING THE HAND SHARPLY ACROSS THE THROAT AND DROPPING IT TO THE SIDE - ILLUSTRATES AND ENSURES CANDIDATE COPIES.

Worshipful Master -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER - THIS IS IN ALLUSION TO THE PENALTY OF YOUR OBLIGATION IMPLYING THAT AS A MAN OF HONOUR AND A MASON YOU WOULD RATHER HAVE YOUR THROAT CUT ACROSS. - GIVES PENAL SIGN AND ENSURES THAT CANDIDATE COPIES - THAN IMPROPERLY DISCLOSE THE SECRETS ENTRUSTED TO YOU.

Worshipful Master -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER -THE GRIP OR TOKEN IS GIVEN - TAKES CANDIDATE'S RIGHT HAND AND ADJUSTS GRIP BY PLACING CANDIDATE'S THUMB IN POSITION BEFORE PLACING HIS OWN - BY A DISTINCT PRESSURE OF THE THUMB ON THE FIRST JOINT OF THE HAND.

Worshipful Master -

THIS, WHEN REGULARLY GIVEN AND RECEIVED, SERVES TO DISTINGUISH A BROTHER BY NIGHT AS WELL AS BY DAY. THIS GRIP OR TOKEN DEMANDS A WORD, A WORD HIGHLY PRIZED AMONGST MASONS AS A GUARD TO THEIR PRIVILEGES.

Worshipful Master -

TOO MUCH CAUTION, THEREFORE, CAN NOT BE OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATING IT; IT SHOULD NEVER BE GIVEN AT LENGTH, BUT ALWAYS BY LETTERS OR SYLLABLES TO

ENABLE YOU TO DO WHICH, I MUST FIRST TELL YOU WHAT THAT WORD IS! IT IS
BOAZ.

*Junior Deacon - repeats word aloud and ensures that Candidate repeats it aloud after him.
Worshipful Master - Spells the word. Junior Deacon - Spells word aloud and ensures that
Candidate Spells it aloud after him. Worshipful Master - retains grip.*

WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S POST-EXAMINATION.

Worshipful Master -

AS IN THE COURSE OF THE CEREMONY YOU WILL BE CALLED ON FOR THIS WORD,
THE JUNIOR DEACON WILL NOW DICTATE THE ANSWERS YOU ARE TO GIVE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THIS?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

A WORD.

Worshipful Master -

GIVE ME THAT WORD.

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud, if necessary by phrases, and quickly to prevent him giving word at length. Candidate repeats.

AT MY INITIATION I WAS TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS; I WILL LETTER OR HALVE IT WITH YOU.

Worshipful Master -

WHICH YOU PLEASE, AND BEGIN.

At this stage the word is halved.

Junior Deacon -

Gives first half. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

BO.

Worshipful Master -

Gives second half.

Junior Deacon -

AZ.

Junior Deacon -

Gives complete word. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

BOAZ.

Worshipful Master -

THIS WORD IS DERIVED FROM THE LEFT HAND PILLAR AT THE PORCHWAY OR ENTRANCE OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE SO NAMED AFTER BOAZ, THE GREAT GRANDFATHER OF DAVID, A PRINCE AND RULER IN ISRAEL. THE IMPORT OF THE WORD IS – IN STRENGTH; PASS BOAZ.

Worshipful Master -

Places Candidate's right hand in left hand of Junior Deacon and sits.

Junior Deacon -

Turns right, controlling Candidate by holding his right hand, regains floor of Lodge, turns Left instructs Candidate in whisper to step off with left foot passes in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal to the South East corner which they 'square'. Junior Deacon leads Candidate to East side of Junior Warden's pedestal, where they stand parallel to the pedestal and a convenient distance from it. Releases hand.

Rests butt of his wand on floor, with top resting against right shoulder, Step. and Entered Apprentice Sign.

Junior Deacon -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS INITIATION.

Cuts Sign and takes wand in right hand again.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S POST-EXAMINATION.

Junior Warden -

I WILL THANK BROTHER A. TO ADVANCE TO ME AS A MASON.

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate in a whisper to take Step. and give Entered Apprentice Sign. and then to cut Sign., and ensures Candidate does so.

Junior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

I HAVE.

Junior Warden -

Rises, faces Candidate, and takes Step and offers hand.

Junior Deacon -

Places right hand of Candidate in that of Junior Warden, and with left hand adjusts grip from above.

Junior Warden -

Gives grip after Junior Deacon has adjusted Candidate's right thumb, retaining grip throughout the whole of the colloquy.

Junior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON.

Junior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate Repeats.

Junior Deacon -

A WORD.

Junior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT WORD.

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud quickly and, if necessary, by phrases. Candidate repeats in similar phrases.

Junior Deacon -

AT MY INITIATION I WAS TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS; I WILL LETTER OR HALVE IT WITH YOU.

Junior Warden -

WHICH YOU PLEASE, AND BEGIN.

At the Junior Warden's pedestal the word is first lettered then halved.

Junior Deacon -

Gives first letter aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

B.

Junior Warden -

Gives second letter.

Junior Deacon -

O.

Junior Deacon -

Gives third letter. Candidate Repeats.

Junior Deacon -

A.

Junior Warden -

Gives fourth letter.

Junior Warden -

Z.

Junior Deacon -

Gives first half. Candidate Repeats.

Junior Deacon -

BO.

Junior Warden -

Gives second half.

Junior Warden -

AZ.

Junior Deacon -

Gives whole word. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

BOAZ.

Junior Warden -

PASS, BOAZ.

Junior Warden -

Replaces Candidate's right hand in left hand of Junior Deacon and sits.

Junior Deacon -

Leads Candidate via Senior Warden corner of the Lodge, 'squaring' as before, to the South of Senior Warden's pedestal.

Both Candidate and Junior Deacon face North parallel to Senior Warden's pedestal and a convenient distance from it.

Rests butt of wand on floor with the top resting against right shoulder, Step. And Entered Apprentice Sign.

Junior Deacon -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS INITIATION.

Junior Deacon -

Cuts Sign. And takes wand in his right hand again.

SENIOR WARDEN'S POST-EXAMINATION.

Senior Warden -

I WILL THANK BROTHER A. TO ADVANCE TO ME AS A MASON.

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate in whisper to take Step. only and ensures he does not give Sign. at this stage.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THAT?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

THE FIRST REGULAR STEP IN FREEMASONRY.

Senior Warden -

DO YOU BRING ANYTHING ELSE?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

I DO.

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate to give Entered Apprentice Sign and cut it.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THAT?

Junior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

THE SIGN OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON.

Senior Warden -

TO WHAT DOES IT ALLUDE?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud and by suitable phrases. Candidate repeats. As Candidate says 'my throat cut across' prompts him to give Sign and cut it.

Junior Deacon -

THE PENALTY OF MY OBLIGATION IMPLYING THAT AS A MAN OF HONOUR AND A MASON I WOULD RATHER HAVE MY THROAT CUT ACROSS THAN IMPROPERLY DISCLOSE THE SECRETS ENTRUSTED TO ME.

Senior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

I DO.

Senior Warden - rises, faces Candidate, takes Step and offers hand.

Junior Deacon - places Candidate's right hand in that of Senior Warden and with left hand adjusts grip from above.

Senior Warden -

Gives grip after Junior Deacon has adjusted Candidate's right thumb and retains grip throughout the whole of the colloquy.

Senior Warden -

What is this?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON.

Senior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

A WORD.

Senior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT WORD.

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud quickly and if necessary by phrases. Candidate repeats in phrases.

Junior Deacon -

AT MY INITIATION I WAS TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS; I WILL LETTER OR HALVE IT WITH YOU.

Senior Warden -

WHICH YOU PLEASE, AND BEGIN.

Here the word is halved.

Junior Deacon -

Gives first half aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

BO.

Senior Warden -

Gives second half.

Senior Warden -

AZ.

Junior Deacon -

Gives whole word. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

BOAZ.

Senior Warden -

WHENCE IS THIS WORD DERIVED?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud by phrases. Candidate repeats in phrases.

Junior Deacon -

FROM THE LEFT HAND PILLAR AT THE PORCHWAY, OR ENTRANCE, OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE SO NAMED AFTER BOAZ THE GREAT GRANDFATHER OF DAVID A PRINCE AND RULER IN ISRAEL.

Senior Warden -

THE IMPORT OF THE WORD?

Junior Deacon -

Prompts Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Deacon -

IN STRENGTH.

Senior Warden -

PASS BOAZ.

Senior Warden replaces Candidate's right hand in the left hand of the Junior Deacon and remains standing.

THE APRON CHARGE

Junior Deacon -

Takes Candidate by right hand to North side of Senior Warden's pedestal by passing in front of it. He then makes an anti-clockwise wheel, places Candidate's right hand in left hand of Senior Warden and lining up on left of Candidate ensures they are both facing East.

Senior Warden -

Step and Entered Apprentice Sign which he holds.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER - I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS INITIATION FOR SOME MARK OF YOUR FAVOUR.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, I DELEGATE YOU TO INVEST HIM WITH THE DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A MASON.

Senior Warden -

Cuts Sign, releases Candidate's hand and with Candidate facing him, puts on him badge of an Entered Apprentice Freemason.

Junior Deacon -

Assists if necessary.

Senior Warden -

Picks up lower right hand corner of badge with his left hand to Candidate.

Senior Warden -

BROTHER A. BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND, I INVEST YOU WITH THE DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A MASON. IT IS MORE ANCIENT THAN THE GOLDEN FLEECE OR ROMAN EAGLE, MORE HONOURABLE THAN THE GARTER OR ANY OTHER ORDER IN EXISTENCE, BEING THE BADGE OF INNOCENCE AND THE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP. I STRONGLY EXHORT YOU EVER TO WEAR AND CONSIDER IT AS SUCH; AND FURTHER INFORM YOU THAT IF YOU NEVER DISGRACE THAT BADGE -

Senior Warden -

Strikes badge of Candidate with his right hand.

Brethren All - *strike theirs simultaneously.*

Senior Warden -

IT WILL NEVER DISGRACE YOU.

Senior Warden -

With his left hand restores right hand of Candidate to left hand of Junior Deacon and sits.

Junior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand from Senior Warden and positions himself on right of Candidate, both facing East; and releases hand.

ADDED OBSERVATIONS.

Worshipful Master -

LET ME ADD TO THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE SENIOR WARDEN, THAT YOU ARE NEVER TO PUT ON THAT BADGE SHOULD YOU BE ABOUT TO VISIT A LODGE IN WHICH THERE IS A BROTHER WITH WHOM YOU ARE AT VARIANCE, OR AGAINST WHOM YOU ENTERTAIN ANIMOSITY. IN SUCH CASES IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU WILL INVITE HIM TO WITHDRAW IN ORDER AMICABLY TO SETTLE YOUR DIFFERENCES, WHICH BEING HAPPILY EFFECTED, YOU MAY THEN CLOTHE YOURSELVES, ENTER THE LODGE, AND WORK WITH THAT LOVE AND HARMONY WHICH SHOULD AT ALL TIMES CHARACTERISE FREEMASONS. BUT IF, UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR DIFFERENCES BE OF SUCH A NATURE AS NOT TO BE SO EASILY ADJUSTED, IT WERE BETTER THAT ONE OR BOTH OF YOU RETIRE THAN THAT THE HARMONY OF THE LODGE SHOULD BE DISTURBED BY YOUR PRESENCE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR DEACON, YOU WILL PLACE OUR NEW-MADE BROTHER AT THE NORTH EAST PART OF THE LODGE.

Junior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand and leads him up North to North East part of Lodge. Both face South, as near as convenient to the corner of the Lodge. Junior Deacon releases hand.

Junior Deacon - to Candidate.

LEFT FOOT ACROSS THE LODGE, RIGHT FOOT DOWN THE LODGE; PAY ATTENTION TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Junior Deacon -

Ensures Candidate forms square with his foot.

THE NORTH EAST CHARGE.**Worshipful Master - or Past Master -**

IT IS CUSTOMARY, AT THE ERECTION OF ALL STATELY AND SUPERB EDIFICES, TO LAY THE FIRST OR FOUNDATION STONE AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE BUILDING. YOU, BEING NEWLY ADMITTED INTO MASONRY, ARE PLACED AT THE NORTH EAST PART OF THE LODGE FIGURATIVELY TO REPRESENT THAT STONE, AND FROM THE FOUNDATION LAID THIS EVENING MAY YOU RAISE A SUPERSTRUCTURE - PERFECT IN ITS PARTS AND HONOURABLE TO THE BUILDER.

Worshipful Master - or Past Master -

YOU NOW STAND, TO ALL EXTERNAL APPEARANCE, A JUST AND UPRIGHT MASON AND I GIVE IT YOU IN STRONG TERMS OF RECOMMENDATION EVER TO CONTINUE AND ACT AS SUCH. INDEED, I SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO PUT YOUR PRINCIPLES IN SOME MEASURE TO THE TEST, BY CALLING UPON YOU TO EXERCISE THAT VIRTUE WHICH MAY JUSTLY BE DENOMINATED THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTIC OF A FREEMASON'S HEART - I MEAN CHARITY.

Worshipful Master - or Past Master -

I NEED NOT HERE DILATE ON ITS EXCELLENCES; NO DOUBT IT HAS OFTEN BEEN FELT AND PRACTISED BY YOU. SUFFICE IT TO SAY, IT HAS THE APPROBATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND LIKE ITS SISTER, MERCY, BLESSES HIM WHO GIVES AS WELL AS HIM WHO RECEIVES.

Worshipful Master - or Past Master -

IN A SOCIETY SO WIDELY EXTENDED AS FREEMASONRY, THE BRANCHES OF WHICH ARE SPREAD OVER THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE GLOBE, IT CANNOT BE DENIED THAT WE HAVE MANY MEMBERS OF RANK AND OPULENCE.

Worshipful Master - or Past Master -

NEITHER CAN IT BE CONCEALED THAT AMONG THE THOUSANDS WHO RANGE UNDER ITS BANNERS, THERE ARE SOME WHO, PERHAPS FROM CIRCUMSTANCES OF UNAVOIDABLE CALAMITY AND MISFORTUNE, ARE REDUCED TO THE LOWEST EBB OF POVERTY AND DISTRESS.

Worshipful Master - or Past Master -

ON THEIR BEHALF IT IS OUR USUAL CUSTOM TO AWAKEN THE FEELINGS OF EVERY NEW-MADE BROTHER BY SUCH A CLAIM ON HIS CHARITY AS HIS CIRCUMSTANCES IN LIFE MAY FAIRLY WARRANT.

Worshipful Master - or Past Master -

WHATEVER, THEREFORE, YOU FEEL DISPOSED TO GIVE, YOU WILL DEPOSIT WITH THE JUNIOR DEACON; IT WILL BE THANKFULLY RECEIVED AND FAITHFULLY APPLIED.

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO GIVE?

Junior Deacon -

Moves to a position in front of Worshipful Master and facing Candidate, holds out left hand or alms-dish if he has been handed one, and makes appeal to Candidate.

Junior Deacon -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO GIVE IN THE CAUSE OF CHARITY?

Junior Deacon -

Lowers hand or alms-dish and, if Candidate does not answer quickly, proceeds with second question.

Junior Deacon -

WERE YOU DEPRIVED OF EVERYTHING VALUABLE PREVIOUSLY TO ENTERING THE LODGE?

Junior Deacon -

Candidate gives affirmative.

Junior Deacon -

IF YOU HAD NOT BEEN SO DEPRIVED, WOULD YOU GIVE FREELY?

Junior Deacon -

Candidate gives affirmative.

Junior Deacon -

Turns right and faces Worshipful Master, Step and Entered Apprentice Sign. which he holds, and retains wand in crook of right shoulder.

Junior Deacon -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, OUR NEW MADE BROTHER AFFIRMS THAT HE WAS DEPRIVED OF EVERYTHING VALUABLE PREVIOUSLY TO ENTERING THE LODGE OR HE WOULD GIVE FREELY.

Junior Deacon -

Cuts Sign. and resumes position on right of Candidate

POOR AND PENNILESS.

Worshipful Master -

I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE HONOURABLE SENTIMENTS BY WHICH YOU ARE AC-
TUATED; LIKewise ON THE INABILITY WHICH IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE PRECLUDES
YOU FROM GRATIFYING THEM.

Worshipful Master -

BELIEVE ME, THIS TRIAL WAS NOT MADE WITH A VIEW TO SPORT WITH YOUR FEEL-
INGS; FAR BE FROM US ANY SUCH INTENTION.

Worshipful Master -

IT WAS DONE FOR THREE ESPECIAL REASONS: FIRST, AS I HAVE ALREADY PREMISED,
TO PUT YOUR PRINCIPLES TO THE TEST; SECONDLY, TO EVINCE TO THE BRETHREN
THAT YOU HAD NEITHER MONEY NOR METALLIC SUBSTANCE ABOUT YOU, FOR IF YOU
HAD, THE CEREMONY OF YOUR INITIATION, THUS FAR, MUST HAVE BEEN REPEATED;
AND THIRDLY, AS A WARNING TO YOUR OWN HEART, THAT SHOULD YOU AT ANY
FUTURE PERIOD MEET A BROTHER IN DISTRESSED CIRCUMSTANCES WHO MIGHT SO-
LICIT YOUR ASSISTANCE, YOU WILL REMEMBER THE PECULIAR MOMENT YOU WERE
RECEIVED INTO MASONRY, POOR AND PENNILESS, AND CHEERFULLY EMBRACE THE
OPPORTUNITY OF PRACTISING THAT VIRTUE YOU HAVE PROFESSED TO ADMIRE.

*Immediate Past Master. - places working tools in readiness on Worshipful Master's pedestal
if he has not previously done so.*

*Junior Deacon - takes Candidate's right hand and places him in front of Worshipful Master,
in a position as close as convenient to pedestal and releases hand.*

WORKING TOOLS OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Worshipful Master -

I NOW PRESENT TO YOU THE WORKING TOOLS OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASONRY: THEY ARE THE 24-IN. GAUGE, THE COMMON GAVEL, AND CHISEL.

Worshipful Master -

THE 24-IN GAUGE TO MEASURE OUR WORK, THE COMMON GAVEL TO KNOCK OFF ALL SUPERFLUOUS KNOBS AND EXCRESCENCES, AND THE CHISEL TO FURTHER SMOOTH AND PREPARE THE STONE AND RENDER IT FIT FOR THE HANDS OF THE MORE EXPERT WORKMAN.

Worshipful Master -

BUT AS WE ARE NOT ALL OPERATIVE MASONS, BUT RATHER FREE AND ACCEPTED OR SPECULATIVE, WE APPLY THESE TOOLS TO OUR MORALS.

Worshipful Master -

IN THIS SENSE, THE 24-IN GAUGE REPRESENTS THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE DAY, PART TO BE SPENT IN PRAYER TO ALMIGHTY GOD, PART IN LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT, AND PART IN SERVING A FRIEND OR BROTHER IN TIME OF NEED, WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO OURSELVES OR CONNECTIONS.

Worshipful Master -

THE COMMON GAVEL REPRESENTS THE FORCE OF CONSCIENCE, WHICH SHOULD KEEP DOWN ALL VAIN AND UNBECOMING THOUGHTS WHICH MIGHT OBTRUDE DURING ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PERIODS, SO THAT OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS MAY ASCEND UNPOLLUTED TO THE THRONE OF GRACE.

Worshipful Master -

THE CHISEL POINTS OUT TO US THE ADVANTAGES OF EDUCATION, BY WHICH MEANS ALONE WE ARE RENDERED FIT MEMBERS OF REGULARLY ORGANISED SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION OF CHARTER.

Worshipful Master -

AS IN THE COURSE OF THE EVENING YOU WILL BE CALLED ON FOR CERTAIN FEES FOR YOUR INITIATION, IT IS PROPER YOU SHOULD KNOW BY WHAT AUTHORITY WE ACT.

THIS IS OUR CHARTER OR WARRANT FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND ³⁰

Opens and shows Warrant of Lodge to Candidate.

WHICH IS FOR YOUR INSPECTION ON THIS OR ANY FUTURE EVENING. THIS IS THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS

Hands Candidate a copy.

AND THESE ARE OUR BY-LAWS.

Hands Candidate a copy.

BOTH OF WHICH I RECOMMEND TO YOUR SERIOUS PERUSAL, AS BY ONE YOU WILL BE INSTRUCTED IN THE DUTIES YOU OWE TO THE CRAFT IN GENERAL, AND BY THE OTHER IN THOSE YOU OWE TO THIS LODGE IN PARTICULAR.

YOU ARE NOW AT LIBERTY TO RETIRE IN ORDER TO RESTORE YOURSELF TO YOUR PERSONAL COMFORTS, AND ON YOUR RETURN TO THE LODGE, I SHALL CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A CHARGE, FOUNDED ON THE EXCELLENCES OF THE INSTITUTION AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.

Junior Deacon - takes Candidate by right hand and guiding him moves anti-clockwise so as to face West and takes Candidate directly, no 'squaring,' to North of Senior Warden's pedestal Here he wheels Candidate clockwise so as to face East, halts and releases hand.

Junior Deacon - TO CANDIDATE ALOUD.

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A MASON.

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate in whisper to take step and give Entered Apprentice Sign and cut it, and ensures Candidate does so.

Takes Candidate by right hand, makes an anticlockwise wheel and conducts him to the door.

Inner Guard -

Goes to door in front of Junior Deacon and opens it, closing and locking it again after Candidate has gone out.

Junior Deacon and Inner Guard resume seats.

THE PROTOCOL OUTSIDE THE LODGE. READMISSION.

Outside Lodge Candidate resumes his ordinary dress with Entered Apprentice badge. When Candidate is ready, Tyler gives Entered Apprentice knocks on door of Lodge.

Inner Guard - rises in front of his chair, Step. and Entered Apprentice Sign.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THERE IS A REPORT.

Inner Guard -

Holds Sign.

Junior Warden - seated, gives knocks of the degree —I.

Inner Guard - cuts Sign, goes to door, opens it, and looks out without speaking.

Tyler -

THE CANDIDATE ON HIS RETURN.

Inner Guard - makes no reply, closes and locks door, returns to position in front of his chair, Step and Entered Apprentice Sign which he holds.

Inner Guard -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE CANDIDATE ON HIS RETURN.

Worshipful Master -

ADMIT HIM.

Inner Guard - cuts Sign., awaits arrival of Junior Deacon and goes to door. Junior Deacon - follows Inner Guard to door. Inner Guard - opens door and admits Candidate Junior Deacon - receives Candidate and conducts him by right hand to North of Senior Warden's pedestal both facing East. Inner Guard - when Junior Deacon has received Candidate closes and locks door, returns to chair and sits.

Junior Deacon - TO CANDIDATE.

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A MASON.

Junior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate if necessary and ensures he takes Step and gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it. Both remain standing without handclasp at North of Senior Warden's pedestal while the Charge is delivered.

CHARGE AFTER INITIATION.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER A., AS YOU HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE CEREMONY OF YOUR INITIATION, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU ON BEING ADMITTED A MEMBER OF OUR ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE INSTITUTION. ANCIENT NO DOUBT IT IS, AS HAVING SUBSISTED FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL, AND HONOURABLE IT MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE, AS BY A NATURAL TENDENCY IT CONDUCE TO MAKE THOSE SO WHO ARE OBEDIENT TO ITS PRECEPTS.

Worshipful Master -

INDEED, NO INSTITUTION CAN BOAST A MORE SOLID FOUNDATION THAN THAT ON WHICH FREEMASONRY RESTS - THE PRACTICE OF EVERY MORAL AND SOCIAL VIRTUE.

Worshipful Master -

AND TO SO HIGH AN EMINENCE HAS ITS CREDIT BEEN ADVANCED THAT IN EVERY AGE MONARCHS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN PROMOTERS OF THE ART, HAVE NOT THOUGHT IT DEROGATORY TO THEIR DIGNITY TO EXCHANGE THE SCEPTRE FOR THE TROWEL, HAVE PATRONISED OUR MYSTERIES AND JOINED IN OUR ASSEMBLIES. ³¹

VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.

Worshipful Master -

AS A FREEMASON, LET ME RECOMMEND TO YOUR MOST SERIOUS CONTEMPLATION THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, CHARGING YOU TO CONSIDER IT AS THE UNERRING STANDARD OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE AND TO REGULATE YOUR ACTIONS BY THE DIVINE PRECEPTS IT CONTAINS. THEREIN YOU WILL BE TAUGHT THE IMPORTANT DUTIES YOU OWE TO GOD, TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR, AND TO YOURSELF.

Worshipful Master -

TO GOD, BY NEVER MENTIONING HIS NAME BUT WITH THAT AWE AND REVERENCE WHICH ARE DUE FROM THE CREATURE TO HIS CREATOR, BY IMPLORING HIS AID IN ALL YOUR LAWFUL UNDERTAKINGS, AND BY LOOKING UP TO HIM IN EVERY EMERGENCY FOR COMFORT AND SUPPORT.

Worshipful Master -

TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR, BY ACTING WITH HIM ON THE SQUARE, BY RENDERING HIM EVERY KIND OFFICE WHICH JUSTICE OR MERCY MAY REQUIRE, BY RELIEVING HIS NECESSITIES AND SOOTHING HIS AFFLICTIONS, AND BY DOING TO HIM AS IN SIMILAR CASES YOU WOULD WISH HE WOULD DO TO YOU.

Worshipful Master -

AND TO YOURSELF, BY SUCH A PRUDENT AND WELL-REGULATED COURSE OF DISCIPLINE AS MAY BEST CONDUCE TO THE PRESERVATION OF YOUR CORPOREAL AND MENTAL FACULTIES IN THEIR FULLEST ENERGY, THEREBY ENABLING YOU TO EXERT THOSE TALENTS WHEREWITH GOD HAS BLESSED YOU, AS WELL TO HIS GLORY AS THE WELFARE OF YOUR FELLOW CREATURES.

CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.**Worshipful Master -**

AS A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD, I AM TO ENJOIN YOU TO BE EXEMPLARY IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR CIVIL DUTIES, BY NEVER PROPOSING OR AT ALL COUNTENANCING ANY ACT THAT MAY HAVE A TENDENCY TO SUBVERT THE PEACE AND GOOD ORDER OF SOCIETY, BY PAYING DUE OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS OF ANY STATE WHICH MAY FOR A TIME BECOME THE PLACE OF YOUR RESIDENCE OR AFFORD YOU ITS PROTECTION, AND ABOVE ALL, BY NEVER LOSING SIGHT OF THE ALLEGIANCE DUE TO THE SOVEREIGN OF YOUR NATIVE LAND, EVER REMEMBERING THAT NATURE HAS IMPLANTED IN YOUR BREST A SACRED AND INDISSOLUBLE ATTACHMENT TOWARDS THAT COUNTRY WHENCE YOU DERIVED YOUR BIRTH AND INFANT NURTURE.

Worshipful Master -

AS AN INDIVIDUAL, LET ME RECOMMEND THE PRACTICE OF EVERY DOMESTIC' AS WELL AS PUBLIC VIRTUE: LET PRUDENCE DIRECT YOU, TEMPERANCE CHASTEN YOU, FORTITUDE SUP-PORT YOU, AND JUSTICE BE THE GUIDE OF ALL YOUR ACTIONS. BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN IN THEIR FULLEST SPLENDOUR THOSE TRULY MASONIC ORNAMENTS, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN AMPLY ILLUSTRATED - BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

Worshipful Master -

STILL, AS A FREEMASON, THERE ARE OTHER EXCELLENCES OF CHARACTER TO WHICH YOUR ATTENTION MAY BE PECULIARLY AND FORCIBLY DIRECTED: AMONGST. THE FOREMOST OF THESE ARE SECRECY, FIDELITY, AND OBEDIENCE.

Worshipful Master -

SECRECY CONSISTS IN AN INVIOABLE ADHERENCE TO THE OBLIGATION YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO NEVER IMPROPERLY TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THOSE MASONIC SECRETS WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN, OR MAY AT ANY FUTURE PERIOD BE, ENTRUSTED TO YOUR KEEPING, AND CAUTIOUSLY TO AVOID ALL OCCASIONS WHICH MAY INADVERTENTLY LEAD YOU SO TO DO.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR FIDELITY MUST BE EXEMPLIFIED BY A STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FRATERNITY, BY ADHERING TO THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER, BY NEVER ATTEMPTING TO EXTORT OR OTHERWISE UNDULY OBTAIN THE SECRETS OF A SUPERIOR DEGREE, AND BY REFRAINING FROM RECOMMENDING ANYONE TO A PARTICIPATION OF OUR SECRETS UNLESS YOU HAVE STRONG GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT BY A SIMILAR FIDELITY HE WILL ULTIMATELY REFLECT HONOUR ON YOUR CHOICE.

OBEDIENCE.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR OBEDIENCE MUST BE PROVED BY A STRICT OBSERVANCE OF OUR LAWS AND REGULATIONS, BY PROMPT ATTENTION TO ALL SIGNS AND SUMMONSES, BY MODEST AND CORRECT Demeanour IN THE LODGE, BY ABSTAINING FROM EVERY TOPIC OF POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION, BY A READY ACQUIESCENCE IN ALL VOTES AND RESOLUTIONS DULY PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BRETHREN, AND BY PERFECT SUBMISSION TO THE MASTER AND HIS WARDENS WHILST ACTING IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES.

Worshipful Master -

AND AS A LAST GENERAL RECOMMENDATION, LET ME EXHORT YOU TO DEDICATE YOURSELF TO SUCH PURSUITS AS MAY AT ONCE ENABLE YOU TO BE RESPECTABLE IN LIFE, USEFUL TO MANKIND, AND AN ORNAMENT TO THE SOCIETY OF WHICH YOU HAVE THIS DAY BECOME A MEMBER; TO STUDY MORE ESPECIALLY SUCH OF THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AS MAY LIE WITHIN THE COMPASS OF YOUR ATTAINMENT, AND WITHOUT NEGLECTING THE ORDINARY DUTIES OF YOUR STATION, TO ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE A DAILY ADVANCEMENT IN MASONIC KNOWLEDGE.

Worshipful Master -

FROM THE VERY COMMENDABLE ATTENTION YOU APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN TO THIS CHARGE, I AM LED TO HOPE YOU WILL DULY APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY, AND INDELIBLY IMPRINT ON YOUR HEART THE SACRED DICTATES OF TRUTH, OF HONOUR, AND OF VIRTUE.

Junior Deacon leads Candidate to seat beside Senior Deacon and resumes his seat. ³²

LECTURE ON FIRST DEGREE TRACING BOARD.

This address to the newly-initiated brother is usually delivered to him by a senior member of Grand Lodge, on or above the Rank of Past Junior Grand Warden (PJGW), hence a "Right Worshipful" Brother.

THE USAGES AND CUSTOMS AMONG FREEMASONS HAVE EVER BORNE A NEAR AFFINITY TO THOSE OF THE ANTIEN T EGYPTIANS.

THEIR PHILOSOPHERS, UNWILLING TO EXPOSE THEIR MYSTERIES TO VULGAR EYES, COUCHED THEIR SYSTEMS OF LEARNING AND POLITY UNDER SIGNS AND HIEROGLYPHICAL FIGURES, WHICH WERE COMMUNICATED TO THEIR CHIEF PRIESTS OR MAGI ALONE, WHO WERE BOUND BY SOLEMN OATH TO CONCEAL THEM.

THE SYSTEM OF PYTHAGORAS WAS FOUNDED ON A SIMILAR PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS OF MORE RECENT DATE. FREEMASONRY, HOWEVER, IS NOT ONLY THE MOST ANTIEN T, ³³ BUT THE MOST HONOURABLE SOCIETY THAT EVER EXISTED, AS THERE IS NOT A CHARACTER OR EMBLEM HERE DEPICTED BUT SERVES TO INCULCATE THE PRINCIPLES OF PIETY AND VIRTUE AMONG ALL ITS GENUINE PROFESSORS.

LET ME FIRST CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FORM OF THE LODGE, WHICH IS A PARALLELEPIPEDON, IN LENGTH FROM EAST TO WEST, IN BREADTH FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, IN DEPTH FROM THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH TO ITS CENTRE, AND EVEN AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS.

THE REASON THAT A FREEMASONS' LODGES IS REPRESENTED BY THIS VAST EXTENT IS TO SHOW THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE SCIENCE, AND THAT A FREEMASON'S CHARITY SHOULD KNOW NO BOUNDS SAVE THOSE OF PRUDENCE.

OUR LODGES STAND ON HOLY GROUND BECAUSE THE FIRST L OF JERUSALEM WAS HELD UPON A PLOT OF GROUND WHICH HAD BEEN RENDERED HOLY BY THREE GRAND OFFERINGS THEREON MADE, WHICH MET WITH THE DIVINE APPROBATION.

FIRSTLY, THE READY COMPLIANCE OF ABRAHAM WITH THE WILL OF GOD IN NOT REFUSING TO OFFER UP HIS ONLY SON ISAAC AS A BURNT SACRIFICE, WHEN IT PLEASED THE ALMIGHTY TO ACCEPT AN INFERIOR OFFERING IN HIS STEAD.

SECONDLY, THE MANY PIOUS PRAYERS AND SACRIFICES OFFERED BY KING DAVID WHICH APPEASED THE WRATH OF GOD AND PREVAILED ON HIM TO STAY A PESTILENCE WHICH THEN RAGED AMONG THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, OWING TO THE KING HAVING HAD THEM NUMBERED.

THIRDLY, THE MANY THANKSGIVINGS, OBLATIONS, BURNT SACRIFICES, AND COSTLY OFFERINGS WHICH SOLOMON, KING OF ISRAEL MADE AT THE COMPLETION, CONSECRATION, AND DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM TO G-D'S SERVICE.

THESE THREE REASONS DID THEN, HAVE SINCE, AND I TRUST EVER WILL, RENDER THE GROUNDWORK OF FREEMASONRY HOLY.

OUR LODGES ARE SITUATED DUE EAST AND WEST, FOR WHICH WE ASSIGN THREE MASONIC REASONS: FIRST – THE SUN, THE GLORY OF THE LORD, RISES IN THE EAST AND SETS IN THE WEST; SECOND – LEARNING ORIGINATED IN THE EAST AND THENCE SPREAD ITS BENIGN INFLUENCE TO THE WEST; AND THE THIRD, LAST, AND GRAND REASON, IS THAT MOSES CAUSED A TABERNACLE TO BE ERECTED IN THE WILDERNESS, WHICH BY G-D'S SPECIAL COMMAND, WAS SITUATED DUE EAST AND WEST.

OUR LODGES ARE SUPPORTED BY THREE GREAT PILLARS. THEY ARE CALLED WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY – WISDOM TO CONTRIVE, STRENGTH TO SUPPORT AND BEAUTY TO ADORN. WISDOM TO CONDUCT US IN ALL OUR UNDERTAKINGS, STRENGTH TO SUPPORT US UNDER ALL OUR DIFFICULTIES AND BEAUTY TO ADORN THE INNER MAN.

THE UNIVERSE IS THE TEMPLE OF THE DEITY WHOM WE SERVE; WISDOM, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY ARE ABOUT HIS THRONE AS PILLARS OF HIS WORK, FOR HIS WISDOM IS INFINITE, HIS STRENGTH OMNIPOTENT, AND BEAUTY SHINES THROUGH THE WHOLE OF THE CREATION IN SYMMETRY AND ORDER. ³⁴

THE HEAVENS HE HAS STRETCHED FORTH AS A CANOPY; THE EARTH HE HAS PLANTED AS A FOOTSTOOL; HE CROWNS HIS TEMPLE WITH STARS AS WITH A DIADEM, AND HIS HANDS EXTEND ALL POWER AND GLORY. THE SUN AND MOON ARE MESSENGERS OF HIS DIVINE WILL, AND ALL HIS LAW CONCORD. THE THREE GREAT PILLARS SUPPORTING A FREEMASONS' LODGE ARE EMBLEMATICAL OF THOSE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES. THEY FURTHER REPRESENT SOLOMON KING OF ISRAEL, HIRAM KING OF TYRE, AND HIRAM ABIFF.

SOLOMON KING OF ISRAEL FOR HIS WISDOM IN BUILDING, COMPLETING AND DEDICATING TO GOD'S SERVICE THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM; HIRAM KING OF TYRE FOR HIS STRENGTH IN SUPPORTING HIM WITH MEN AND MATERIALS; AND HIRAM ABIFF FOR HIS CURIOUS AND MASTERLY WORKMANSHIP IN BEAUTIFYING AND ADORNING THE SAME.

BUT AS WE HAVE NO NOBLE ORDERS IN ARCHITECTURE KNOWN BY THE NAMES OF WISDOM, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY, WE REFER THEM TO THE THREE MOST CELEBRATED, THE IONIC, DORIC AND CORINTHIAN.

THE COVERING OF A FREEMASONS' LODGE IS A CELESTIAL CANOPY OF DIVERSE COLOURS, EVEN AS THE HEAVENS. THE WAY BY WHICH WE, AS FREEMASONS, HOPE TO ASCEND, IS BY THE ASSISTANCE OF A LADDER, IN SCRIPTURE CALLED JACOB'S LADDER. IT IS COMPOSED NUMBER OF AS MANY STAVES OR ROUNDS AS COMPRISE THE MORAL VIRTUES BUT THE THREE PRINCIPAL ONES ARE FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY. FAITH IN THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, HOPE IN SALVATION, AND TO BE IN CHARITY WITH ALL MEN.

IT REACHES TO THE HEAVENS AND RESTS ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, BECAUSE BY THE DOCTRINES CONTAINED IN THAT HOLY BOOK WE ARE TAUGHT TO BELIEVE IN THE DISPENSATIONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, WHICH BELIEF STRENGTHENS OUR FAITH, AND ENABLES US TO ASCEND THE FIRST STEP; THIS FAITH NATURALLY CREATES IN US A HOPE OF BECOMING PARTAKERS OF THE BLESSED PROMISES THEREIN RECORDED, WHICH HOPE ENABLES US TO ASCEND THE SECOND STEP; BUT THE THIRD AND LAST BEING CHARITY, COMPREHENDS THE WHOLE, AND THE FREEMASON WHO IS POSSESSED OF THIS VIRTUE IN ITS MOST AMPLE SENSE, MAY JUSTLY BE DEEMED

TO HAVE ATTAINED THE SUMMIT OF HIS PROFESSION; FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, AN ETHEREAL MANSION, VEILED FROM MORTAL EYES BY THE STARRY FIRMAMENT, EMBLEMATICALLY DEPICTED HERE BY SEVEN STARS, WHICH HAVE AN ALLUSION TO AS MANY REGULARLY MADE FREEMASONS, WITHOUT WHICH NO LODGE IS PERFECT, NEITHER CAN ANY CANDIDATE BE LEGALLY INITIATED INTO THE ORDER.

THE INTERIOR OF A FREEMASONS' LODGE CONSISTS OF ORNAMENTS, FURNITURE, AND JEWELS. THE ORNAMENTS OF THE LODGE ARE THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT, THE BLAZING STAR, AND THE INDENTED OR TESSELLATED BORDER. THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT IS THE BEAUTIFUL FLOORING OF A FREEMASONS' LODGE; THE BLAZING STAR THE GLORY IN THE CENTRE; AND THE INDENTED OR TESSELLATED BORDER THE SKIRT-WORK ROUND THE SAME.

THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT MAY JUSTLY BE DEEMED THE BEAUTIFUL FLOORING OF THE LODGE BY REASON OF ITS BEING VARIEGATED AND CHEQUERED. THIS POINTS OUT THE DIVERSITY OF OBJECTS WHICH DECORATE AND ADORN THE CREATION, THE ANIMATE AS WELL AS THE INANIMATE PARTS THEREOF. THE BLAZING STAR, OR GLORY IN THE CENTRE, REFERS TO THE SUN, WHICH ENLIGHTENS THE EARTH, AND BY ITS BENIGN INFLUENCE DISPENSES BLESSINGS TO MANKIND IN GENERAL. THE INDENTED OR TESSELLATED BORDER REFERS TO THE PLANETS, WHICH, IN THEIR VARIOUS REVOLUTIONS, FORM A BEAUTIFUL BORDER OF SKIRT- WORK ROUND THAT GRAND LUMINARY, THE SUN, AS THE OTHER DOES ROUND THAT OF A FREEMASONS' LODGE.

THE FURNITURE OF THE LODGE CONSISTS OF THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, THE COMPASES AND SQUARE. THE SACRED LAWS ARE TO RULE AND GOVERN OUR FAITH AND ON THEM WE OBLIGATE OUR CANDIDATES FOR FREEMASONRY. ³⁵

THE COMPASES AND SQUARE, WHEN UNITED, ARE TO REGULATE OUR LIVES AND ACTIONS.

THE SACRED VOLUME HAS BEEN GIVEN BY GOD TO MAN IN GENERAL, BECAUSE THE ALMIGHTY HAS THOUGHT FIT TO REVEAL MORE OF HIS DIVINE WILL BY THAT BOOK THAN BY ANY OTHER MEANS.

THE COMPASSES BELONG TO THE GM IN PARTICULAR, THEY BEING THE CHIEF INSTRUMENT USED IN THE DRAWING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND DESIGNS, AND ARE PECULIARLY APPROPRIATED BY HIM AS AN EMBLEM OF DIGNITY, HE BEING THE CHIEF HEAD AND RULER IN THE CRAFT. THE SQUARE BELONGS TO THE BRETHREN GENERALLY, BECAUSE AS THEY ARE OBLIGATED WITHIN THE SQUARE, THEY ARE BOUND TO ACT THEREON. ³⁶

THE JEWELS OF THE LODGE ARE THREE MOVABLE AND THREE IMMOVABLE.

THE MOVABLE JEWELS ARE THE SQUARE, LEVEL, AND PLUMB RULE. THEY ARE CALLED MOVABLE JEWELS BECAUSE THEY ARE WORN BY THE MASTER AND HIS WARDENS, AND ARE TRANSFERABLE TO THEIR SUCCESSORS ON NIGHTS OF INSTALLATION.

THE MASTER IS DISTINGUISHED BY THE SQUARE, THE SENIOR WARDEN, BY THE LEVEL, AND THE JUNIOR WARDEN BY THE PLUMB RULE.

THE IMMOVABLE JEWELS ARE THE TRACING BOARD, AND THE ROUGH AND PERFECT ASHLARS.

THE TRACING BOARD IS FOR THE MASTER TO LAY LINES AND DRAW DESIGNS ON; THE ROUGH ASHLAR FOR THE ENTERED APPRENTICES TO WORK, MARK AND INDENT ON; AND THE PERFECT ASHLAR FOR THE EXPERIENCED CRAFTSMAN TO TRY AND TO ADJUST HIS JEWELS ON. THEY ARE CALLED IMMOVABLE JEWELS BECAUSE THEY LIE OPEN AND IMMOVABLE IN THE L FOR THE BRETHREN TO MORALISE UPON.

AS THE TRACING BOARD IS FOR THE M TO LAY LINES AND DRAW DESIGNS ON, THE BETTER TO ENABLE THE BRETHREN TO CARRY ON THE INTENDED STRUCTURE WITH REGULARITY AND PROPRIETY, SO THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW MAY JUSTLY BE DEEMED TO BE THE SPIRITUAL TRACING BOARD OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, IN WHICH ARE LAID DOWN SUCH DIVINE LAWS AND MORAL PLANS, THAT WERE WE CONVERSANT THEREWITH, AND OBEDIENT THERETO, THEY WOULD BRING US TO AN ETHEREAL MANSION NOT BUILT BY HANDS BUT ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS.

THE ROUGH ASHLAR IS A STONE, ROUGH AND UNHEWN AS TAKEN FROM THE QUARRY, TILL, BY THE INDUSTRY AND INGENUITY OF THE WORKMEN, IT IS MODELLED, WROUGHT INTO DUE FORM AND RENDERED FIT FOR THE INTENDED BUILDING; THIS REPRESENTS MIND OF MAN IN HIS INFANT OR PRIMITIVE STATE, ROUGH AND UNPOLISHED AS THAT STONE, TILL BY THE ADVANTAGES OF A LIBERAL AND VIRTUOUS EDUCATION, HIS MIND BECOMES CULTIVATED AND HE IS THEREBY RENDERED A FIT MEMBER OF CIVILISED SOCIETY. ³⁷

THE PERFECT ASHLAR IS A STONE OF A TRUE DIE OR SQUARE, FIT ONLY TO BE TRIED BY THE SQUARE AND COMPASES; THIS REPRESENTS THE MIND OF A MAN IN THE DECLINE OF YEARS AFTER A LIFE WELL SPENT IN ACTS OF PIETY AND VIRTUE, WHICH CANNOT OTHERWISE BE TRIED AND PROVED THAN BY THE SQUARE OF G-D'S WORD AND THE COMPASES OF HIS OWN SELF-CONVINCING CONSCIENCE.

IN ALL REGULAR, WELL-FORMED CONSTITUTED LODGES THERE IS A POINT WITHIN A CIRCUMFERENCE. THIS CIRCUMFERENCE IS BOUNDED BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH BY TWO GRAND PARALLEL LINES, THE ONE REPRESENTING MOSES, THE OTHER KING SOLOMON; ON THE UPPER PART OF THIS CIRCUMFERENCE RESTS THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, SUPPORTING JACOB'S LADDER, THE TOP OF WHICH REACHES TO THE HEAVENS. ³⁸

IN GOING ROUND THIS CIRCUMFERENCE WE MUST OF NECESSITY TOUCH ON BOTH THESE PARALLEL LINES, LIKEWISE ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, AND WHILE A FREEMASON KEEPS HIMSELF THUS CIRCUMSCRIBED HE CANNOT ERR.

THE WORD LEWIS DENOTES STRENGTH, AND IS HERE THE DEPICTED BY CERTAIN PIECES OF METAL DOVETAILED INTO A STONE, FORMING A CRAMP, AND WHEN IN COMBINATION WITH SOME OF THE MECHANICAL POWERS, SUCH AS A SYSTEM OF PULLEYS, IT ENABLES THE OPERATIVE MASON TO RAISE GREAT WEIGHTS WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY, AND TO FIX THEM ON THEIR PROPER

BASES.

LEWIS LIKEWISE DENOTES THE SON OF A FREEMASON. HIS DUTY TO HIS PARENTS IS TO BEAR THE HEAT AND BURDEN OF THE DAY FROM WHICH THEY, BY REASON OF THEIR AGE, OUGHT TO BE EXEMPT; TO ASSIST THEM IN TIME OF NEED, AND THEREBY

RENDER THE CLOSE OF THEIR DAYS HAPPY AND COMFORTABLE. HIS PRIVILEGE FOR SO DOING IS THAT OF BEING MADE A FREEMASON BEFORE ANY OTHER PERSON, HOWEVER DIGNIFIED. ³⁹

THE TWO ENDS OF THE LODGE, FACING RESPECTIVELY EAST AND WEST, AND THE TWO SIDES FACING RESPECTIVELY NORTH AND SOUTH, INDICATE THE FOUR CARDINAL POINTS OF THE COMPASS AND REPRESENT TO US THOSE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES: TEMPERANCE, FORTITUDE, PRUDENCE AND JUSTICE, ALL OF WHICH, TRADITION INFORMS US, CONSTANTLY PRACTISED BY OUR ANTIENT BRETHREN.

THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD FREEMASON ARE VIRTUE, HONOUR AND MERCY, AND THESE I SHALL NOW PROCEED TO ILLUSTRATE.

VIRTUE — IN SEARCHING THE RECORDS OF ANTIENT ROME, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE GREAT AND SUCCESSFUL GENERAL MARCELLUS, WHO WAS THRICE CONSUL OF ROME, ONCE INTENDED TO ERECT A TEMPLE TO BE DEDICATED TO BOTH VIRTUE AND HONOUR, BUT BEING AT THAT TIME PREVENTED FROM CARRYING HIS DESIGN INTO EXECUTION, HE AFTERWARDS ALTERED HIS PLANS AND BUILT TWO TEMPLES, SO SITUATED, THAT THE ONLY AVENUE TO THE TEMPLE OF HONOUR LAY THROUGH THE ONE DEDICATED TO VIRTUE; THEREBY BEQUEATHING AN IMPRESSIVE SYMBOLICAL LESSON TO POSTERITY, THAT THE ONLY DIRECT ROAD TO HONOUR MUST LIE IN THE PATHS OF VIRTUE.

VIRTUE IS THE HIGHEST EXERCISE AND IMPROVEMENT OF REASON; THE INTEGRITY, HARMONY AND JUST BALANCE OF AFFECTION; THE HEALTH, STRENGTH AND BEAUTY OF THE SOUL. THE PERFECTION OF VIRTUE IS TO GIVE TO THE NOBLE FACULTY OF REASON ITS FULLEST, FREEST SCOPE, TO OBEY THE DICTATES OF CONSCIENCE WITH ALACRITY, TO WERE EXERCISE TOWARDS ALL MEN A CALM AND DIFFUSIVE CHARITY, TO LOVE AND ADORE GOD WITH AN UNRIVALLED REVERENCE AND AFFECTION, AND TO ACQUIESCE IN THE WISE DISPENSATIONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE WITH HUMBLE RESIGNATION. ANY ADVANCE TOWARDS THIS STANDARD IS A STEP ON THE WAY TO PERFECTION AND HAPPINESS, AND ANY DEVIATION THEREFROM TENDS TO VICE AND MISERY.

HONOUR IS THE MOST MANLY AND DIGNIFIED SENTIMENT OR IMPULSE OF THE SOUL WHICH VIRTUE IS CAPABLE OF INSPIRING.

THE ACTIONS OF ALL GOOD MEN ARE REGULATED BY HONOUR; INSOMUCH THAT THE LAWS WHICH ARE REQUISITE TO RESTRAIN AND COERCE MEN OF ORDINARY MINDS ARE UNNECESSARY IN THE CASE OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES AND ACTIONS ARE REGULATED BY THE STRICT CODE OF HONOUR.

IT IS ALSO THE HIGHEST INCENTIVE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MOST HEROIC AND DISINTERESTED ACTIONS; IMPLYING, AS IT DOES, THE UNITED PRINCIPLES OF FAITH, TRUTH AND JUSTICE, CARRIED BY AN ENLIGHTENED MIND FAR BEYOND THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE LAWS OF THE LAND MAY REQUIRE, OR OF WHICH THEY CAN PUNISH THE VIOLATION. FOR THE MAN OF HONOUR WILL NOT CONTENT HIMSELF WITH THE BARE AND LITERAL DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTY AS A MAN AND A CITIZEN; BUT HE EXALTS AND DIGNIFIES IT EVEN TO MAGNANIMITY; HE GIVES WHERE HE MIGHT WITHOUT IMPROPRIETY REFUSE, AND HE FORGIVES WHERE HE MIGHT IN STRICT JUSTICE RESENT. IN THIS SENSE VIRTUE AND HONOUR UNITED HAVE BEEN, AND WE TRUST EVER WILL CONTINUE TO BE, DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF EVERY FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON, EVEN UNTO THE END OF TIME.

MERCY IS A SUBLIME PRINCIPLE HELD SACRED BY EVERY GOOD MIND. "IT BECOMES THE THRONED MONARCH BETTER THAN HIS CROWN," IT GIVES GLORY TO HIS MINISTERS, AND AN UNFADING FRESHNESS TO THE WREATH THAT DECKS THE WARRIOR'S BROW.

IT IS THE COMPANION OF TRUE HONOUR, AND SHOULD ALWAYS TEMPER JUSTICE, INTERPOSING A SHIELD OF DEFENCE ON BEHALF OF THE OFFENDER, IMPENETRABLE TO HER SWORD.

“THE QUALITY OF MERCY IS NOT STRAINED; IT DROPPETH AS THE GENTLE RAIN FROM HEAVEN ON THE PLACE BENEATH”; AND AS THE VERNAL SHOWERS DESCEND TO REFRESH AND INVIGORATE THE VEGETATION OF THE EARTH, SO WHEN UNDER A SENSE OF INJURY OR INSULT, OF INJUSTICE OR OPPRESSION, THE INSTINCTS OF THE NATURAL MAN MAY PROMPT HIM TO RANCOUR AND REVENGE, SWEET MERCY DESCENDS “WITH HEALING IN HER WINGS” AND DISPOSES THE HEART TO PITY AND FORGIVE. “IT IS AN ATTRIBUTE TO GOD HIMSELF.”

TO SHOW MERCY AND FORGIVENESS IS HIGHLY PLEASING IN THE SIGHT OF OUR CREATOR, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, “FORGIVE, AND IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN UNTO YOU”; AND AGAIN, “BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL; FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY,” NOT ONLY IN THIS TRANSITORY LIFE, BUT IN THAT BETTER AND ETERNAL LIFE WHICH IS TO COME; AND WHEN WE, MY BRETHREN, SHALL ALL BE FINALLY ARRAIGNED AT HIS DREAD TRIBUNAL, AND THE ACTIONS OF OUR PAST LIVES ARE THERE UNFOLDED TO VIEW, THOUGH JUSTICE MAY DEMAND OUR CONDEMNATION, MAY SWEET MERCY INTERPOSE AND AVERT THAT AWFUL DOOM.

SO MOTE IT BE.

CLOSING THE LODGE IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE FIRST TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Further General Lodge Business may now be discussed.

If no business to be discussed, Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE SECOND TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Masonic Membership proposals are now to be accepted and considered.

If no proposal for membership given by any brethren, Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE THIRD TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Grand Lodge Business may now be discussed.

If no business to discuss, Worshipful Master sits.

Greetings are given on behalf of Visiting Brethren by a Visitor who is a Worshipful Brother.

Greetings are given on behalf of Grand Lodge by a Visitor who is a Very Worshipful Brother and Grand Lodge Member.

If a Grand Lodge Delegation is present, the Grand Lodge greetings are delegated to the Leader of the Delegation.

If no Grand Lodge Delegation is present, comments are given by the Very Worshipful Brother who is visiting as a Grand Lodge Inspector of Workings.

These greetings or comments usually comprise of general laudatory remarks on the masonic quality of the First Degree Ceremony just observed by the Assembly.

Greetings are given on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge are given by the Senior Warden. The greetings comprise of laudatory remarks on the masonic quality of the First Degree Ceremony just observed by the Assembly and salutations and thanks sent from the Lodge Assembly to the wife or partner of the Worshipful Master (good lady).

Worshipful Master responds to all of these Greetings by addressing the Grand Lodge Official or the Grand Inspector of Workings, and addressing (separately) the Senior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden -

Junior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE CONSTANT CARE OF EVERY FREEMASON? 40 41 42

Junior Warden -

TO PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED. 43

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both Worshipful Master and Junior Warden cut the first degree signs.

Junior Warden addresses the Inner Guard.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order.

Junior Warden responds. ⁴⁴

Junior Warden -

PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE Tyled.

Inner Guard -

Gives three knocks on the Door of the Lodge, expecting a reply from the Outer Guard (Tyler) whom is situated outside at the Door of the Lodge.

Inner Guard -

After receiving the reply, stands to order.

Addresses the Junior Warden.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED Tyled.

Junior Warden gives three knocks, addresses the Worshipful Master while he stands to order.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED Tyled.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master responds.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS FREEMASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Stand to order.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Senior Warden -

IN THE WEST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Senior Warden -

AS THE SUN SETS IN THE WEST TO CLOSE THE DAY, SO IS THE SENIOR WARDEN PLACED IN THE WEST TO CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Brethren All -

Assume the Attitude of Reverence.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, BEFORE THE LODGE IS CLOSED LET US, WITH ALL REVERENCE AND HUMILITY, EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE FOR FAVOURS ALREADY RECEIVED. MAY HE CONTINUE TO PRESERVE OUR ORDER BY CEMENTING AND ADORNING IT, WITH, EVERY MORAL AND SOCIAL VIRTUE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Brethren All -

Return to order.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, THE LABOURS OF THE DAY BEING ENDED, YOU HAVE MY COMMAND TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Senior Warden -

BRETHREN, BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I CLOSE THE LODGE.

Brethren all cut first degree signs; Senior Warden lowers his column, Junior Warden raises his column ⁴⁵

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives three knocks, answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.*

First Degree Tracing Board is covered; lesser lights are extinguished; Entered Apprentice working tools are now covered.

Immediate Past Master removes square and compasses and closes the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Square and compasses may not be concealed, under, the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Immediate Past Master -

BRETHREN, NOTHING NOW REMAINS BUT, ACCORDING TO ANTIENT CUSTOM, TO LOCK UP OUR SECRETS IN A SAFE AND SACRED REPOSITORY, UNITED IN ACT AS WELL AS IN WORD...

Brethren All -

Immediate Past Master alone places right hand palm downwards, a few centimetres above the Volume of the Sacred Law. Brethren assume the Sign of Fidelity, three times, and repeat aloud, following the Immediate Past Master:

FIDELITY, FIDELITY, FIDELITY!

AND MAY G-D PRESERVE THE CRAFT.

Director of Ceremonies -

BRETHREN, YOU WILL REMAIN STANDING WHILE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND THE WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN RETIRE, AND, ALSO, UNTIL THE DEACONS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR STATIONS.

Recessional ode to be sung.

Grand Lodge having had retired separately, the Order of Retirement is now:

Worshipful Master, Grand Lodge Inspector of Workings, visiting Worshipful Masters, visiting Past Masters, the Immediate Past Master, and Past Masters of the Lodge.

Refectory may now be served, in the South.

FESTIVE BOARD (REFECTORY) ADDRESS.

Prior to the giving of Grace by the Worshipful Master, or Chaplain, each newly-initiated brother should be asked by the Worshipful Master to stand and receive the following address. It should be delivered as a charge if at all possible, but may also be read also. This address to the newly-initiated brother is usually given to him by his proposer, or seconder.

ON BEHALF OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THIS YOUR MOTHER LODGE, I BID YOU FRATERNAL WELCOME TO OUR REFECTORY. MAY IT ALSO REFRESH YOU WITH CAREFREE, CORPOREAL AND ALSO MENTAL HARMONY. YOU ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PRIVILEGE TO MEET THE BRETHREN OF YOUR LODGE AT THE FESTIVE BOARD WHERE THEY DO ASSEMBLE AFTER THEIR LABOUR, WHICH USUALLY TAKES THE FORM OF WORKING A CEREMONIAL DEGREE.

A FREEMASON, WHEN VISITING ANOTHER LODGE, MAY NOT DEMAND ADMITTANCE TO THE FESTIVE BOARD OR SOUTH, AS IT IS MASONICALLY TERMED, BUT AN INVITATION TO ATTEND AND BE PRESENT IS USUALLY EXTENDED TO ALL OR SOME OF THE VISITORS.

THIS IS A GATHERING PECULIARLY PERSONAL TO THE BRETHREN OF A MASONIC LODGE, WHERE MEMBERS MEET IN HAPPY AND FRATERNAL CONCORD.

OUR STRONGLY CEMENTED FRIENDSHIPS, HAVING THEIR GENESIS IN THE LODGE ROOM, ARE MADE STRONGER EVEN IN THE FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP OF THE SOUTH.

YOU WILL OBSERVE THAT THE TABLES ARE FURNISHED WITH ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, YET SOME LODGES DO SO ONLY ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS. IF YOU ARE A TOTAL ABSTAINER, FREEMASONRY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS YOU MAINTAIN THE PRUDENT TO SAY THE LEAST COURSE YOU HAVE SET FOR YOURSELF.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU DO CHOOSE TO PARTAKE OF THOSE VARIOUS KINDS, AND TYPES, OF REFRESHMENTS THAT THE FESTIVE BOARD HAVE TO OFFER, THE MASONIC CRAFT URGES YOU IN A FRATERNAL FASHION ALWAYS TO CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH THE INHERENT DIGNITY BECOMING THIS PROFOUNDLY HONOURABLE INSTITUTION.

Chapter 3

The Ceremony of Passing

LODGE OPENING IN THE FIRST DEGREE. ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷

It is permissible for the Worshipful Master to be escorted into the lodge room by the Deacons, the brethren standing to receive him. Brethren being suitably clothed and assembled, officers at their respective stations.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives one knock, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

HAVE ALL BROTHERN SIGNED THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER?

Any brother who has not signed the attendance register must now retire and do so.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHERN, ASSIST ME TO OPEN THE LODGE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., WHAT IS THE FIRST CARE OF EVERY FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED. ⁴⁸

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Junior Warden -

Addresses the Inner Guard by Surname.

BROTHER A., SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Inner Guard -

Regular Knock, expecting reply. One knock on the door of the Lodge, expecting a reply from the Outer Guard or Tyler who sits outside at the door of the Lodge. On receiving a reply, opens the door and satisfies himself that the Tyler is at his post. Closes the door and addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Junior Warden -

Addresses the Worshipful Master by Surname.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER A., THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Senior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT NONE BUT FREEMASONS ARE PRESENT.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT NONE BUT FREEMASONS ARE PRESENT?

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL BROTHER A.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the entire assembly.

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren stand to order, on all occasions first taking the step.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, HOW MANY PRINCIPAL OFFICES ARE THERE IN THE LODGE?

Brethren All -

Assume the attitude of reverence, all except the Junior Warden. ⁴⁹

When addressed by and replying to the Worshipful Master, Lodge Officers return to order, Worshipful Master momentarily answering their first masonic degree signs.

Junior Warden -

THREE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, NAMELY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, HOW MANY ASSISTANT OFFICERS ARE THERE?

Senior Warden -

THREE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BESIDES THE OUTER GUARD OR TYLER, NAMELY THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DEACONS AND THE INNER GUARD.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THE SITUATION OF THE TYLER? ⁵⁰

Junior Warden -

OUTSIDE, AT THE DOOR OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

HIS DUTY?

Junior Warden -

SYMBOLICALLY ARMED WITH A DRAWN SWORD, TO KEEP OFF ALL COWANS AND INTRUDERS TO FREEMASONRY; TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN ARE SUITABLY CLOTHED, AND THAT THE CANDIDATES ARE PROPERLY PREPARED.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF HIS OFFICE? ⁵¹

Junior Warden -

THE SWORD.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Warden -

TO PREVENT THE APPROACH OF EVERY UNWORTHY THOUGHT, AND TO PRESERVE A CONSCIENCE VOID OF OFFENCE TOWARDS "G-D, AND MAN."

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER INNER GUARD, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Inner Guard -

TO ADMIT MASONS ON PROOF, RECEIVE CANDIDATES IN DUE FORM AND OBEY THE
COMMANDS OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Inner Guard -

THE CROSSED SWORDS. ⁵²

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DO THEY MASONICALLY TEACH?

Inner Guard -

THEY REFER TO TWO OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, PRUDENCE AND FORTITUDE.
THEY ALSO INDICATE THAT WHILE WITH ONE POINT I ADMIT THE CANDIDATE, I WILL
WITH THE OTHER FIRMLY GUARD THE ENTRANCE OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR DEACON, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Junior Deacon -

NEAR THE RIGHT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR DUTY?

Junior Deacon -

TO ATTEND ON THE SENIOR WARDEN, AND TO ASSIST IN THE ACTIVE DUTIES OF THE
LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Junior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH. ⁵³

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH BEING AT ONCE AN EMBLEM OF CELERITY
AND PEACE, IT INDICATES THE SWIFTNES WITH WHICH I SHOULD ATTEND THE SENIOR
WARDEN.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR DEACON, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Senior Deacon -

NEAR THE RIGHT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Senior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Senior Deacon -

IT INDICATES THE SWIFTNESS WITH WHICH I SHOULD ATTEND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JUNIOR DEACON, PRESERVE PEACE, ORDER AND HARMONY IN THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Junior Warden -

IN THE SOUTH, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Junior Warden -

TO MARK THE SUN AT ITS MERIDIAN, TO CALL THE BRETHREN FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT, AND FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR, THAT PROFIT AND PLEASURE MAY BE THE RESULT.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Junior Warden -

THE PLUMB RULE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Warden -

THE PLUMB RULE BEING AN EMBLEM OF UPRIGHTNESS, POINTS OUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MEASURES I AM BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Senior Warden -

IN THE WEST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Senior Warden -

TO MARK THE SETTING SUN AND TO CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Senior Warden -

THE LEVEL.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Senior Warden -

THE LEVEL BEING AN EMBLEM OF EQUALITY POINTS OUT THE EQUAL MEASURES I AM BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

If the Immediate Past Master is present, the Worshipful Master interrogates them. If the Immediate Past Master is not present, the Worshipful Master interrogates the next Immediate Past Master. If no Immediate Past Master is present, a Regular situation, yet unheard of, the Worshipful Master interrogates the Senior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

WORSHIPFUL IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER, WHERE IS THE MASTER'S PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Immediate Past Master -

IN THE EAST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY IS HIM SO PLACED?

Immediate Past Master -

AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST TO OPEN AND ILLUMINE THE DAY, SO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IS PLACED IN THE EAST TO OPEN THE LODGE AND TO EMPLOY AND INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN IN FREEMASONRY.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF HIS OFFICE?

Immediate Past Master -

THE SQUARE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Immediate Past Master -

THE SQUARE, BEING AN IMPLEMENT WHICH FORMS THE RUDE AND PROVES THE PERFECT MASS, IS WELL APPLIED BY FREEMASONS TO INCULCATE THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF PIETY AND VIRTUE. MASONICALLY SPEAKING IT SHOULD BE THE GUIDE OF ALL OUR ACTIONS. ⁵⁴

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

THE LODGE BEING DULY FORMED, BEFORE IT IS DECLARED OPEN LET US INVOKE THE BLESSING OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE ON ALL OUR UNDERTAKINGS; MAY OUR LABOURS THUS BEGAN IN ORDER, BE CONDUCTED IN HARMONY AND CLOSED IN PEACE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

All Brethren return to order.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, I DECLARE THE LODGE DULY OPEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

All Brethren complete the first masonic degree signs.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master gives three knocks answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.

Immediate Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law on Master's pedestal to be read from the East at Psalm 133.

Immediate Past Master adjusts square extended towards West, compasses towards East.

Senior Warden raises his column, Junior Warden lowers his.

First degree Tracing Board is now exhibited (usually by the Senior Deacon). Lesser Lights are lit. Entered Apprentice working tools should be displayed. Authorized ode is sang.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

SECOND DEGREE TEST QUESTIONS.

Worshipful Master -

Requests Entered Apprentices other than Candidate to withdraw and indicates with appropriate words that the next business is to pass Brother A.

Junior Deacon -

Goes to Candidate takes him by right hand and leads him to position North of Senior Warden's pedestal both facing East and releases hand.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, BROTHER A. IS THIS EVENING A CANDIDATE TO BE PASSED TO THE SECOND DEGREE, BUT IT IS FIRST REQUISITE THAT HE GIVE PROOFS OF PROFICIENCY IN THE FORMER. I SHALL THEREFORE PROCEED TO PUT THE NECESSARY QUESTIONS.

Junior Warden -

Must be prepared, if necessary, to prompt Candidate in a whisper.

QUESTIONS BEFORE PASSING.

Worshipful Master -

WHERE WERE YOU FIRST PREPARED TO BE MADE A MASON?

Candidate -

IN MY HEART.

Worshipful Master -

WHERE NEXT?

Candidate -

IN A CONVENIENT ROOM ADJOINING THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

DESCRIBE THE MODE OF YOUR PREPARATION.

Candidate -

I WAS DIVESTED OF METAL AND HOODWINKED.

MY RIGHT ARM, LEFT BREAST AND KNEE WERE MADE BARE; MY RIGHT HEEL WAS
SLIP SHOD AND A CABLE TOW PLACED ABOUT MY NECK.

Worshipful Master -

WHERE WERE YOU MADE A MASON?

Candidate -

IN THE BODY OF A LODGE, JUST, PERFECT, AND, REGULAR.

Worshipful Master -

AND WHEN?

Candidate -

WHEN THE SUN WAS AT ITS MERIDIAN.

Worshipful Master -

IN THIS COUNTRY FREEMASONS' LODGES ARE USUALLY HELD IN THE EVENING.
HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT FOR THAT WHICH AT FIRST VIEW APPEARS A PARADOX?

Candidate -

THE EARTH CONSTANTLY REVOLVING ON ITS AXIS IN ITS ORBIT ROUND THE SUN AND
FREEMASONRY BEING UNIVERSALLY SPREAD OVER ITS SURFACE...
IT NECESSARILY FOLLOWS THAT THE SUN MUST ALWAYS BE AT ITS MERIDIAN WITH
RESPECT TO FREEMASONRY.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Candidate -

A PECULIAR SYSTEM OF MORALITY, VEILED IN ALLEGORY AND ILLUSTRATED BY SYM-
BOLS.

Worshipful Master -

NAME THE GRAND PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE ORDER IS FOUNDED.

Candidate -

BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND, TRUTH.

Worshipful Master -

WHO ARE FIT AND PROPER PERSONS TO BE MADE MASONS?

Candidate -

JUST, UPRIGHT, AND, FREE MEN, OF MATURE AGE, SOUND JUDGEMENT, AND STRICT MORALS.

Worshipful Master -

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF TO BE A MASON?

Candidate -

BY THE REGULARITY OF MY INITIATION, REPEATED TRIALS AND APPROBATIONS, AND A WILLINGNESS AT ALL TIMES TO UNDERGO AN EXAMINATION WHEN PROPERLY CALLED ON.

Worshipful Master -

HOW DO YOU DEMONSTRATE THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUR BEING A MASON TO OTHERS?

Candidate -

BY SIGNS, TOKENS, AND, THE PERFECT POINTS OF MY ENTRANCE.

Worshipful Master -

THESE ARE THE USUAL QUESTIONS...

I SHALL BE ABLE TO PUT OTHERS, IF, ANY BROTHER WISHES ME TO DO SO.

LODGE OPENING IN THE SECOND DEGREE. ^{55 56 57}

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives one knock, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

I COMMAND ALL BRETHREN BELOW THE DEGREE OF A FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON TO RETIRE. ⁵⁸

Entered Apprentices retire. ^{59 60 61}

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master responds with the Sign of Fidelity.

Worshipful Master -

ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT ALL PRESENT ARE FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS?

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master drops Sign of Fidelity.

Junior Warden cuts first degree sign and sits.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO OPEN THE LODGE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order in the First Degree.

Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the First Degree.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE FIRST CARE OF EVERY FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TILED.

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE. ⁶²

Junior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden -

SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TILED.

Inner Guard gives three knocks on the Door of the Lodge, and, on receiving a reply, opens the door and satisfies himself that the Tyler is at his post. Closes the door and stands to order.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS PROPERLY Tyled.

Inner Guard and Junior Warden cut first degree signs.

Junior Warden -

Three Knocks.

Junior Warden stands to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS PROPERLY Tyled.

Junior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order in the first degree.

Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the first degree.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Stand to order.

Worshipful Master -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN, ARE YOU A FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

I AM WORSHIPFUL MASTER, TRY ME AND PROVE ME.

Worshipful Master -

BY WHAT INSTRUMENT USED IN ARCHITECTURE WILL YOU BE PROVED? ⁶³

Worshipful Master -

BY THE SQUARE. ⁶⁴

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS A SQUARE?

Junior Warden -

AN INSTRUMENT CONTAINING AN ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES, OR THE FOURTH PART OF A CIRCLE.

Worshipful Master -

BEING YOURSELF ACQUAINTED WITH THE PROPER METHOD, YOU WILL PROVE THE BRETHREN TO BE FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS BY SIGNS, AND THEN DEMONSTRATE THAT PROOF TO ME.

Junior Warden -

BRETHREN, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU PROVE YOURSELF FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS BY SIGNS.

Brethren all cut first degree signs, except for the Worshipful Master and Junior Warden.

Brethren all stand to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

Standing to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

THE BRETHREN HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS BY SIGNS AND, IN OBEDIENCE TO YOUR COMMAND, I THUS DEMONSTRATE THAT PROOF.

Junior Warden performs complete Fellowcraft Sign and stands to order in the second degree.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

BEFORE THE LODGE IS OPENED IN THE SECOND DEGREE, LET US SUPPLICATE THE GRAND GEOMETRICIAN OF THE UNIVERSE SUCH THAT THE RAYS OF HEAVEN MAY SHED THEIR BENIGN INFLUENCE TO ENLIGHTEN US IN THE PATHS OF VIRTUE AND SCIENCE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, I DECLARE THE LODGE DULY OPEN ON THE SQUARE FOR PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY IN THE SECOND DEGREE. ⁶⁵

Brethren drop Haling Sign with hand to side in the natural manner, palm inward, and give the Penal Sign.

Regular Knocks. *Three knocks, given by Worshipful Master. Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler respond.*

Immediate Past Master adjusts Square and Compasses such that one point of the Compass stands above the Square and the other point below.

Second Degree Tracing Board now exhibited.

Fellowcraft Working Tools may now be displayed.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

THE TEST OF MERIT. RETIREMENT FROM LODGE.

Junior Warden -

Conducts Candidate by right hand direct to North side of Worshipful Master's pedestal and a convenient distance from it, both facing South. Releases hand.

Worshipful Master -

DO YOU PLEDGE YOUR HONOUR AS A MAN, AND YOUR FIDELITY AS A MASON, THAT YOU WILL STEADILY PERSEVERE THROUGH THE CEREMONY OF BEING PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOW CRAFT?

Junior Warden -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Warden -

I DO.

Worshipful Master -

DO YOU LIKEWISE PLEDGE YOURSELF UNDER THE PENALTY OF YOUR OBLIGATION THAT YOU WILL CONCEAL WHAT I SHALL NOW IMPART TO YOU WITH THE SAME STRICT CAUTION AS THE OTHER SECRETS IN MASONRY?

Junior Warden -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Junior Warden -

I DO.

Worshipful Master -

THEN I WILL ENTRUST YOU WITH A TEST OF MERIT, WHICH IS A PASS GRIP AND
PASSWORD LEADING TO THE DEGREE TO WHICH YOU SEEK TO BE ADMITTED.

Worshipful Master -

Rises, faces Candidate, and takes the latter's right hand in his own right hand and holds it.

Worshipful Master -

THE PASS GRIP IS GIVEN...

Worshipful Master -

Adjusts pass grip by placing Candidate's thumb in position before placing his own.

Worshipful Master -

BY A DISTINCT PRESSURE OF THE THUMB BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND JOINTS
OF THE HAND. THIS PASS GRIP DEMANDS A PASSWORD WHICH IS SHIBOLETH.

Junior Warden -

Prompting Candidate, speaks word aloud. Candidate repeats.

Worshipful Master -

SHIBOLETH.

Worshipful Master -

SHIBOLETH DENOTES PLENTY AND IS USUALLY DEPICTED IN OUR LODGES BY AN EAR OF CORN NEAR TO A FALL OF WATER. YOU MUST BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO REMEMBER THIS WORD, AS WITHOUT IT YOU CANNOT GAIN ADMISSION INTO A LODGE IN A SUPERIOR DEGREE. PASS, SHIBOLETH.

Worshipful Master -

Restores Candidate's right hand to left hand of JUNIOR WARDEN and sits.

Junior Warden -

Guiding Candidate, makes a clockwise wheel and conducts Candidate direct to North of Senior Warden's pedestal Here he wheels Candidate clockwise so as to face East and releases hand.

Junior Warden -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A MASON.

Junior Warden instructs Candidate in whisper to take Step, give Entered Apprentice Sign and cut it.

Junior Warden takes candidate by right hand, makes anticlockwise wheel with Candidate and conducts him to door.

Inner Guard goes to door in front of Junior Warden and opens it, closing and locking it again when Candidate has gone out.

Inner Guard and Junior Warden return to seats.

CANDIDATE ADMISSION IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Knocks of the Fellowcraft Degree.

Worshipful Master - three (—I) quietly (i.e. given so as to be audible only in the Lodge).

Senior Warden - three —I quietly. Junior Warden - three —I quietly.

Tracing Board is attended to when Junior Warden has given knocks

Inner Guard -

Gives knocks by right hand on left sleeve standing in his place.

No knocks are given on door by either Inner Guard or Tyler.

Tyler - prepares Candidate including Entered Apprentice badge and Ceremony proceeds:-

Tyler -

Gives Entered Apprentice knocks on the door. This informs Lodge that a Candidate for Passing is at the door of the Lodge.

Inner Guard -

Rises in front of his chair, Step and Fellow Craft Sign which he holds.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THERE IS AN ALARM.

Junior Warden -

No knocks rises, Step and Fellow Craft Sign, which he holds.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THERE IS AN ALARM.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, ASCERTAIN THE CAUSE OF THE ALARM.

Junior Warden -

Junior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Junior Warden -

Inner Guard stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Inner Guard -

CUTS SIGN, GOES TO DOOR, OPENS IT, CHECKS THAT CANDIDATE IS PROPERLY PREPARED AND REMAINS ON THRESHOLD WITH HAND ON DOOR HANDLE,' TO TYLER.

COLLOQUY BETWEEN INNER GUARD AND TYLER SHOULD BE AUDIBLE THROUGHOUT LODGE.

Inner Guard -

WHOM HAVE YOU THERE?

Tyler -

Names Candidate -

Tyler -

BROTHER A. WHO HAS BEEN REGULARLY INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY AND HAS MADE SUCH PROGRESS AS HE HOPES WILL RECOMMEND HIM TO BE PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOW CRAFT, FOR WHICH CEREMONY HE IS PROPERLY PREPARED.

Inner Guard -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THE PRIVILEGES OF THE SECOND DEGREE?

Tyler -

BY THE HELP OF G-D, THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SQUARE AND THE BENEFIT OF A PASSWORD.

Inner Guard -

IS HE IN POSSESSION OF THE PASSWORD?

Tyler -

WILL YOU PROVE HIM?

Inner Guard -

Receives pass grip and password from Candidate. Tyler prompts if necessary: SHIBOLETH.

Inner Guard -

HALT WHILE I REPORT TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Inner Guard -

Closes and locks door, returns to position in front of his chair, Step and Fellowcraft Sign, which he holds.

Inner Guard -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BROTHER A. WHO HAS BEEN REGULARLY INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY AND HAS MADE SUCH PROGRESS AS HE HOPES WILL RECOMMEND HIM TO BE PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOW CRAFT, FOR WHICH CEREMONY HE IS PROPERLY PREPARED.

Worshipful Master -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THE PRIVILEGES OF THE SECOND DEGREE?

Inner Guard -

BY THE HELP OF G-D, THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SQUARE AND THE BENEFIT OF A PASSWORD.

Worshipful Master -

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROPRIETY OF THE AID BY WHICH HE SEEKS ADMISSION. DO YOU, BROTHER INNER GUARD, VOUCH THAT HE IS IN POSSESSION OF THE PASSWORD?

Inner Guard -

I DO, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Inner Guard -

THEN LET HIM BE ADMITTED IN DUE FORM.

Inner Guard -

CUTS SIGN.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER DEACONS...

THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN.

Junior Warden -

PLACES KNEELING STOOL IN POSITION. ⁶⁶

Inner Guard -

Takes Square and goes to door followed by Junior Warden and Senior Deacon Senior Deacon on left.

Inner Guard -

Opens door, retaining hold on it, and applies the angle of the Square to Candidate's naked left breast and then raises Square above his head to show that he has so applied it.

Senior Deacon -

Senior Deacon - with left hand takes Candidate by right hand (Junior Warden on Candidate's left) and leads him to the kneeling stool about one short pace from it and releases h. All three stand facing East.

Inner Guard -

After Candidate is admitted closes and locks door and resumes his seat.

Senior Deacon -

To Candidate - and ensures that Candidate takes Step, gives and cuts Entered Apprentice Sign.

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE AS A MASON.

Worshipful Master -

LET THE CANDIDATE KNEEL WHILE THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN IS INVOKED ON WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO.

Senior Deacon -

Senior Deacon - ensures Candidate kneels and gives Sign of Reverence.

Knocks of the Degree. Worshipful Master - one: —I; (tap with gavel) Senior Warden - one: —I; Junior Warden - one: —I.

Deacons - holding wands in left hand cross them over Candidate's head and give Sign of Reverence.

ALL - stand with Sign of Reverence.

PRAYER. The Candidate is kneeling on the "Kneeling Stool".

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

WE SUPPLICATE THE CONTINUANCE OF THINE AID, O MERCIFUL LORD, ON BEHALF OF OURSELVES AND HIM WHO KNEELS BEFORE THEE. MAY THE WORK BEGUN IN THY NAME BE CONTINUED TO THY GLORY AND EVERMORE ESTABLISHED IN US BY OBEDIENCE TO THY PRECEPTS. ⁶⁷

Immediate Past Master -

SO MOTE IT BE.

ALL - drop Sign of Reverence. Deacons uncross wands and hold them again in right hand.

JUNIOR WARDEN EXAMINATION.

Worshipful Master -

LET THE CANDIDATE RISE.

The Candidate rises. Worshipful Master - sits.

ALL - (except Deacons and Candidate) sit.

Junior Deacon - draws kneeling stool aside to his left out of way of Senior Deacon and Candidate.

Senior Deacon - *Takes Candidate's right hand firmly, instructs him in a whisper to step off with the left foot and leads Candidate North towards East part of Lodge.*

Junior Deacon - *As soon as Senior Deacon and Candidate have moved off replaces kneeling stool in normal position and resumes seat.*

Senior Deacon - *Leads Candidate to North East corner where they 'square' the Lodge.*

Senior Deacon - *Instructs Candidate to step off with left foot and proceeds with him to point in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal, halts there and releases hand.*

Senior Deacon - *Addresses Candidate and ensures Candidate takes Step, gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.*

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A MASON.

Senior Deacon - *Takes Candidate's right hand, instructs him to step off with l. f. and conducts him to South East corner where they again 'square' the Lodge.*

Senior Deacon - *Instructs Candidate to step off with left foot and conducts him to East side of Junior Warden's pedestal where they stand parallel to pedestal and a convenient distance from it. Releases hand.*

Senior Deacon - *Addresses Candidate - and ensures Candidate takes Step and gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.*

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN AS SUCH, SHOWING THE SIGN AND COMMUNICATING THE TOKEN AND WORD.

Junior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Senior Deacon - *Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.*

Senior Deacon -

I HAVE.

Senior Deacon - *Junior Warden - rises, turns to Candidate with Step and offers hand.*

Senior Deacon - *Places right hand of Candidate in that of Junior Warden and adjusts grip from above.*

Junior Deacon - *Gives grip after Senior Deacon has adjusted Candidates right thumb and retains grip throughout the whole of the colloquy.*

Junior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Senior Deacon - *Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.*

Junior Warden -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON.

Junior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Senior Deacon - *Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.*

Junior Warden -

A WORD.

Senior Deacon -

GIVE ME THAT WORD FREELY AND AT LENGTH.

Senior Deacon - *Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.*

Candidate -

BOAZ.

Junior Warden -

PASS.

Junior Warden - *Replaces Candidate's right hand in left hand of Senior Deacon and sits.*

Senior Deacon - *Leads Candidate on to floor of Lodge, instructs him to step off with left foot and leads him via South West corner which is 'squared' to a point in front of Senior Warden's pedestal, halts and releases hand.*

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE SENIOR WARDEN AS A MASON.

Senior Deacon - *Ensures Candidate takes Step, gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.*

Senior Deacon - *Takes Candidate's right hand, instructs him to step off with left foot and leads him to North of Senior Warden's pedestal, wheels clockwise so that both face Worshipful Master and releases hand.*

Knocks of the Fellowcraft Degree. *Worshipful Master - one —I; Senior Warden - one —I; Junior Warden - one —I.*

PERAMBULATION.

Senior Deacon -

THE BRETHREN WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT BROTHER A WHO HAS BEEN REGULARLY INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY, IS ABOUT TO PASS IN VIEW BEFORE THEM, TO SHOW THAT HE IS THE CANDIDATE PROPERLY PREPARED TO BE PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOW CRAFT.

SENIOR DEACON - TAKES CANDIDATES RIGHT HAND, INSTRUCTS HIM TO STEP OFF WITH LEFT FOOT AND LEADS HIM UP NORTH SIDE OF LODGE, 'SQUARES' NORTH EAST CORNER AS BEFORE, HALTS IN FRONT OF W.M.' S PEDESTAL, AND RELEASES HAND.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A MASON.

Senior Deacon -

Ensures Candidate takes Step, gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.

Junior Warden -

Takes Candidate's right hand, instructs him to step off with left foot. and continues perambulation, 'squaring' South East corner, halts in front of Junior Warden's pedestal and releases hand.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE JUNIOR WARDEN AS A MASON.

Senior Deacon -

Ensures Candidate takes Step gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand, instructs him to step off with the left foot and continues perambulation, 'squaring' South West corner, leads Candidate to South of Senior Wardens pedestal, standing parallel to pedestal and at a convenient distance from it and releases hand.

SENIOR WARDEN EXAMINATION.

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE TO THE SENIOR WARDEN AS SUCH, SHOWING THE SIGN AND COMMUNICATING THE PASS GRIP AND PASS WORD YOU RECEIVED FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER PREVIOUSLY TO LEAVING THE LODGE.

Senior Deacon -

Ensures Candidate takes Step, gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.

Senior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I HAVE.

Senior Warden -

Rises, faces Candidate and offers hand.

Senior Deacon -

Places Candidate's right hand in that of Senior Warden and with left hand adjusts pass grip from above.

Senior Warden -

Gives pass grip after Senior Deacon has adjusted Candidate's right thumb and retains pass grip throughout colloquy.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. The Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE PASS GRIP LEADING FROM THE FIRST TO THE SECOND DEGREE.

Senior Warden -

WHAT DOES THIS PASS GRIP DEMAND?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

A PASS WORD.

Senior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT PASSWORD.

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

SHIBOLETH

Senior Warden -

WHAT DOES SHIBOLETH DENOTE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

PLENTY.

Senior Warden -

HOW IS IT USUALLY DEPICTED IN OUR LODGES?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

BY AN EAR OF CORN NEAR TO A FALL OF WATER.

Senior Deacon -

PASS SHIBOLETH.

Senior Deacon -

Replaces Candidate's right hand in left of Senior Deacon and remains standing.

METHOD OF ADVANCING IN THE SECOND DEGREE.**Senior Deacon -**

Takes Candidate's right hand, leads him on to floor of Lodge, instructs him to step off with left foot and conducts him to North side of Senior Warden's pedestal.

Senior Deacon -

Here he makes an anti-clockwise wheel and places Candidate's right hand in left of Senior Warden; ' he lines up on left of Candidate and ensures both are facing East.

Senior Deacon -

Holding up Candidate's right hand, Step, and Sign of Fidelity.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A., A CANDIDATE PROPERLY PREPARED TO BE PASSED TO THE SECOND DEGREE.

Senior Warden -

Maintains Sign and continues to hold Candidate's right hand.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, YOU WILL DIRECT THE SENIOR DEACON TO INSTRUCT THE CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE TO THE EAST IN DUE FORM.

Senior Warden -

Cuts Sign, replaces Candidate's right hand in left hand of Senior Deacon, and sits.

Senior Deacon -

Takes up a position on right of Candidate, ensures both face East and releases hand.

Senior Warden -

BROTHER SENIOR DEACON, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU INSTRUCT THE CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE TO THE EAST IN DUE FORM.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand, instructs him to step off with left foot and leads Candidate up North side of Lodge to a convenient distance from North East corner and turns with him so as to face South. Leaving Candidate, Senior Deacon moves a few paces forward, turns and faces Candidate

Senior Deacon addresses candidate.

Senior Deacon -

THE METHOD OF ADVANCING FROM WEST TO EAST IN THIS DEGREE IS BY FIVE STEPS AS IF ASCENDING A WINDING STAIRCASE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION I WILL GO THROUGH THEM, AND YOU WILL AFTERWARDS. COPY ME.

Senior Deacon -

Then turns about, and stands at a point opposite Worshipful Master's pedestal and about three paces from it, facing South.

Senior Deacon -

He places his feet at right angles, heel to heel right foot pointing West and left foot pointing South.

Senior Deacon -

He steps off with the left foot lifting his foot at each step as if ascending a winding staircase.

Senior Deacon -

In doing so he completes a semi-circle finishing in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal with right foot pointing East, left foot pointing North, heel to heel.

Senior Deacon -

Then returns to Candidate, following the semi circular line in the reverse direction. He then places Candidate at the same point opposite Worshipful Master's pedestal, releases hand and instructs him to go through prescribed steps by standing in front of him and indicating with wand where Candidate's foot should fall. He then places himself on Candidate's right as he completes steps.

Junior Warden -

Goes to Worshipful Master's pedestal and stands on Candidate's left at same time as Candidate and Senior Deacon arrive there. All three are now in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal, Senior Deacon on right and Junior Warden on left of Candidate, all facing East.

SECOND DEGREE OBLIGATION.**Worshipful Master -**

AS IN EVERY CASE THE DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY ARE TO BE KEPT SEPARATE AND DISTINCT, ANOTHER OBLIGATION WILL NOW BE REQUIRED OF YOU, IN MANY RESPECTS SIMILAR TO THE FORMER. ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE IT?

Candidate -

I AM.

If, and only if, Candidate does not answer voluntarily Senior Deacon should whisper to him 'Answer.'

Worshipful Master -

THEN YOU WILL KNEEL ON YOUR RIGHT KNEE YOUR LEFT FOOT FORMED IN A SQUARE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, WHILE YOUR LEFT ARM WILL BE SUPPORTED IN THE ANGLE OF THE SQUARE.

Candidate does so.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Square, usually from Immediate Past Master, and passes it behind Candidate to Junior Warden.

Junior Warden -

Arranges arm of Candidate in angle of Square as in Hailing Sign or Sign of Perseverance of Second Degree, arm forwards at right angle to body forearm at right angles to arm and thumb projecting backwards in form of a square. Junior Warden supports Square in his right hand.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master - one —I; Senior Warden - one —I; Junior Warden - one —I.*

Senior Deacon - AND Junior Deacon -

Hold wands in left hand, cross them over head of Candidate; both take Step, Senior Deacon gives Sign of Fidelity.

Brethren All -

Stand, with Step and Sign of Fidelity.

Worshipful Master addresses Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

REPEAT YOUR NAME AT LENGTH AND SAY AFTER ME...

Worshipful Master -

CANDIDATE - I, A., IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GRAND GEOMETRICIAN OF THE UNIVERSE AND OF THIS WORTHY AND WORSHIPFUL LODGE OF FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASONS REGULARLY HELD, ASSEMBLED, AND PROPERLY DEDICATED, OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, DO HEREBY...

Worshipful Master -

With left hand touches Candidate' s right hand.

Worshipful Master -

AND HEREON...

Worshipful Master -

With left hand touches Volume of the Sacred Law.

Worshipful Master -

SOLEMNLY PROMISE AND SWEAR THAT I WILL ALWAYS HEAL), CONCEAL, AND NEVER IMPROPERLY REVEAL ANY OR EITHER OF THE SECRETS OR MYSTERIES OF OR BELONGING TO THIS THE SECOND DEGREE IN FREEMASONRY, DENOMINATED THE FELLOW CRAFT TO HIM WHO IS BUT AN ENTERED APPRENTICE, ANY MORE THAN I WOULD EITHER OF THEM TO THE UNINSTRUCTED AND POPULAR WORLD WHO ARE NOT MASONS.

Worshipful Master -

I FURTHER SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF TO ACT AS A TRUE AND FAITHFUL CRAFTSMAN...

Worshipful Master -

ANSWER SIGNS, OBEY SUMMONSES AND MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLES INCULCATED IN THE FORMER DEGREE.

Worshipful Master -

THESE SEVERAL POINTS I SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO OBSERVE, WITHOUT EVASION, EQUIVOCATION, OR MENTAL RESERVATION OF ANY KIND, UNDER NO LESS A PENALTY, ON THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THEM, THAN THAT OF HAVING MY LEFT BREAST LAID OPEN, MY HEART TORN THERE FROM AND GIVEN TO THE RAVENOUS BIRDS OF THE AIR OR DEVOURING, AND THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD AS PREY.

Worshipful Master -

SO HELP ME, ALMIGHTY G-D, AND KEEP ME STEADFAST IN THIS MY SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON.

Brethren All -

Cut Sign.

Senior Deacon - AND Junior Deacon -

Lower wands to right hand...

Junior Warden -

Removes Square, and passes it behind Candidate to Senior Deacon, who replaces it.

Junior Warden -

Lowers Candidate's left hand to his side.

Worshipful Master -

AS A PLEDGE OF YOUR FIDELITY AND TO RENDER THIS A SOLEMN OBLIGATION WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE CONSIDERED BUT A SERIOUS PROMISE, YOU WILL SEAL IT WITH YOUR LIPS ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.

Candidate does so. Senior Deacon if necessary instructs in whisper.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR PROGRESS IN MASONRY IS MARKED BY THE POSITION OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES. WHEN YOU WERE MADE AN ENTERED APPRENTICE, BOTH POINTS WERE HID; IN THIS DEGREE ONE IS DISCLOSED, IMPLYING THAT YOU ARE NOW IN THE MIDWAY OF FREEMASONRY, SUPERIOR TO AN ENTERED APPRENTICE, BUT INFERIOR TO THAT TO WHICH I TRUST YOU WILL HEREAFTER ATTAIN - TAKES CANDIDATE'S RIGHT HAND FROM VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW WITH HIS RIGHT HAND - RISE, NEWLY OBLIGATED FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON - RESTORES CANDIDATE'S RIGHT HAND TO SENIOR DEACON

Junior Warden -

Returns to seat.

Worshipful Master -

Sits.

Brethren All -

Sit, except Senior Deacon and Candidate.

SECOND DEGREE SECRETS.**Senior Deacon -**

Takes Candidate by right hand, turns left and leads him to North side of Worshipful Master's pedestal so that both are in a position parallel to pedestal and about two short paces from it facing South towards Worshipful Master Senior Deacon releases hand.

Worshipful Master -

HAVING TAKEN THE SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF A FELLOW CRAFT, I SHALL PROCEED TO ENTRUST YOU WITH THE SECRETS OF THE DEGREE. YOU WILL THEREFORE ADVANCE TO ME AS AT YOUR INITIATION.

Senior Deacon -

Ensures Candidate takes Step and gives Entered Apprentice Sign and cuts it.

Worshipful Master -

YOU WILL NOW TAKE ANOTHER SHORT PACE TOWARDS ME WITH YOUR LEFT FOOT BRINGING THE RIGHT HAND INTO ITS HOLLOW AS BEFORE.

Candidate does so.

Worshipful Master -

THAT IS THE SECOND REGULAR STEP IN FREEMASONRY, AND IT IS IN THIS POSITION THAT THE SECRETS OF THE DEGREE ARE COMMUNICATED. THEY CONSIST, AS IN THE FORMER INSTANCE, OF A SIGN, TOKEN AND WORD WITH THIS DIFFERENCE, THAT IN THIS DEGREE THE SIGN IS OF A THREE FOLD NATURE...

Worshipful Master -

Rises, faces Candidate, with Step.

Worshipful Master -

THE FIRST PART OF THE THREEFOLD SIGN IS CALLED THE SIGN OF FIDELITY AND IS GIVEN BY PUTTING THE RIGHT HAND ON THE LEFT BREAST WITH THE THUMB EXTENDED IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE...

Worshipful Master -

Illustrates and ensures Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

EMBLEMATICALLY TO SHIELD THE REPOSITORY OF YOUR SECRETS FROM THE ATTACKS OF THE INSIDIOUS.

Worshipful Master -

THE SECOND PART IS CALLED THE HAILING SIGN OR SIGN OF PERSEVERANCE AND IS GIVEN BY THROWING UP THE LEFT HAND WITH THE THUMB EXTENDED IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE...

Worshipful Master -

Illustrates and ensures Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

THIS TOOK ITS RISE AT THE TIME THAT JOSHUA FOUGHT THE BATTLES OF THE LORD, WHEN IT WAS IN THIS POSITION HE PRAYED FERVENTLY TO THE ALMIGHTY TO CONTINUE THE LIGHT OF DAY THAT HE MIGHT COMPLETE THE OVERTHROW OF HIS ENEMIES. THE THIRD PART IS THE PENAL SIGN AND IS GIVEN BY DROPPING THE LEFT HAND, DRAWING THE RIGHT SHARPLY ACROSS THE BREAST AND DROPPING IT TO THE SIDE...

Worshipful Master -

Illustrates and ensures Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

THIS IS IN ALLUSION TO THE PENALTY OF YOUR OBLIGATION IMPLYING, THAT AS A MAN OF HONOUR AND A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON YOU WOULD RATHER HAVE YOUR HEART TORN FROM YOUR BREAST...

Senior Deacon -

Illustrates and ensures Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

THAN IMPROPERLY DISCLOSE THE SECRETS ENTRUSTED TO YOU.

Worshipful Master -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN IS GIVEN...

Worshipful Master -

Takes Candidate's right hand and adjusts grip by placing Candidate's thumb in position before placing his own.

Worshipful Master -

BY A DISTINCT PRESSURE OF THE THUMB ON THE SECOND JOINT OF THE HAND THIS GRIP OR TOKEN DEMANDS A WORD, A WORD TO BE GIVEN WITH THE SAME STRICT CAUTION AS THAT IN THE FORMER DEGREE; THAT IS TO SAY, NEVER AT LENGTH, BUT ALWAYS BY LETTERS OR SYLLABLES.

Worshipful Master -

TO ENABLE YOU TO DO THIS I MUST TELL YOU THAT THE WORD IS.
IT IS JACHIN.

Senior Deacon -

Repeats word aloud and ensures Candidate repeats it aloud after him.

Worshipful Master -

Spells word.

Worshipful Master -

J - A - C - H - I - N

Senior Deacon -

Spells word aloud and ensures Candidate spells it aloud after him.

Worshipful Master -

Retaining grip.

Worshipful Master -

AS IN THE COURSE OF THE CEREMONY YOU WILL BE CALLED ON FOR THIS WORD THE SENIOR DEACON WILL NOW DICTATE THE ANSWERS YOU ARE TO GIVE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THIS?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud.

Worshipful Master -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON

Candidate repeats.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud.

Worshipful Master -

A WORD.

Candidate repeats.

Worshipful Master -

GIVE ME THAT WORD.

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud, if necessary by phrases and syllables, and quickly to prevent him giving word at length. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I WAS TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS IN THIS DEGREE AS WELL AS IN THE FORMER. I WILL LETTER OR HALVE IT WITH YOU... ⁶⁸

Worshipful Master -

WHICH YOU PLEASE AND BEGIN.

At this stage the word is halved.

Senior Deacon gives first half.

Senior Deacon -

JA

Candidate repeats.

Worshipful Master -

Gives second half.

Worshipful Master -

CHIN

Senior Deacon gives complete word. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

JACHIN

Worshipful Master -

THIS WORD IS DERIVED FROM THE RIGHT HAND PILLAR AT THE PORCH WAY OR ENTRANCE OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE, SO NAMED AFTER JACHIN THE ASSISTANT HIGH PRIEST WHO OFFICIATED AT ITS DEDICATION.

Worshipful Master -

THE IMPORT OF THE WORD IS, TO ESTABLISH AND WHEN CONJOINED WITH THAT IN THE FORMER DEGREE, STABILITY FOR G-D SAID, 'IN STRENGTH I WILL ESTABLISH THIS MINE HOUSE TO STAND FIRM FOR EVER'.

Worshipful Master -

PASS, JACHIN.

Senior Deacon -

Places right hand of Candidate in left hand of Senior Deacon and sits.

Senior Deacon -

Turns right controlling Candidate by holding his right hand regains floor of Lodge, turns left, instructs Candidate in whisper to step off with left foot passes in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal to South East corner of Lodge which they 'square'. He leads Candidate to East side of Junior Warden's pedestal where they stand parallel to pedestal and a convenient distance from it and releases hand.

JUNIOR WARDEN POST-EXAMINATION.**Senior Deacon -**

Rests butt of wand on floor with top resting against right shoulder. Step and Fellow Craft Sign.

Senior Deacon -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS BEING PASSED TO THE SECOND DEGREE.

Senior Deacon -

Cuts Sign and takes wand in right hand again.

Junior Warden -

I WILL THANK BROTHER A. TO ADVANCE TO ME AS A FELLOW CRAFT.

Senior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate in whisper to take Step give Fellow Craft Sign and then to cut Sign, and ensures Candidate does so.

Junior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I HAVE.

Junior Warden -

Rises, faces Candidate, takes Step and offers hand.

Senior Deacon -

Places Candidates right hand in that of Junior Warden adjusting grip from above.

Junior Warden -

Gives grip after Senior Deacon has adjusted Candidates right thumb and retains grip throughout colloquy.

Junior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON.

Junior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

A WORD.

Junior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT WORD.

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Quickly and if necessary by phrases. Candidate, repeats in similar phrases.

Senior Deacon -

I WAS TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS IN THIS DEGREE AS WELL AS IN THE FORMER; I WILL LETTER OR HALVE IT WITH YOU.

Junior Warden -

WHICH YOU PLEASE AND BEGIN.

At Junior Warden's pedestal the word is both lettered and halved.

Senior Deacon -

Gives first letter aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

J

Junior Warden -

Gives second letter.

Junior Warden -

A

Senior Deacon -

Gives third letter. Can repeats.

Senior Deacon -

C

Junior Warden -

Gives fourth letter.

Junior Warden -

H

Senior Deacon -

Gives fifth letter. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I

Junior Warden -

Gives last letter.

Junior Warden -

N

Junior Warden -

Gives first half. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

JA

Junior Warden -

Gives second half.

Junior Warden -

CHIN

Senior Deacon -

Gives whole word. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

JACHIN

Junior Warden -

PASS JACHIN

Junior Warden -

Replaces Candidate's right hand in left hand of Senior Deacon and sits.

SENIOR WARDEN POST-EXAMINATION.

Senior Deacon -

Leads Candidate via South West corner, 'squaring' as before, to South of Senior Warden's pedestal both Candidate and Senior Deacon facing North parallel to Senior Warden's pedestal and a convenient distance from it and releases hand.

Senior Deacon -

Rests butt of wand on floor with top resting against right shoulder, Step and Fellow Craft Sign.

Senior Deacon -

BROTHER. SENIOR WARDEN I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS BEING PASSED TO THE SECOND DEGREE.

Senior Deacon -

Tears off Sign, and takes wand in right hand again.

Senior Warden -

I WILL THANK BROTHER A. TO ADVANCE TO ME AS A FELLOW CRAFT, FIRST AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Senior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate in whisper to take Step, give Entered Apprentice Sign and cut it and to take second Step, ensuring he does not give Fellow Craft Sign at this stage.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THAT?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE SECOND REGULAR STEP IN FREEMASONRY.

Senior Warden -

DO YOU BRING ANYTHING ELSE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I DO.

Senior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate to give and hold Sign of Fidelity and ensures he does so.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THAT?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud and by suitable phrases. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE SIGN OF FIDELITY EMBLEMATICALLY TO SHIELD THE REPOSITORY OF OUR SECRETS FROM THE ATTACKS OF THE INSIDIOUS.

Senior Warden -

DO YOU BRING ANYTHING ELSE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I DO.

Senior Deacon instructs Candidate to give and hold Hailing Sign, and ensures he does so.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THAT?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE HAILING SIGN OR SIGN OF PRAYER.

Senior Warden -

WHEN DID IT TAKE ITS RISE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud and by suitable phrases. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THIS SIGN IT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN USED BY JOSHUA WHEN FIGHTING THE BATTLES OF THE LORD, IN THE GOING DOWN TO BETH'HORON. ⁶⁹

Senior Warden -

DO YOU BRING ANYTHING ELSE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I DO.

Senior Deacon -

Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate to tear both parts of Sign in sequence. and ensures he does so.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THAT?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE PENAL SIGN.

Senior Warden -

TO WHAT DOES IT ALLUDE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud and by suitable phrases. Candidate repeating.

Senior Deacon -

TO THE PENALTY OF MY OBLIGATION IMPLYING THAT AS A MAN OF HONOUR AND A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON I WOULD RATHER HAVE MY HEART TORN FROM MY BREAST... ⁷⁰

Senior Deacon -

As Candidate says 'torn from my breast' prompts him to give and cut Sign of Fidelity.

Senior Deacon -

THAN IMPROPERLY DISCLOSE THE SECRETS ENTRUSTED TO ME.

Senior Deacon -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I HAVE.

Senior Warden -

Rises, faces Candidate, takes Step and offers hand.

Senior Deacon -

Places Candidates right hand in that of Senior Warden and adjusts grip from above with left hand

Senior Deacon -

Gives grip after Senior Deacon has adjusted Candidates right thumb, and retains grip throughout colloquy.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON.

Senior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

A WORD.

Senior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT WORD.

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud, quickly, and if necessary by phrases. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

I WAS TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS IN THIS DEGREE AS WELL AS IN THE FORMER: I WILL
LETTER OR HALVE IT WITH YOU. ⁷¹

Senior Warden -

WHICH YOU PLEASE AND BEGIN.

Here the word is halved. Senior Deacon gives first half aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

JA

Senior Warden -

GIVES SECOND HALF.

Senior Warden -

CHIN

Senior Deacon -

Gives whole word. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

JACHIN.

Senior Warden -

WHENCE IS THIS WORD DERIVED?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud by phrases. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

FROM THE RIGHT HAND PILLAR AT THE PORCH WAY OR ENTRANCE OF KING SOLOMON'S
TEMPLE, SO NAMED AFTER JACHIN THE ASSISTANT HIGH PRIEST WHO OFFICIATED
AT ITS DEDICATION.

Senior Warden -

THE IMPORT OF THAT WORD?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

TO ESTABLISH. ⁷²

Senior Warden -

AND WHAT WHEN CONJOINED WITH THAT IN THE FORMER DEGREE?

Senior Deacon -

Prompting Candidate aloud. Candidate repeats.

Senior Deacon -

STABILITY FOR ACCORDING TO OUR ANTIENT TRADITIONALISM G-D SAID - 'IN STRENGTH I WILL ESTABLISH THIS MINE HOUSE TO STAND FIRM FOR EVER'

Senior Warden -

PASS, JACHIN.

Senior Warden -

Replaces Candidate's right hand in left of Senior Deacon and remains standing.

DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A FELLOW CRAFT.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate by right hand and leads him to North side of Senior Warden's pedestal by passing in front of it. He then makes an anti-clockwise wheel, places Candidates right hand in left of Senior Warden, and lining up on left of Candidate ensures they are both facing East.

Senior Warden -

Raises Candidate's right hand, Step and Sign of Fidelity.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS BEING PASSED TO THE SECOND DEGREE FOR SOME FURTHER MARK OF YOUR FAVOUR.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, I DELEGATE YOU TO INVEST HIM WITH THE DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON.

Senior Warden - cuts Sign, releases Candidate's hand and with Candidate facing him puts on him badge of Fellow Craft Freemason. Senior Deacon - assists if necessary.

Senior Warden -

Picks up lower right hand corner of badge with his left hand. Addresses Candidate.

Senior Deacon -

BROTHER A. BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND I INVEST YOU WITH THE DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON TO MARK THE PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE IN THE SCIENCE.

Senior Warden -

With his left hand restores Candidates right hand to left hand of Senior Deacon and sits.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand from Senior Warden, positions himself on right of Candidate both facing East and releases hand.

Worshipful Master -

Let me add to what has been stated by the Senior Warden that the badge with which you have now been invested points out that, as a Craftsman you are expected to make the liberal Arts and Sciences your future study, that you may the better be enabled to discharge your duties as a Mason and estimate the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator.

SOUTH EAST CHARGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR DEACON, YOU WILL PLACE OUR BROTHER AT THE SOUTH EAST PART OF THE LODGE.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand and leads him to South East part, 'squaring' at North East and South East corners. Both face North as near as convenient to the corner of the Lodge. Releases hand.

Senior Deacon -

Addresses Candidate.

Senior Deacon -

RIGHT FOOT ACROSS THE LODGE, LEFT FOOT DOWN THE LODGE, IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE.

Senior Deacon -

Ensures Candidate forms square with his foot. 73 74

Worshipful Master -

MASONRY BEING A PROGRESSIVE SCIENCE, WHEN YOU WERE MADE AN ENTERED APPRENTICE YOU WERE PLACED AT THE NORTH EAST PART OF THE LODGE TO SHOW THAT YOU WERE NEWLY ADMITTED; YOU ARE NOW PLACED AT THE SOUTH EAST PART TO MARK THE PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE IN THE SCIENCE.

Worshipful Master -

YOU NOW STAND TO ALL EXTERNAL APPEARANCE A JUST AND UPRIGHT FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON AND I GIVE IT YOU IN STRONG TERMS OF RECOMMENDATION EVER TO CONTINUE AND ACT AS SUCH.

Worshipful Master -

AND AS I TRUST THE IMPORT OF THE FORMER CHARGE NEITHER IS NOR EVER WILL BE EFFACED FROM YOUR MEMORY, I SHALL CONTENT MYSELF WITH OBSERVING THAT, AS IN THE PREVIOUS DEGREE YOU MADE YOURSELF ACQUAINTED WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF MORAL TRUTH AND VIRTUE, YOU ARE NOW PERMITTED TO EXTEND YOUR RESEARCHES INTO THE HIDDEN MYSTERIES OF NATURE AND SCIENCE.

WORKING TOOLS OF THE SECOND DEGREE.

Immediate Past Master -

Places working tools in readiness on Worshipful Master's pedestal if he has not previously done so.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate's right hand, places him in front of Worshipful Master in a position as close as convenient to pedestal and releases hand.

Worshipful Master -

I NOW PRESENT TO YOU THE WORKING TOOLS OF A FELLOW CRAFT FREEMASON. THEY ARE THE SQUARE, LEVEL AND PLUMB RULE.

Indicates working tools as he names them.

Worshipful Master -

THE SQUARE IS TO TRY, AND ADJUST RECTANGULAR CORNERS OF BUILDINGS, AND ASSIST IN BRINGING RUDE MATTER INTO DUE FORM.

Worshipful Master -

THE LEVEL TO LAY LEVELS AND PROVE HORIZONTALS.

Worshipful Master -

THE PLUMB RULE TO TRY AND ADJUST UPRIGHTS WHILE FIXING THEM ON THEIR PROPER BASES.

Worshipful Master -

BUT AS WE ARE MET, NOT AS OPERATIVE MASONS, BUT RATHER AS FREE AND ACCEPTED, OR SPECULATIVE, WE APPLY THESE TOOLS TO OUR MORALS.

Worshipful Master -

IN THIS SENSE, THE SQUARE TEACHES MORALITY, THE LEVEL EQUALITY AND THE PLUMB RULE JUSTNESS AND UPRIGHTNESS OF LIFE AND ACTIONS.

Worshipful Master -

THUS BY SQUARE CONDUCT, LEVEL STEPS, AND UPRIGHT INTENTIONS WE HOPE TO ASCEND TO THOSE IMMORTAL MANSIONS WHENCE ALL GOODNESS EMANATES.

Worshipful Master -

YOU ARE NOW AT LIBERTY TO RETIRE IN ORDER TO RESTORE YOURSELF TO YOUR PERSONAL COMFORTS, AND ON YOUR RETURN TO THE LODGE I SHALL CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN EXPLANATION OF THE TRACING BOARD.

SECOND RETIREMENT FROM LODGE.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate by right hand, moves anticlockwise so as to face West and leads Candidate directly, no 'squaring', to North of Senior Warden's pedestal Here he wheels Candidate clockwise so as to face East, halts and releases hand.

Senior Deacon -

Addresses Candidate, aloud.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A FELLOW CRAFT, FIRST AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Senior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate in whisper to take Step, give Entered Apprentice Sign and cut it and to take second Step, give Fellow Craft Sign and cut it. He ensures Candidate does so.

Senior Deacon -

Takes Candidate by right hand, makes an anti clockwise wheel and takes him to door.

Inner Guard - goes to door in front of Senior Deacon and opens it, closing and locking it again after Candidate has gone out. Senior Deacon and Inner Guards resume seats.

CALLING OFF FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS BE UPSTANDING.

Junior Warden and Senior Warden rise.

Worshipful Master -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN...

Stands to order in the second degree; Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the second degree. ⁷⁵

Worshipful Master -

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Junior Warden -

HIGH NOON, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR DUTY?

Junior Warden -

TO CALL THE BRE REN FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT.

Worshipful Master -

YOU WILL PERFORM THAT DUTY.

Both Junior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Junior Warden -

BRETHREN, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU CEASE LABOUR AND GO TO REFRESHMENT; KEEP WITHIN HAIL, SO AS TO COME ON IN DUE TIME, THAT PROFIT AND PLEASURE MAY BE THE RESULT.

Regular Knocks. *Junior Warden, answered by Senior Warden and Worshipful Master.*

Immediate Past Master closes Volume of the Sacred Law without moving square and compasses.

Junior Warden raises his column, Senior Warden lowers his...

Both Tracing Boards covered; working tools, if displayed, now covered; lesser lights remain lit.

CALLING ON FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS BE UPSTANDING.

Junior Warden and Senior Warden rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, WHAT TIME IS IT?

Junior Warden -

PAST HIGH NOON, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR DUTY?

Junior Warden -

TO CALL THE BRETHREN FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR.

Worshipful Master -

YOU WILL PERFORM THAT DUTY.

Junior Warden -

BRETHREN, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU CEASE REFRESHMENT AND RETURN TO LABOUR, FOR THE FURTHER DESPATCH OF MASONIC BUSINESS.

Regular Knocks. Junior Warden, answered by Senior Warden and Worshipful Master.

Immediate Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Junior Warden lowers his column, Senior Warden raises his. ⁷⁶

Tracing Boards opened; working tools displayed.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN. ⁷⁷

Business is resumed from the point when the Lodge was called off.

SECOND DEGREE TRACING BOARD.

While Candidate is outside Tracing Board is placed on the floor in the Centre of the Lodge, so as to be viewed from the West, if it is not already situated there.

Outside Lodge, Candidate resumes his ordinary comforts, and dress, with Fellow Craft badge.

When Candidate is ready, Tyler gives Fellow Craft knocks on door of Lodge.

Inner Guard -

Rises in front of his chair, Step and Fellow Craft Sign which he holds.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THERE IS A REPORT.

Regular knock Junior Warden, seated, gives one knock —I.

Inner Guard -

Cuts Sign, goes to door, opens it and looks out without speaking.

Tyler -

THE CANDIDATE ON HIS RETURN.

Inner Guard makes no reply, closes and locks door and returns to position in front of his chair. Step and Fellow Craft Sign which he holds.

Senior Deacon -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE CANDIDATE ON HIS RETURN.

Worshipful Master -

ADMIT HIM.

Inner Guard -

Tears Sign, awaits arrival of Senior Deacon and then goes to door.

Senior Deacon -

Follows Inner Guard to door.

Inner Guard -

Opens door and admits Candidate.

Senior Deacon -

Receives Candidate and leads him by right hand to North of Senior Warden's pedestal, both facing East.

Inner Guard -

When Senior Deacon has received Candidate, he closes and locks door and resumes his seat.

Senior Deacon -

Addresses Candidate aloud.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A FELLOW CRAFT, FIRST AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE -

Senior Deacon -

Instructs Candidate to take Step, give Entered Apprentice Sign and cut it, to take second Step and give Fellow Craft Sign and tear it.

Senior Deacon -

Leads Candidate direct to West side of Tracing Board and facing it and releases hand.

Junior Warden -

Goes to left side of Candidate so that all three face East in a line.

Worshipful Master -

Leaves his pedestal by the left side, goes to the East side of Tracing Board.

Junior Warden -

Hands wand to Worshipful Master.

Brethren All -

Stand and, except Wardens and Inner Guard, gather around Tracing Board. ⁷⁸

Worshipful Master, or Past Master, or Grand Lodge Officer, addresses Masonic the Assembly.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, IN EXPLAINING THE TRACING BOARD OF THIS, THE SECOND OR FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE, WE ARE IN AN ESPECIAL MANNER CALLED UPON TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANT SHARE WHICH THE FELLOWCRAFTS BORE IN THE ERECTION OF THE TEMPLE, UNDER KING SOLOMON AND HIS CHIEF ARCHITECT HIRAM ABIFF. THERE WAS NOTHING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE MORE REMARKABLE, OR WHICH MORE PARTICULARLY STRUCK THE ATTENTION, THAN THE TWO GREAT PILLARS, WHICH WERE PLACED AT THE PORCH-WAY ENTRANCE.

Worshipful Master -

THAT ON THE LEFT WAS CALLED BOAZ, THAT ON THE RIGHT, JACHIN; THE FORMER WORD DENOTES IN STRENGTH, THE LATTER TO ESTABLISH; AND WHEN CONJOINED, STABILITY, FOR ACCORDING TO OUR TRADITIONS GOD SAID, "IN STRENGTH WILL I ESTABLISH THIS MINE HOUSE, TO STAND FIRM FOR EVER."

Worshipful Master -

THE ACCOUNT OF THE CASTINGS, THE DIMENSIONS, AND THE ADORNMENT OF THE PILLARS AND THEIR CHAPITERS OR CAPITALS, IS THUS GIVEN IN THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW; "AND KING SOLOMON SENT AND FETCHED HIRAM OUT OF TYRE. HE WAS A WIDOW'S SON OF THE TRIBE OF NAPHTALI, AND HIS FATHER WAS A MAN OF TYRE, A WORKER IN BRASS; AND HE WAS FILLED WITH WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, AND CUNNING TO WORK ALL WORKS IN BRASS. AND HE CAME TO KING SOLOMON AND WROUGHT ALL HIS WORK. FOR HE CAST TWO PILLARS OF BRASS, OF EIGHTEEN CUBITS HIGH APIECE; AND A LINE OF TWELVE CUBITS DID COMPASS EITHER OF THEM ABOUT."

Worshipful Master -

“IN THE PLAIN OF JORDAN DID THE KING CAST THEM, IN THE CLAY GROUND BETWEEN SUCCOTH AND ZARTHAN” OR ZEREDATHAH. “AND HE MADE TWO CHAPITERS OF MOLTEN BRASS, TO SET UPON THE TOPS OF THE PILLARS, AND THE HEIGHT OF EACH CHAPITER WAS FIVE CUBITS.” THESE CHAPITERS WERE ENRICHED WITH NETWORK, LILYWORK, AND TWO ROWS OF POMEGRANATES, ONE HUNDRED IN EACH ROW. NETWORK, FROM THE CONNECTION OF ITS MESHES, DENOTES UNITY; LILYWORK, FROM ITS WHITENESS, DENOTES PURITY AND PEACE; AND POMEGRANATES, FROM THE EXUBERANCE OF THEIR SEEDS, DENOTE PLENTY.

Worshipful Master -

THESE TWO GREAT PILLARS WERE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TEMPLE THAT THEY MIGHT SERVE AS MEMORIALS OF THAT MIRACULOUS PILLAR OF CLOUD AND OF FIRE WHICH WENT BEFORE THE ISRAELITES IN THEIR PASSAGE THROUGH THE RED SEA, AND THEN MOVING BEHIND THEM, BECAME A BRIGHT LIGHT TO THEM BUT CLOUDS AND DARKNESS TO THEIR PURSUING ENEMIES, THE EGYPTIANS.

Worshipful Master -

THUS DID KING SOLOMON, THROUGH HIS SERVANT HIRAM, THE SON OF THE WIDOW, SET UP THE PILLARS, AT THE GATE OF THE HOUSE WHICH HE HAD BUILT FOR GOD’S NAME; IN ORDER THAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THROUGH ALL THEIR GENERATIONS, IN GOING INTO, AND RETURNING FROM THE TEMPLE, SHOULD ALWAYS BE REMINDED OF THE POWER AND MERCY OF THE ALMIGHTY, WHICH HE MANIFESTED IN SO MARVELLOUS A MANNER IN THE DELIVERANCE OF THEIR FATHERS FROM THEIR BONDAGE IN EGYPT, “BY THE HANDS OF HIS SERVANT, MOSES.”

Worshipful Master -

AND AS IT WAS THROUGH MOSES, WHO “WAS LEARNED IN ALL THE WISDOM OF THE EGYPTIANS,” INCLUDING THEIR ANTIEN MYSTERIES, THAT FREEMASONRY DERIVED ITS ORIGIN DIRECTLY FROM THOSE “MYSTERIES OF ANTIEN EGYPT,” SO THE TWO GREAT PILLARS WHICH KING SOLOMON SET UP AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TEMPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN, AND WE TRUST ALWAYS WILL BE, HELD BY FREEMASONS IN THE SAME REVERENTIAL AND GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE AS THEY WERE BY THE ISRAELITES OF OLD.

Worshipful Master -

IN THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, WE LEARN THAT ALL THE MATERIALS, WOOD AND STONE, OF WHICH THE TEMPLE WAS BUILT, WERE ACCURATELY PREPARED AND FINISHED IN THE FORESTS AND QUARRIES OF LEBANON, AND THAT, AFTER HAVING BEEN CONVEYED BY SEA AND LAND TO JERUSALEM, THEY WERE PUT TOGETHER WITH WOODEN MAULS AND OTHER IMPLEMENTS PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE PURPOSE. AND WE MAY WELL ADMIRE THE PATIENT CARE AND THE MARVELLOUS SKILL WITH WHICH THESE ANTIEN FELLOWCRAFTS, WHO WROUGHT IN JERUSALEM, ASSISTED BY THE ENTERED APPRENTICES, ARRANGED, FITTED AND FIXED THE VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THAT VAST AND MAGNIFICENT BUILDING.

Worshipful Master -

OF NECESSITY, A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF ARTIFICERS IN EACH CLASS WERE EMPLOYED UPON THE BUILDING; AND THE SEVERAL GRADES WERE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SKILL AND ABILITY. OUR TRADITIONS INFORM US THAT THE ENTERED APPRENTICES RECEIVED THEIR WAGES IN CORN, WINE, AND OIL; WHILE THE FELLOWCRAFTS WERE PAID IN MONEY. THE FELLOWCRAFTS RECEIVED THEIR WAGES IN THE MIDDLE CHAMBER, WHICH WAS SO CALLED BECAUSE IT WAS THE CENTRE ONE OF THE THREE WHICH WERE BUILT “AGAINST THE WALLS OF THE HOUSE; AND THE DOOR OF THE MIDDLE CHAMBER WAS IN THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HOUSE; AND THEY WENT UP WITH WINDING STAIRS INTO THE MIDDLE CHAMBER.”

Worshipful Master -

THIS WINDING STAIRCASE CONSISTED OF FIFTEEN STEPS. OUR TRADITIONS DIVIDED THEM INTO THREE FLIGHTS, CONSISTING SEVERALLY OF THREE, FIVE AND SEVEN STEPS; THUS SYMBOLISING THE THREE WHO RULE A LODGE, FIVE WHO HOLD A LODGE, AND SEVEN WHO MAKE IT PERFECT. THE THREE WHO RULE A LODGE ARE THE MASTER AND HIS TWO WARDENS; THE FIVE WHO HOLD A LODGE ARE THE MASTER, TWO WARDENS AND TWO FELLOWCRAFTS; THE SEVEN WHO MAKE IT PERFECT ARE TWO ENTERED APPRENTICES ADDED TO THE FORMER FIVE.

Worshipful Master -

THREE RULE A LODGE BECAUSE THERE WERE BUT THREE GRAND MASTERS, WHO BORE SWAY AT THE BUILDING OF THE FIRST TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM, NAMELY, SOLOMON KING OF ISRAEL, HIRAM KING OF TYRE, AND HIRAM ABIFF; FIVE HOLD A LODGE IN ALLUSION TO THE FIVE NOBLE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE, NAMELY, THE TUSCAN, DORIC, IONIC, CORINTHIAN AND COMPOSITE; SEVEN OR MORE MAKE IT PERFECT BECAUSE KS WAS SEVEN YEARS OR MORE IN BUILDING, COMPLETING, AND DEDICATING THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM TO GOD'S SERVICE. THEY HAVE LIKEWISE A FURTHER ALLUSION TO THE SEVEN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, NAMELY, GRAMMAR, RHETORIC, LOGIC, ARITHMETIC, GEOMETRY, MUSIC AND ASTRONOMY.

Worshipful Master -

AT THE DOOR AT THE FOOT OF THE WINDING STAIRCASE, OUR ANTIEN BRETHREN WERE OPPOSED BY THE JUNIOR WARDEN, TO WHOM THEY COMMUNICATED THE PASS WORD, WHICH IS SHIBOLETH, A HEBREW WORD, SIGNIFYING AN EAR OF CORN, AND ALSO A FALL OF WATER, OR R... S.... THIS IS DEPICTED IN A FELLOWCRAFT'S LODGE BY AN EAR OF CORN NEAR A STREAM OF WATER, WHICH, TAKEN TOGETHER, SYMBOLISE "PLENTY." THE ORIGIN OF THIS PASS WORD WILL BE FOUND IN THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, A PORTION OF WHICH I WILL READ TO YOU.

Worshipful Master -

Reads from the Volume of the Sacred Law. Judges 12:5-6.

Worshipful Master -

HAVING COMMUNICATED THE PASS WORD THE FELLOWCRAFTS ASCENDED THE WINDING STAIRCASE, AND ARRIVED AT THE DOOR OF THE MIDDLE CHAMBER, WHICH WAS GUARDED BY THE SENIOR WARDEN, TO WHOM THEY COMMUNICATED THE SIGN AND WORD OF A FELLOWCRAFT.

Worshipful Master -

THEY THEN ENTERED THE MIDDLE CHAMBER WHERE EACH BROTHER RECEIVED HIS WAGES, WITHOUT SCRUPLE AND WITHOUT DIFFIDENCE OR MISTRUST; WITHOUT SCRUPLE KNOWING THEY WERE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM; WITHOUT DIFFIDENCE OR MISTRUST, FROM THE CONFIDENCE THEY HAD IN THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS. OUR TRADITIONS STATE THAT WHEN OUR BRETHREN WERE IN THE MIDDLE CHAMBER OF THE TEMPLE THEIR ATTENTION WAS PECULIARLY DRAWN TO CERTAIN HEBREW CHARACTERS, WHICH ARE HERE DEPICTED BY THE LETTER G, DENOTING THE GREAT GEOMETRICIAN OF THE UNIVERSE, TO WHOM WE MUST ALL SUBMIT, AND WHOM WE OUGHT HUMBLY TO ADORE.

Worshipful Master -

SO MOTE IT BE.

CLOSING THE LODGE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO CLOSE THE LODGE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brethren all rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order in the second degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE CONSTANT CARE OF EVERY FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both Junior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order in the second degree. Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.

Second Degree Knocks. Inner Guard gives second degree knocks on the Door of the Lodge, expecting reply. On receiving second degree knocks as reply from the Outer Guard (Tyler) stands to order in the second degree.

Inner Guard -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden Stands to order in the second degree.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS CLOSE TYLED.

Second Degree Knocks. Junior Warden gives the knocks of the degree and stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS CLOSE TYLED.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order in the second degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS. ⁷⁹

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brethren all stand to order and remain in that position until Fellowcraft Lodge is closed.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, IN THIS POSITION, WHAT HAVE YOU DISCOVERED?

Junior Warden -

A SACRED SIGN.

Worshipful Master -

BRO SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS IT SITUATED?

Senior Warden -

IN THE CENTER OF THE LODGE. ⁸⁰

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, TO WHOM DOES IT ALLUDE?

Junior Warden -

TO THE GRAND GEOMETRICIAN OF THE UNIVERSE.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

THEN, BRETHREN, LET US REMEMBER THAT WHEREVER WE ARE AND WHATEVER WE DO, HE IS ALWAYS WITH US, HIS ALL-SEEING EYE BEHOLDS US, AND WHILE WE CONTINUE TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CRAFT, LET US NOT FAIL TO DISCHARGE OUR DUTY TOWARDS HIM WITH FERVENCY AND ZEAL.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Worshipful Master -

BRO SENIOR WARDEN, THE LABOURS OF THIS DEGREE BEING ENDED, YOU HAVE MY COMMAND TO CLOSE THIS FELLOWCRAFT LODGE.

Senior Warden -

BRETHREN, BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I CLOSE THIS FELLOWCRAFT LODGE.

Brethren complete signs.

***Knocks of the Degree.** Worshipful Master gives knocks of second degree answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler. Immediate Past Master adjusts square and compasses. Second Degree Tracing Board covered.*

Fellowcraft working tools, if displayed, now covered.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

CLOSING THE LODGE IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE FIRST TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Further General Lodge Business may now be discussed.

If no business to be discussed, Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE SECOND TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Masonic Membership proposals are now to be accepted and considered.

If no proposal for membership given by any brethren, Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE THIRD TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Grand Lodge Business may now be discussed.

If no business to discuss, Worshipful Master sits.

Greetings are given on behalf of Visiting Brethren by a Visitor who is a Worshipful Brother.

Greetings are given on behalf of Grand Lodge by a Visitor who is a Very Worshipful Brother and Grand Lodge Member.

If a Grand Lodge Delegation is present, the Grand Lodge greetings are delegated to the Leader of the Delegation.

If no Grand Lodge Delegation is present, comments are given by the Very Worshipful Brother who is visiting as a Grand Lodge Inspector of Workings.

These greetings or comments usually comprise of general laudatory remarks on the masonic quality of the First Degree Ceremony just observed by the Assembly.

Greetings are given on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge are given by the Senior Warden.

The greetings comprise of laudatory remarks on the masonic quality of the First Degree Ceremony just observed by the Assembly and salutations and thanks sent from the Lodge Assembly to the wife or partner of the Worshipful Master (good lady).

Worshipful Master responds to all of these Greetings by addressing the Grand Lodge Official or the Grand Inspector of Workings, and addressing (separately) the Senior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden -

Junior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE CONSTANT CARE OF EVERY FREEMASON? ^{81 82 83}

Junior Warden -

TO PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED. ⁸⁴

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both Worshipful Master and Junior Warden cut the first degree signs.

Junior Warden addresses the Inner Guard.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order.

Junior Warden responds. ⁸⁵

Junior Warden -

PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.

Inner Guard -

Gives three knocks on the Door of the Lodge, expecting a reply from the Outer Guard (Tyler) whom is situated outside at the Door of the Lodge.

Inner Guard -

After receiving the reply, stands to order.

Addresses the Junior Warden.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED TYLED.

Junior Warden gives three knocks, addresses the Worshipful Master while he stands to order.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED TYLED.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master responds.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS FREEMASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Stand to order.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Senior Warden -

IN THE WEST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Senior Warden -

AS THE SUN SETS IN THE WEST TO CLOSE THE DAY, SO IS THE SENIOR WARDEN PLACED IN THE WEST TO CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Brethren All -

Assume the Attitude of Reverence.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, BEFORE THE LODGE IS CLOSED LET US, WITH ALL REVERENCE AND HUMILITY, EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE FOR FAVOURS ALREADY RECEIVED. MAY HE CONTINUE TO PRESERVE OUR ORDER BY CEMENTING AND ADORNING IT, WITH, EVERY MORAL AND SOCIAL VIRTUE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Brethren All -

Return to order.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, THE LABOURS OF THE DAY BEING ENDED, YOU HAVE MY COMMAND TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Senior Warden -

BRETHREN, BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I CLOSE THE LODGE.

Brethren all cut first degree signs; Senior Warden lowers his column, Junior Warden raises his column ⁸⁶

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives three knocks, answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.*

First Degree Tracing Board is covered; lesser lights are extinguished; Entered Apprentice working tools are now covered.

Immediate Past Master removes square and compasses and closes the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Square and compasses may not be concealed, under, the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Immediate Past Master -

BRETHREN, NOTHING NOW REMAINS BUT, ACCORDING TO ANTIENET CUSTOM, TO LOCK UP OUR SECRETS IN A SAFE AND SACRED REPOSITORY, UNITED IN ACT AS WELL AS IN WORD...

Brethren All -

Immediate Past Master alone places right hand palm downwards, a few centimetres above the Volume of the Sacred Law. Brethren assume the Sign of Fidelity, three times, and repeat aloud, following the Immediate Past Master:

FIDELITY, FIDELITY, FIDELITY!

AND MAY G-D PRESERVE THE CRAFT.

Director of Ceremonies -

BRETHREN, YOU WILL REMAIN STANDING WHILE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND THE WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN RETIRE, AND, ALSO, UNTIL THE DEACONS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR STATIONS.

Recessional ode to be sung.

Grand Lodge having had retired separately, the Order of Retirement is now:

Worshipful Master, Grand Lodge Inspector of Workings, visiting Worshipful Masters, visiting Past Masters, the Immediate Past Master, and Past Masters of the Lodge.

Refectory may now be served, in the South.

Chapter 4

The Ceremony of Raising

LODGE OPENING IN THE FIRST DEGREE. ⁸⁷ ⁸⁸

It is permissible for the Worshipful Master to be escorted into the lodge room by the Deacons, the brethren standing to receive him. Brethren being suitably clothed and assembled, officers at their respective stations.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives one knock, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

HAVE ALL BROTHERN SIGNED THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER?

Any brother who has not signed the attendance register must now retire and do so.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHERN, ASSIST ME TO OPEN THE LODGE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., WHAT IS THE FIRST CARE OF EVERY FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYLED. ⁸⁹

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Junior Warden -

Addresses the Inner Guard by Surname.

BROTHER A., SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Inner Guard -

Regular Knock, expecting reply. One knock on the door of the Lodge, expecting a reply from the Outer Guard or Tyler who sits outside at the door of the Lodge. On receiving a reply, opens the door and satisfies himself that the Tyler is at his post. Closes the door and addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Junior Warden -

Addresses the Worshipful Master by Surname.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER A., THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Senior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT NONE BUT FREEMASONS ARE PRESENT.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the Junior Warden by Surname.

BROTHER A., ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT NONE BUT FREEMASONS ARE PRESENT?

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL BROTHER A.

Worshipful Master -

Addresses the entire assembly.

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren stand to order, on all occasions first taking the step.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, HOW MANY PRINCIPAL OFFICES ARE THERE IN THE LODGE?

Brethren All -

Assume the attitude of reverence, all except the Junior Warden. ⁹⁰

When addressed by and replying to the Worshipful Master, Lodge Officers return to order, Worshipful Master momentarily answering their first masonic degree signs.

Junior Warden -

THREE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, NAMELY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, HOW MANY ASSISTANT OFFICERS ARE THERE?

Senior Warden -

THREE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BESIDES THE OUTER GUARD OR TYLER, NAMELY THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DEACONS AND THE INNER GUARD.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THE SITUATION OF THE TYLER? ⁹¹

Junior Warden -

OUTSIDE, AT THE DOOR OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

HIS DUTY?

Junior Warden -

SYMBOLICALLY ARMED WITH A DRAWN SWORD, TO KEEP OFF ALL COWANS AND INTRUDERS TO FREEMASONRY; TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN ARE SUITABLY CLOTHED, AND THAT THE CANDIDATES ARE PROPERLY PREPARED.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF HIS OFFICE? ⁹²

Junior Warden -

THE SWORD.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Warden -

TO PREVENT THE APPROACH OF EVERY UNWORTHY THOUGHT, AND TO PRESERVE A CONSCIENCE VOID OF OFFENCE TOWARDS "G-D, AND MAN."

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER INNER GUARD, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Inner Guard -

TO ADMIT MASONS ON PROOF, RECEIVE CANDIDATES IN DUE FORM AND OBEY THE
COMMANDS OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Inner Guard -

THE CROSSED SWORDS. ⁹³

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DO THEY MASONICALLY TEACH?

Inner Guard -

THEY REFER TO TWO OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, PRUDENCE AND FORTITUDE.
THEY ALSO INDICATE THAT WHILE WITH ONE POINT I ADMIT THE CANDIDATE, I WILL
WITH THE OTHER FIRMLY GUARD THE ENTRANCE OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR DEACON, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Junior Deacon -

NEAR THE RIGHT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

YOUR DUTY?

Junior Deacon -

TO ATTEND ON THE SENIOR WARDEN, AND TO ASSIST IN THE ACTIVE DUTIES OF THE
LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Junior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH. ⁹⁴

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH BEING AT ONCE AN EMBLEM OF CELERITY
AND PEACE, IT INDICATES THE SWIFTNES WITH WHICH I SHOULD ATTEND THE SENIOR
WARDEN.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR DEACON, YOUR SITUATION IN THE LODGE?

Senior Deacon -

NEAR THE RIGHT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Senior Deacon -

THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Senior Deacon -

IT INDICATES THE SWIFTNESS WITH WHICH I SHOULD ATTEND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JUNIOR DEACON, PRESERVE PEACE, ORDER AND HARMONY IN THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Junior Warden -

IN THE SOUTH, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Junior Warden -

TO MARK THE SUN AT ITS MERIDIAN, TO CALL THE BRETHREN FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT, AND FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR, THAT PROFIT AND PLEASURE MAY BE THE RESULT.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Junior Warden -

THE PLUMB RULE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Junior Warden -

THE PLUMB RULE BEING AN EMBLEM OF UPRIGHTNESS, POINTS OUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MEASURES I AM BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Senior Warden -

IN THE WEST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Senior Warden -

TO MARK THE SETTING SUN AND TO CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE?

Senior Warden -

THE LEVEL.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Senior Warden -

THE LEVEL BEING AN EMBLEM OF EQUALITY POINTS OUT THE EQUAL MEASURES I AM BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

If the Immediate Past Master is present, the Worshipful Master interrogates them. If the Immediate Past Master is not present, the Worshipful Master interrogates the next Immediate Past Master. If no Immediate Past Master is present, a Regular situation, yet unheard of, the Worshipful Master interrogates the Senior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

WORSHIPFUL IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER, WHERE IS THE MASTER'S PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Immediate Past Master -

IN THE EAST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY IS HIM SO PLACED?

Immediate Past Master -

AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST TO OPEN AND ILLUMINE THE DAY, SO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IS PLACED IN THE EAST TO OPEN THE LODGE AND TO EMPLOY AND INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN IN FREEMASONRY.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE JEWEL OF HIS OFFICE?

Immediate Past Master -

THE SQUARE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT DOES IT MASONICALLY TEACH?

Immediate Past Master -

THE SQUARE, BEING AN IMPLEMENT WHICH FORMS THE RUDE AND PROVES THE PERFECT MASS, IS WELL APPLIED BY FREEMASONS TO INCULCATE THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF PIETY AND VIRTUE. MASONICALLY SPEAKING IT SHOULD BE THE GUIDE OF ALL OUR ACTIONS. ⁹⁵

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

THE LODGE BEING DULY FORMED, BEFORE IT IS DECLARED OPEN LET US INVOKE THE BLESSING OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE ON ALL OUR UNDERTAKINGS; MAY OUR LABOURS THUS BEGAN IN ORDER, BE CONDUCTED IN HARMONY AND CLOSED IN PEACE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

All Brethren return to order.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, I DECLARE THE LODGE DULY OPEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

All Brethren complete the first masonic degree signs.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master gives three knocks answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.

Immediate Past Master opens the Volume of the Sacred Law on Master's pedestal to be read from the East at Psalm 133.

Immediate Past Master adjusts square extended towards West, compasses towards East.

Senior Warden raises his column, Junior Warden lowers his.

First degree Tracing Board is now exhibited (usually by the Senior Deacon). Lesser Lights are lit. Entered Apprentice working tools should be displayed. Authorized ode is sang.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

LODGE OPENING IN THE SECOND DEGREE. ^{96 97 98}

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives one knock, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

I COMMAND ALL BRETHREN BELOW THE DEGREE OF A FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON TO RETIRE. ⁹⁹

Entered Apprentices retire. ^{100 101 102}

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master responds with the Sign of Fidelity.

Worshipful Master -

ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT ALL PRESENT ARE FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS?

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master drops Sign of Fidelity.

Junior Warden cuts first degree sign and sits.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO OPEN THE LODGE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order in the First Degree.

Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the First Degree.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE FIRST CARE OF EVERY FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TILED.

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE. ¹⁰³

Junior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden -

SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TILED.

Inner Guard gives three knocks on the Door of the Lodge, and, on receiving a reply, opens the door and satisfies himself that the Tyler is at his post. Closes the door and stands to order.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TILED.

Inner Guard and Junior Warden cut first degree signs.

Junior Warden -

Three Knocks.

Junior Warden stands to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the first degree.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TILED.

Junior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order in the first degree.

Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the first degree.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Stand to order.

Worshipful Master -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN, ARE YOU A FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

I AM WORSHIPFUL MASTER, TRY ME AND PROVE ME.

Worshipful Master -

BY WHAT INSTRUMENT USED IN ARCHITECTURE WILL YOU BE PROVED? ¹⁰⁴

Worshipful Master -

BY THE SQUARE. ¹⁰⁵

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS A SQUARE?

Junior Warden -

AN INSTRUMENT CONTAINING AN ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES, OR THE FOURTH PART OF A CIRCLE.

Worshipful Master -

BEING YOURSELF ACQUAINTED WITH THE PROPER METHOD, YOU WILL PROVE THE BRETHREN TO BE FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS BY SIGNS, AND THEN DEMONSTRATE THAT PROOF TO ME.

Junior Warden -

BRETHREN, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU PROVE YOURSELF FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS BY SIGNS.

Brethren all cut first degree signs, except for the Worshipful Master and Junior Warden.

Brethren all stand to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

Standing to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

THE BRETHREN HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS BY SIGNS AND, IN OBEDIENCE TO YOUR COMMAND, I THUS DEMONSTRATE THAT PROOF.

Junior Warden performs complete Fellowcraft Sign and stands to order in the second degree.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

BEFORE THE LODGE IS OPENED IN THE SECOND DEGREE, LET US SUPPLICATE THE GRAND GEOMETRICIAN OF THE UNIVERSE SUCH THAT THE RAYS OF HEAVEN MAY SHED THEIR BENIGN INFLUENCE TO ENLIGHTEN US IN THE PATHS OF VIRTUE AND SCIENCE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, I DECLARE THE LODGE DULY OPEN ON THE SQUARE FOR PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY IN THE SECOND DEGREE. ¹⁰⁶

Brethren drop Haling Sign with hand to side in the natural manner, palm inward, and give the Penal Sign.

Regular Knocks. *Three knocks, given by Worshipful Master. Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler respond.*

Immediate Past Master adjusts Square and Compasses such that one point of the Compass stands above the Square and the other point below.

Second Degree Tracing Board now exhibited.

Fellowcraft Working Tools may now be displayed.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

THIRD DEGREE TEST QUESTIONS. ¹⁰⁷**Worshipful Master -**

BRETHREN, BROTHER A. IS ABOUT TO BE RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON, YET IT IS FIRST NECESSARY THAT HE SHOULD GIVE PROOF OF HIS PROFICIENCY IN THE SECOND DEGREE. I SHALL, THEREFORE, PROCEED TO ASK HIM THE USUAL QUESTIONS.

Senior Deacon conducts Candidate to West, facing East, that is, facing the Worshipful Master.

Senior Deacon is to prompt if Candidate, in doubt; some of the prompting could be skipped in some Masonic Constitutions...

Worshipful Master -

HOW WERE YOU PREPARED TO BE PASSED TO THE SECOND DEGREE?

Candidate -

IN A MANNER SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE FORMER, SAVE THAT IN THIS DEGREE I WASN'T HOODWINKED, NEITHER HAD I A CABLETOW AROUND MY NECK.

RATHER, IN THIS DEGREE, MY LEFT ARM, RIGHT BREAST, AND KNEE, WERE ALL MADE BARE, AND MY LEFT HEEL, SLIPSHOD.

Worshipful Master -

ON WHAT WERE YOU ADMITTED?

Candidate -

ON THE SQUARE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS A SQUARE?

Candidate -

AN INSTRUMENT CONTAINING AN ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES, OR THE FOURTH PART OF A CIRCLE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT ARE THE PECULIAR OBJECTS OF RESEARCH IN THIS DEGREE?

Candidate -

THE HIDDEN MYSTERIES OF NATURE AND SCIENCE.

Worshipful Master -

AS IT IS THE HOPE OF REWARD THAT SWEETENS LABOUR, WHERE DID OUR ANTIENT BRETHREN GO TO RECEIVE THEIR WAGES?

Candidate -

INTO THE MIDDLE CHAMBER OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

Worshipful Master -

HOW DID THEY RECEIVE THEM?

Candidate -

WITHOUT SCRUPLE AND WITHOUT DIFFIDENCE.

Worshipful Master -

WHY IN THIS PECULIAR MANNER?

Candidate -

WITHOUT SCRUPLE, KNOWING THEY WERE JUSTLY ENTITLED TO THEM, AND WITHOUT DIFFIDENCE, FROM THE GREAT TRUST THEY USED TO PLACE ON THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR EMPLOYERS IN THOSE DAYS...

Worshipful Master -

WHAT WERE THE NAMES OF THE PILLARS THAT WERE PLACED AT THE PORCHWAY ENTRANCE OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE?

Candidate -

THAT ON THE LEFT WAS CALLED BOAZ, AND THAT ON THE RIGHT, JACHIN. ¹⁰⁸

Worshipful Master -

WHAT ARE THEIR SEPARATE AND CONJOINT SIGNIFICATIONS?

Candidate -

THE FORMER DENOTES IN STRENGTH, THE LATTER TO ESTABLISH, AND WHEN CONJOINED, STABILITY; FOR, ACCORDING TO OUR TRADITIONS, G-D SAID "IN STRENGTH WILL I ESTABLISH THIS MINE HOUSE TO STAND FIRM, FOREVER..."

Worshipful Master -

I COMMAND ALL FELLOWCRAFTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CANDIDATE, TO NOW RETIRE.

Fellowcraft Brethren retire.

Senior Deacon conducts Candidate, via East, saluting the Worshipful Master who responds with sign of fidelity, to just South of Worshipful Master's pedestal, facing the Worshipful Master.

Worshipful Master -

DO YOU PLEDGE YOUR HONOUR AS A MAN, AND YOUR FIDELITY AS A CRAFTSMAN, THAT YOU SHALL STEADILY PERSEVERE THROUGH THE CEREMONY OF BEING RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON?

Candidate -

I DO.

Worshipful Master -

DO YOU LIKEWISE PLEDGE YOURSELF, UNDER THE PENALTY OF BOTH YOUR OBLIGATIONS, THAT YOU WILL CONCEAL WHAT I SHALL NOW IMPART TO YOU WITH THE SAME STRICT CAUTION AS YOU WOULD THE OTHER SECRETS OF FREEMASONRY?

Candidate -

I DO.

Worshipful Master -

THEN I WILL ENTRUST YOU WITH A TEST OF MERIT, WHICH IS A PASS GRIP AND A PASS WORD LEADING TO THE THIRD DEGREE. THE PASS GRIP IS GIVEN BY A DISTINCT PRESSURE WITH THE THUMB BETWEEN THE KNUCKLE JOINT OF THE BROTHER'S RIGHT HAND. THIS PASS GRIP DEMANDS A PASS WORD, WHICH IS TUBALCAIN...

Candidate -

TUBALCAIN.

Worshipful Master -

TUBALCAIN WAS THE FIRST ARTIFICER IN METALS; THE IMPORT OF THE WORD IS WORDLY POSSESSIONS.

Candidate -

WORDLY POSSESSIONS.

Worshipful Master -

YOU MUST BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO REMEMBER THIS WORD, AS WITHOUT IT YOU CANNOT GAIN ADMISSION TO A LODGE IN A SUPERIOR DEGREE. PASS, TUBALCAIN.

Worshipful Master resumes seat; Senior deacon conducts candidate, by holding his right hand, to the West...

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON, TAKING THE STEP AND GIVING THE SIGN.

Candidate gives the Fellowcraft sign. Worshipful Master responds with the Sign of Fidelity. Senior Deacon conducts Candidate from the Lodge-room to be prepared for the Ceremony of being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

In the interval for preparation, the Lodge shall be opened in the Third Degree.

LODGE OPENING IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives one knock, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

I COMMAND ALL BRETHREN BELOW THE DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON TO RETIRE.

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Worshipful Master -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior warden stands to order in the second degree. Worshipful Master responds with Sign of Fidelity.

Worshipful Master -

ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT ALL PRESENT ARE MASTER MASONS? ¹¹⁰

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master drops Sign of Fidelity; Junior Warden tears off Second Degree Sign and sits.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO OPEN THE LODGE IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Brethren All -

RISE.

Worshipful Master -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order in the Second Degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the Second Degree.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE FIRST CARE OF EVERY MM?

Junior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both tear off second degree signs.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order in the second degree; Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYPED.

Knocks of the Degree. Inner Guard gives degree knocks on the Door of the Lodge, and, on receiving a reply, opens the door and satisfies himself that the Tyler is at his post. He closes the door, and stands to order in the second degree.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN..

Junior Warden stands to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

THE LODGE IS PROPERLY Tyled.

Knocks of the Degree. Junior Warden gives degree knocks. Worshipful Master stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE LODGE IS PROPERLY Tyled.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order; Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE SECOND DEGREE. ¹¹¹

Brethren all stand to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN, ARE YOU A MASTER MASON?

Junior Warden -

I AM, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, TRY ME AND PROVE ME.

Worshipful Master -

BY WHAT INSTRUMENTS USED IN ARCHITECTURE WILL YOU BE PROVED?

Junior Warden -

BY THE SQUARE AND COMPASES.

Worshipful Master -

BEING YOURSELF ACQUAINTED WITH THE PROPER METHOD, YOU WILL PROVE THE BRETHREN TO BE MASTER MASONS BY SIGNS, AND THEN DEMONSTRATE THAT PROOF TO ME.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND THAT YOU PROVE YOURSELF MASTER MASONS BY SIGNS.

Brethren All tear off second degree signs, except for the Worshipful Master and Junior Warden, brethren take step, give sign of horror, sign of sympathy, penal sign and remain standing to order. ¹¹²

Junior Warden stands to order as Fellowcraft Freemason, Worshipful Master, stands to order as a Fellowcraft Freemason. ¹¹³

Junior Warden -

THE BRETHREN HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES MASTER MASONS BY SIGNS AND, IN OBE-
DIENCE TO YOUR COMMAND, I THUS DEMONSTRATE THAT PROOF.

*Junior Warden tears off Fellowcraft sign, takes step, gives Master Mason signs and remains
standing to order in the third degree.*

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, I ACKNOWLEDGE THE CORRECTNESS OF THE SIGNS.

*Worshipful Master completes Fellowcraft sign, takes step, gives Master Mason signs and
remains standing to order in the third degree.*

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, WHENCE COME YOU?

Junior Warden -

FROM THE EAST.

Worshipful Master -

BRO SENIOR WARDEN, WHITHER DIRECTING YOUR COURSE?

Senior Warden -

TOWARDS THE WEST.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT INDUCEMENT HAVE YOU TO LEAVE THE EAST AND GO TO THE WEST?

Junior Warden -

TO SEEK FOR THAT WHICH WAS LOST WHICH, WITH YOUR INSTRUCTION AND BY OUR
OWN ENDEAVOURS, WE HOPE TO FIND.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT WAS THAT WHICH WAS LOST?

Senior Warden -

THE GENUINE SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master -

HOW CAME THEY TO BE LOST?

Junior Warden -

BY THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF OUR ANTIENT GRAND MASTER HIRAM ABIFF.

Worshipful Master -

WHERE DO YOU HOPE TO FIND THEM?

Senior Warden -

ON THE CENTRE.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS A CENTRE?

Junior Warden -

A POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE FROM WHICH EVERY PART OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE IS
EQUIDISTANT.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ON THE CENTRE?

Senior Warden -

BECAUSE THAT IS THE POINT FROM WHICH A MASTER MASON CANNOT ERR.

Worshipful Master -

THEN, BRETHREN, WE WILL ASSIST YOU TO REPAIR THAT LOSS, AND MAY THE MOST
HIGH AID US IN OUR UNITED ENDEAVOURS.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, I DECLARE THE L DULY OPEN ON THE CENTRE FOR THE PURPOSES OF FREEMASONRY IN THE THIRD DEGREE. ¹¹⁴

Brethren all complete third degree signs.

Knocks of the Degree. Worshipful Master gives knocks, answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.

Director of Ceremonies -

Calls upon brethren to give Grand and Royal sign. ¹¹⁵

Director of Ceremonies -

Faces Volume of the Sacred Law, give sign and say.

Director of Ceremonies -

ALL GLORY TO THE MOST HIGH, AND, TO THE ROYAL SOLOMON...

Brethren All -

Face Volume of the Sacred Law, give sign and say...

Brethren All -

ALL GLORY TO THE MOST HIGH.

(Immediate Past Master adjusts square and compasses; Third Degree Tracing Board now exhibited; Master Mason working tools (may) now be displayed; authorised ode may now be sung.

If Candidates are present to be raised, the Wardens' lights will now be extinguished...

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

The Lodge being open in the Third Degree the Deacons lay down the Shroud, which should be open and not folded during any part of the ceremony.

The Tyler, having properly prepared the Candidate, not forgetting the badge of Second Degree, gives Second Degree knocks on door. Inner Guard standing in front of his chair at North of Senior Warden takes Step and gives Sign of Third Degree, which he holds until instructed by Junior Warden.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THERE IS A REPORT.

Junior Warden stands, no knocks with Step and Sign which he holds until instructed by Worshipful Master.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER THERE IS A REPORT.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, INQUIRE WHO WANTS ADMISSION.

Junior Warden cuts third degree sign not forgetting to recover, resumes seat.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD, SEE WHO WANTS ADMISSION.

Inner Guard cuts Sign, not forgetting to recover, goes to door, opens it but keeps hold of handle. The colloquy between Inner Guard and Tyler should be audible in Lodge.

Inner Guard -

WHOM HAVE YOU THERE?

Tyler -

BROTHER A., WHO HAS BEEN REGULARLY INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY, PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOWCRAFT AND HAS MADE SUCH FURTHER PROGRESS AS HE HOPES WILL ENTITLE HIM TO BE RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON, FOR WHICH CEREMONY HE IS PROPERLY PREPARED.

Inner Guard sees that Candidate is properly prepared.

Inner Guard -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THE PRIVILEGES OF THE THIRD DEGREE?

Tyler -

BY THE HELP OF GOD, THE UNITED AID OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES AND THE BENEFIT OF A PASSWORD WORD.

Inner Guard -

IS HE IN POSSESSION OF THE PASSWORD?

Tyler -

WILL YOU PROVE HIM?

Inner Guard extends his right hand and the Candidate, instructed by Tyler if necessary, gives him the Pass Grip and Pass Word leading from Second to Third Degree.

Inner Guard -

HALT, WHILE I REPORT TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Closes and fastens door, returns to position in front of his chair at North of Senior Warden with Step and Sign which he holds until instructed by Worshipful Master.

Inner Guard -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER BROTHER A., WHO HAS BEEN REGULARLY INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY, PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOWCRAFT AND HAS MADE SUCH FURTHER PROGRESS AS HE HOPES WILL ENTITLE HIM TO BE RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON, FOR WHICH CEREMONY HE IS PROPERLY PREPARED,

Worshipful Master -

HOW DOES HE HOPE TO OBTAIN THE PRIVILEGES OF THE THIRD DEGREE?

Inner Guard -

BY THE HELP OF GOD, THE UNITED AID OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES AND THE BENEFIT OF A PASSWORD WORD.

Worshipful Master -

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE POWERFUL AID BY WHICH HE SEEKS ADMISSION; DO YOU,
BROTHER INNER GUARD VOUCH THAT HE IS IN POSSESSION OF THE PASSWORD.

Inner Guard -

I DO, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

THEN LET HIM BE ADMITTED IN DUE FORM.

Inner Guard cuts third degree sign and recovers sign.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER DEACONS...

It is at this point that all candle lights except that of the Worshipful Master are extinguished. Inner Guards and both Deacons proceed to door of Lodge, Junior Deacon en route places kneeling stool. Senior Deacon places himself in position at door so that he can take Candidate by right hand on admission to the Lodge. Inner Guard opens door. Inner Guard has in his hand the compasses widely extended, he presents one point simultaneously to each breast and then raises them above his head to show that he has done so. Senior Deacon takes Candidate by right hand and leads him to kneeling stool, Junior Deacon takes up position on left of Candidate. Position is about 18 inches distant from kneeling stool.

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE AS A FELLOWCRAFT, FIRST AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Candidate takes step and gives sign of first degree, cuts sign, takes another step and gives sign of second degree and cuts it.

Worshipful Master -

LET THE CANDIDATE KNEEL WHILE THE BLESSING OF HEAVEN IS INVOKED ON WHAT
WE ARE ABOUT TO DO.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master knocks once, followed by Senior Warden and Junior Warden. All stand with Sign of Reverence. No Step. Candidate, instructed by Senior Deacon, kneels on kneeling stool with Sign of Reverence Deacons take wand in left hand and show Sign of Reverence with right hand. Deacons cross wands over head of Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, ARCHITECT AND RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, AT WHOSE CREATIVE FIAT ALL THINGS FIRST WERE MADE, WE, THE FRAIL CREATURES OF THY PROVIDENCE, HUMBLY IMPLORE THEE TO POUR DOWN ON THIS CONVOCATION ASSEMBLED IN THY HOLY NAME THE CONTINUAL DEW OF THY BLESSING. ESPECIALLY, WE BESEECH THEE, TO IMPART THY GRACE TO THIS THY SERVANT, WHO OFFERS HIMSELF A CANDIDATE TO PARTAKE WITH US THE MYSTERIOUS SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON ENDUE HIM WITH SUCH FORTITUDE THAT IN THE HOUR OF TRIAL HE FAIL NOT, BUT THAT, PASSING SAFELY UNDER THY PROTECTION THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, HE MAY FINALLY RISE FROM THE TOMB OF TRANSGRESSION, TO SHINE AS THE STARS FOR EVER AND EVER.

Immediate Past Master -

SO MOTE IT BE. ¹¹⁶

All drop Sign of Reverence, Deacons lower wands to right hand.

Worshipful Master -

LET THE CANDIDATE RISE.

Worshipful Master and Brethren resume seats. The Candidate rises. The Junior Deacon removes kneeling stool to his left and leaves it. Inner Guard replaces it before Senior Warden's pedestal as soon as perambulation commences. Senior Deacon takes Candidate by right hand and begins perambulation of Lodge. Junior Deacon follows close behind Candidate and keeps this position throughout all perambulations. Senior Deacon takes care when Lodge is squared during the perambulations to leave room behind for Junior Deacon and not to blanket him or shut him out at the squaring.' Halt is made in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A MASON.

Senior Deacon relinquishes Candidate's right hand and instructs him, if necessary, to remain facing South and take Step and show Sign of First Degree. Candidate is then led to East of Junior Warden's pedestal and lines up as in former Degrees, Junior Deacon behind Candidate.

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN AS SUCH, SHOWING THE SIGN AND COMMUNICATING THE TOKEN AND WORD.

Candidate, instructed by Senior Deacon if necessary, takes Step and shows Sign of First Degree, then cuts it.

Junior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

I HAVE.

Junior Warden rises and takes Step and extends his right hand Candidate, instructed by Senior Deacon, gives grip of First Degree.

Senior Deacon adjusts grip from above. Junior Warden does not give grip until he has received it from Candidate.

Junior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE FREEMASON.

Junior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

A WORD.

Junior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT WORD, FREELY AND AT LENGTH.

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

BOAZ.

Junior Warden -

PASS BOAZ.

Junior Warden restores right hand of Candidate to Senior Deacon and resumes his seat.

Candidate is then led to front of Senior Warden's pedestal and halted.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE SENIOR WARDEN AS A MASON.

Candidate instructed by Senior Deacon if necessary, looking North takes Step and shows Sign of First Degree and then cuts it. Candidate is then led to North of Senior Warden's pedestal.

Here the Senior Deacon wheels backward as described in former Degrees while Junior Deacon passes behind both Senior Deacon and Candidate to take up position behind latter when both Candidate and Senior Deacon face East. After a momentary halt perambulation of Lodge is again commenced, Junior Deacon following close behind Candidate as before. Lodge is 'squared' with same precautions as above. Candidate is halted in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A FELLOWCRAFT.

Candidate, facing South instructed by Senior Deacon if necessary, takes Step and gives Sign of Second Degree. Candidate is then led to front of Junior Warden's pedestal and halted.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE JUNIOR WARDEN AS A FELLOWCRAFT.

Candidate, facing West, proceeds as at Worshipful Master's pedestal. Candidate is then led to South of Senior Warden's pedestal, Candidate and Senior Deacon lining up as in former Degrees, Junior Deacon behind Candidate.

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE TO THE SENIOR WARDEN AS SUCH, SHOWING THE SIGN AND COMMUNICATING THE TOKEN AND OF THAT DEGREE.

Candidate, instructed by Senior Deacon if necessary, takes Step and shows Sign of Second Degree, then cuts it.

Senior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

I HAVE.

Senior Warden rises, takes Step and extends his right hand. Candidate gives grip of Second Degree, Senior Deacon adjusting as before. Senior Warden does not give grip until he receives it from Candidate.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

THE GRIP OR TOKEN OF A FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON.

Senior Warden -

WHAT DOES IT DEMAND?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

A WORD.

Senior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT WORD FREELY AND AT LENGTH.

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

JACHIN.

Senior Warden -

PASS JACHIN.

Senior Warden restores right hand of Candidate to Senior Deacon and sits. Candidate is led by Senior Deacon to North of Senior Warden by same movement as in first perambulation. The Junior Deacon, passing behind Candidate and Senior Deacon as before, goes to left of Candidate, and all three, Senior Deacon, Candidate, and Junior Deacon, stand in line facing East.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master knocks once followed by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

THE BRETHREN WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT BROTHER A., WHO HAS BEEN REGULARLY INITIATED INTO FREEMASONRY AND PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOWCRAFT IS ABOUT TO PASS IN VIEW BEFORE THEM, TO SHOW THAT HE IS THE CANDIDATE PROPERLY PREPARED TO BE RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON.

Candidate is led round the Lodge a third time, Junior Deacon following close behind him as before and the Lodge being 'squared' with same precautions. Candidate is halted in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AS A FELLOWCRAFT.

Done as in previous perambulation. Candidate then led to front of Junior Warden's pedestal.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE JUNIOR WARDEN AS A FELLOWCRAFT.

Done as at Worshipful Master's pedestal. Candidate then led to South of Senior Warden's pedestal. and position taken as before.

Senior Deacon -

ADVANCE TO THE SENIOR WARDEN AS SUCH, SHOWING THE SIGN AND COMMUNICATING THE PASS GRIP AND PASSWORD YOU RECEIVED FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER PREVIOUSLY TO LEAVING THE LODGE. ¹¹⁷

Candidate, instructed if necessary by Senior Deacon, takes Step and shows Sign of Second Degree, cuts Sign.

Senior Warden -

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO COMMUNICATE?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

I HAVE.

Senior Warden rises and extends right hand Candidate gives pass grip leading from Second to Third Degree, Senior Deacon adjusting as before. Senior Warden does not give grip until he has received it from Candidate.

Senior Warden -

WHAT IS THIS?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

THE PASS GRIP LEADING FROM THE SECOND TO THE THIRD DEGREE. .

Senior Warden -

WHAT DOES THIS PASS GRIP DEMAND?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

A PASS WORD.

Senior Warden -

GIVE ME THAT PASSWORD.

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

TUBALCAIN.

Senior Warden -

WHAT WAS TUBALCAIN?

Candidate is prompted by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

THE FIRST ARTIFICER IN METALS.

Senior Warden -

THE IMPORT OF THE WORD?

Candidate is prompted aloud by Senior Deacon.

Candidate -

WORLDY POSSESSIONS.

Senior Warden -

PASS TUBALCAIN.

Senior Warden restores right hand of Candidate to Senior Deacon but remains standing.

Senior Deacon takes Candidate to North of Senior Warden, makes forward left wheel interposing himself between Worshipful Master and Candidate, Places latter's right hand in left hand of Senior Warden and stands on left of Candidate. Junior Deacon who has kept behind Candidate during wheeling movement, moves so as to take up position on left of Senior Deacon.

The position in the West now is: Senior Warden standing in his Place holding Candidates right hand Senior Deacon on left of Candidate, and Junior Deacon on left of Senior Deacon, all facing East.

Senior Warden takes Step and shows penal sign of third degree, which he holds until instructed by Worshipful Master.

Senior Warden -

I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A., A CANDIDATE PROPERLY PREPARED TO BE RAISED TO THE THIRD DEGREE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN YOU WILL DIRECT THE DEACONS TO INSTRUCT THE CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE TO THE EAST BY THE PROPER STEPS.

Senior Warden cuts Sign not forgetting to recover and restores right hand of Candidate to Senior Deacon and sits. Senior Deacon resumes position on right of Candidate Junior Deacon is on left and all three facing East.

Senior Warden -

BRO DEACONS IT IS THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS COMMAND YOU INSTRUCT THE CANDIDATE TO ADVANCE TO THE EAST BY THE PROPER STEPS.

Senior Deacon conducts Candidate, Junior Deacon following behind, to a convenient point in the North about mid-way of the Sheet, where he leaves Candidate with Junior Deacon on his t., both facing South. Senior Deacon faces Candidate from far side of sheet which he reaches by going round the head of the grave.

Senior Deacon -

THE METHOD OF ADVANCING FROM WEST TO EAST IN THIS DEGREE IS BY SEVEN STEPS THE FIRST THREE AS IF STEPPING OVER A GRAVE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION I WILL GO THROUGH THEM AND YOU WILL AFTERWARDS COPY ME.

Senior Deacon takes position at head or West end of grave, his foot. formed in a square hell to heel his left foot pointing East and right foot pointing South.

Senior Deacon -

COMMENCING WITH LEFT FOOT THE FIRST STEP IS TAKEN ACROSS THE GRAVE IN A NORTH EAST DIRECTION, THE LEFT FOOT BEING PLACED AT THE NORTH SIDE OF THE GRAVE ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE LATTER'S LENGTH AND POINTING NORTH. THE STEP IS COMPLETED BY BRINGING THE RIGHT FOOT UP TO THE LEFT FOOT, HEEL TO HEEL, IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE AND WITH THE RIGHT FOOT POINTING EAST. COMMENCING WITH THE RIGHT FOOT, THE SECOND STEP IS TAKEN ACROSS THE GRAVE IN A SOUTH EAST DIRECTION, THE RIGHT FOOT BEING PLACED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE GRAVE ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE LATTER'S LENGTH AND POINTING SOUTH. THIS STEP IS COMPLETED BY BRINGING THE LEFT FOOT. UP TO THE RIGHT FOOT, HEEL TO HEEL, IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE, THE LEFT FOOT POINTING EAST. COMMENCING WITH THE LEFT FOOT, THE THIRD STEP IS TAKEN TO THE FOOT OR EAST END OF THE GRAVE, THE LEFT FOOT POINTING EAST. THE STEP IS COMPLETED BY BRINGING UP THE RIGHT FOOT TO THE LEFT FOOT, HEEL TO HEEL, IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE AND RIGHT FOOT POINTING SOUTH.

Senior Deacon -

COMMENCING WITH THE LEFT FOOT, FOUR STEPS ARE NOW TAKEN IN A DIRECTION DUE EAST, FINISHING IN FRONT OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S PEDESTAL WITH THE FEET HEEL TO HEEL IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE, LEFT FOOT POINTING NORTH EAST AND RIGHT FOOT POINTING SOUTH EAST.

Senior Deacon, taking care not to step over the grave, returns to Candidate, takes him by the right hand, places him in position at West end of grave and instructs him how to take steps. In front of Worshipful Master's pedestal the Senior Deacon takes position at Candidate's right. The Junior Deacon remains stationary while Senior Deacon and Candidate are taking steps and then moves so as to arrive at Worshipful Master's pedestal. Simultaneously with Senior Deacon and Candidate and takes position on left of Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

IT IS BUT FAIR TO INFORM YOU THAT A MOST SERIOUS TRIAL OF YOUR FORTITUDE AND FIDELITY AND A MORE SOLEMN O. AWAIT YOU. ARE YOU PREPARED TO MEET THEM AS YOU OUGHT?

Candidate -

I AM.

If Candidate does not reply, Senior Deacon should prompt in a whisper only, no audible prompt should be given.

Worshipful Master -

THEN YOU WILL KNEEL ON BOTH KNEES, PLACE BOTH HANDS ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.

Candidate does so. Candidate places one hand on each page of the Volume of the Sacred Law but should not touch Square and Compasses. Worshipful Master knocks once, followed by Senior Warden and Junior Warden. All rise with step and penal sign of Third Degree. The Deacons take wands in left hand, cross them over the head of Candidate, take step and show penal sign with right hand.

THIRD DEGREE OBLIGATION.

Worshipful Master -

REPEAT YOUR NAME AT LENGTH AND SAY AFTER ME: I, A, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MOST HIGH, AND OF THIS WORTHY AND WORSHIPFUL LODGE OF MASTER MASONS, DULY CONSTITUTED, REGULARLY ASSEMBLED, AND PROPERLY DEDICATED, OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, DO HEREBY...

(WORSHIPFUL MASTER WITH HIS LEFT HAND TOUCHES HANDS OF CANDIDATE)

Worshipful Master -

AND HEREON...

(WORSHIPFUL MASTER WITH HIS LEFT HAND TOUCHES VOLUME OF THE SACRED
LAW)

Worshipful Master -

MOST SOLEMNLY PROMISE AND SWEAR THAT I WILL ALWAYS HEELE, CONCEAL, AND NEVER REVEAL ANY OR EITHER OF THE SECRETS OR MYSTERIES OF OR BELONGING TO THE DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON TO ANYONE IN THE WORLD-UNLESS IT BE TO HIM OR THEM TO WHOM THE SAME MAY JUSTLY AND LAW FULLY BELONG, AND NOT EVEN TO HIM OR THEM UNTIL AFTER DUE TRIAL, STRICT EXAM, OR FULL CONVICTION THAT HE OR THEY ARE WORTHY OF THAT CONFIDENCE, OR IN THE BODY OF A MASTER MASON'S LODGE DULY FORMED ON THE CENTRE. I FURTHER SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES, ANSWER AND OBEY ALL LAWFUL SIGNS AND SUMMONSES SENT TO ME FROM A MASTER MASON'S LODGE, IF WITHIN THE LENGTH OF MY CABLE TOW AND PLEAD NO EXCUSE, EXCEPT SICKNESS OR THE PRESSING EMERGENCIES OF MY OWN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AVOCATIONS. I FURTHER SOLEMNLY ENGAGE MYSELF TO MAINTAIN AND UPHOLD THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP IN ACT AS WELL AS IN WORD; THAT MY HAND, GIVEN TO A MASTER MASON, SHALL BE A SURE PLEDGE OF BROTHERHOOD; THAT MY FEET SHALL TRAVEL THROUGH DANGERS AND DIFFICULTIES TO UNITE WITH HIS IN FORMING A COLUMN OF MUTUAL DEFENCE AND SUPPORT; THAT THE POSTURE OF MY DAILY SUPPLICATIONS SHALL REMIND ME OF HIS WANTS AND DISPOSE MY HEART TO SUCCOUR HIS WEAKNESS AND RELIEVE HIS NECESSITIES, SO FAR AS MAY FAIRLY BE DONE WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO MYSELF OR CONNECTIONS; THAT MY BREAST SHALL BE THE SACRED REPOSITORY OF HIS SECRETS WHEN ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE-MURDER, TREASON, FELONY, AND ALL OTHER OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF GOD AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE REALM BEING AT ALL TIMES MOST ESPECIALLY EXCEPTED. ¹¹⁸

Worshipful Master -

AND, FINALLY, THAT I WILL MAINTAIN A MASTER MASON'S HONOUR AND CAREFULLY PRESERVE IT AS MY OWN: I WILL NOT INJURE HIM MYSELF OR KNOWINGLY SUFFER IT TO BE DONE BY OTHERS IF IN MY POWER TO PREVENT IT BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, WILL BOLDLY REPEL THE SLANDERER OF HIS GOOD NAME AND MOST STRICTLY RESPECT THE CHASTITY OF THOSE NEAREST AND DEAREST TO HIM IN THE PERSONS OF HIS WIFE, HIS SISTER, AND HIS CHILD.

Worshipful Master -

ALL THESE POINT I SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO OBSERVE, WITHOUT EVASION, EQUIVOCATION OR MENTAL RESERVATION OF ANY KIND, UNDER NO LESS A PENALTY, ON THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THEM, THAN THAT OF BEING SEVERED IN TWO, MY BODY BURNT TO ASHES AND THOSE ASHES SCATTERED OVER THE FACE OF EARTH AND WATER BY THE 4 CARDINAL WINDS OF HEAVEN, THAT NO TRACE OR REMEMBRANCE OF SO VILE A WRETCH MAY LONGER BE FOUND AMONG MEN, PARTICULARLY MASTER MASONS.

Worshipful Master -

SO HELP ME THE MOST HIGH AND KEEP ME STEADFAST IN THIS MY SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF A MASTER MASON.

All cut penal sign, not forgetting to recover. Deacons return wands to right hand.

Worshipful Master -

AS A PLEDGE OF YOUR FIDELITY AND TO RENDER THIS BINDING AS A SOLEMN OBLIGATION FOR SO LONG AS YOU SHALL LIVE YOU WILL SEAL IT WITH YOUR LIPS THREE TIMES ON THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.

Worshipful Master -

LET ME ONCE MORE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE POSITION OF THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES. WHEN YOU WERE MADE AN ENTERED APPRENTICE BOTH POINTS WERE HID; IN THE SECOND DEGREE ONE WAS DISCLOSED; IN THIS THE WHOLE IS EXHIBITED, IMPLYING THAT YOU ARE NOW AT LIBERTY TO WORK WITH BOTH THOSE POINTS IN ORDER TO RENDER THE CIRCLE OF YOUR MASONIC DUTIES COMPLETE.

Worshipful Master takes right hand of Candidate with his right hand and raises him; only one hand to be used

Worshipful Master -

RISE, NEWLY OBLIGATED MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master and Brethren sit and Candidate step backwards to foot of grave, all facing East.

THE EXHORTATION.

Worshipful Master -

HAVING ENTERED UPON THE SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF A MASTER MASON, YOU ARE NOW ENTITLED TO DEMAND THAT LAST AND GREATEST TRIAL, BY WHICH ALONE YOU CAN BE ADMITTED TO A PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETS OF THIS DEGREE. BUT IT IS FIRST MY DUTY TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A RETROSPECT OF THOSE DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY THROUGH YOU HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT YOU MAY, THE BETTER BE ENABLED TO DISTINGUISH AND APPRECIATE THE CONNECTION OF OUR WHOLE SYSTEM, AND THE RELATIVE DEPENDENCY OF ITS SEVERAL PARTS,

Worshipful Master -

YOUR ADMISSION AMONG MASONS IN A STATE OF HELPLESS INDIGENCE WAS AN EMBLEMATICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE ENTRANCE OF ALL MEN ON THIS THEIR MORTAL EXISTENCE. IT INCULCATED THE USEFUL LESSONS OF NATURAL EQUALITY AND MUTUAL DEPENDENCE. IT INSTRUCTED YOU IN THE ACTIVE PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSAL BENEFICIENCE AND CHARITY - TO SEEK THE SOLACE OF YOUR OWN DISTRESS, BY EXTENDING RELIEF AND CONSOLATION TO YOUR FELLOW - CREATURES IN THE HOUR OF THEIR AFFLICTION. ABOVE ALL, IT TAUGHT YOU TO BEND WITH HUMILITY AND RESIGNATION TO THE WILL OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE; TO DEDICATE YOUR HEART, THUS PURIFIED FROM EVERY BANEFUL AND MALIGNANT PASSION, FITTED ONLY FOR THE RECEPTION OF TRUTH AND WISDOM TO HIS GLORY AND THE WELFARE OF YOUR FELLOW MORTALS.

Worshipful Master -

PROCEEDING ONWARDS, STILL GUIDING YOUR PROGRESS BY THE PRINCIPLES OF MORAL TRUTH, YOU WERE LED IN THE SECOND DEGREE TO CONTEMPLATE THE INTELLECTUAL FACULTY AND TRACE IT FROM ITS DEVELOPMENT, THROUGH THE PATHS OF HEAVENLY SCIENCE, EVEN TO THE THRONE OF GOD HIMSELF. THE SECRETS OF NATURE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INTELLECTUAL TRUTH WERE THEN UNVEILED TO YOUR VIEW. TO YOUR MIND THUS MODELLED BY VIRTUE AND SCIENCE, NATURE, HOWEVER, PRESENTS ONE GREAT AND USEFUL LESSON MORE. SHE PREPARES YOU, BY CONTEMPLATION FOR THE CLOSING HOUR OF EXISTENCE; AND WHEN BY MEANS OF THAT CONTEMPLATION SHE HAS CONDUCTED YOU THROUGH THE INTRICATE WINDINGS OF THIS MORTAL LIFE, SHE FINALLY INSTRUCTS YOU HOW TO DIE.

Worshipful Master -

SUCH, MY BROTHER, ARE THE PECULIAR OBJECTS OF THE THIRD DEGREE IN FREEMASONRY; THEY INVITE YOU TO REFLECT ON THIS AWFUL SUBJECT AND TEACH YOU TO FEEL THAT, TO THE JUST AND VIRTUOUS MAN, DEATH HAS NO TERRORS EQUAL TO THE STAIN OF FALSEHOOD AND DISHONOUR. OF THIS GREAT TRUTH THE ANNALS OF MASONRY AFFORD A GLORIOUS EXAMPLE IN THE UNSHAKEN FIDELITY AND NOBLE DEATH OF OUR MASTER HIRAM ABIFF WHO WAS SLAIN JUST BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE AT THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH HE WAS AS NO DOUBT ARE WELL AWARE THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT.

THE THREE RUFFIANS**Worshipful Master -**

THE MANNER OF HIS DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS...

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER WARDENS...

The Wardens leave their seats, not forgetting to take Level and Plumb Rule with them. The Junior Warden waits until the Senior Warden has drawn level with him and then both advance abreast to the East, come up behind the Deacons whom they touch simultaneously on the shoulder. Deacons step one pace outwards and the Wardens come up in line between them and the Candidate, the Senior Warden on the left and the Junior Warden on the right. This line is held momentarily from North to South. Junior Deacon, Senior Warden, Candidate, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon being' all in line facing East. Deacons then simultaneously turn outwards and return to their seats, taking care not to cross or walk over grave. Junior Warden directs Candidate to cross his feet, right over left. Both Wardens hold Candidate securely by his hands.

Worshipful Master -

FIFTEEN FELLOWCRAFTS OF THAT SUPERIOR CLASS APPOINTED TO PRESIDE OVER THE REST, FINDING THAT THE WORK WAS NEARLY COMPLETED AND THAT THEY WERE NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE SECRETS OF THE THIRD DEGREE, CONSPIRED TO OBTAIN THEM BY ANY MEANS, EVEN TO HAVE RECOURSE TO VIOLENCE, AT THE MOMENT OF CARRYING THEIR CONSPIRACY INTO EXECUTION, TWELVE OF THE FIFTEEN RECANTED, BUT THREE OF A MORE DETERMINED AND ATROCIOUS CHARACTER THAN THE REST, PERSISTED IN THEIR IMPIOUS DESIGN, IN THE PROSECUTION' OF WHICH THEY PLANTED THEMSELVES RESPECTIVELY AT THE EAST, NORTH, AND SOUTH ENTRANCES OF THE TEMPLE, WHITHER OUR MASTER HAD RETIRED TO PAY HIS ADORATION TO THE MOST HIGH, AS WAS HIS WONTED CUSTOM AT THE HOUR OF HIGH TWELVE. HAVING FINISHED HIS DEVOTIONS, HE ATTEMPTED TO RETURN BY THE SOUTH ENTRANCE, WHERE HE WAS OPPOSED BY THE FIRST OF THOSE RUFFIANS, WHO FOR WANT OF OTHER WEAPON, HAD ARMED HIMSELF WITH A HEAVY PLUMB RULE AND IN A THREATENING MANNER DEMANDED THE SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON WARNING HIM THAT DEATH WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCE OF A REFUSAL.

Worshipful Master -

OUR MASTER TRUE TO HIS OBLIGATION ANSWERED THAT THOSE SECRETS WERE KNOWN TO BUT THREE IN THE WORLD, AND THAT WITHOUT THE CONSENT AND CO-OPERATION OF THE OTHER TWO BE NEITHER COULD NOR WOULD DIVULGE THEM BUT INTIMATED THAT HE HAD PATIENCE AND INDUSTRY WOULD, IN DUE TIME, ENTITLE THE WORTHY MASON TO A PARTICIPATION OF THEM BUT THAT FOR HIS OWN PART HE WOULD RATHER SUFFER DEATH THAN BETRAY THE SACRED TRUST REPOSED IN HIM. THIS ANSWER, NOT PROVING SATISFACTORY THE RUFFIAN AIMED A VIOLENT BLOW AT THE HEAD OF OUR MASTER BUT BEING STARTLED BY THE FIRMNESS OF HIS DEMEANOUR, IT MISSED HIS FOREHEAD AND ONLY GLANCED ON HIS RIGHT TEMPLE...

(HERE THE JUNIOR WARDEN TOUCHES THE CANDIDATE'S RIGHT TEMPLE WITH THE PLUMB RULE MAKING THE MOVEMENT FROM FRONT TO BACK)

BUT SUCH FORCE AS TO CAUSE HIM TO REEL AND SINK ON HIS LEFT KNEE.

(HERE THE CANDIDATE, INSTRUCTED BY THE SENIOR WARDEN, SINKS UNTIL HIS LEFT. TOUCHES THE FLOOR).

Worshipful Master -

RECOVERING FROM THE SHOCK...

(CANDIDATE REGAINS ERECT POSITION),

Worshipful Master -

HE MADE FOR THE NORTH ENTRANCE, WHERE HE WAS ACCOSTED BY THE SECOND OF THOSE RUFFIANS, TO WHOM HE GAVE A SIMILAR ANSWER WITH UNDIMINISHED FIRMNESS, WHEN THE RUFFIAN WHO WAS ARMED WITH A LEVEL, STRUCK HIM A VIOLENT BLOW ON THE LEFT TEMPLE...

(HERE THE SENIOR WARDEN TOUCHES CANDIDATE ON THE LEFT TEMPLE WITH THE LEVEL),

Worshipful Master -

WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO THE GROUND ON HIS RIGHT KNEE.

(HERE THE CANDIDATE INSTRUCTED BY JUNIOR. WARDEN SINKS UNTIL HIS RIGHT KNEE TOUCHES THE FLOOR. CANDIDATE REGAINS ERECT POSITION).

Worshipful Master -

FINDING HIS RETREAT CUT OFF AT BOTH THOSE POINT HE STAGGERED, FAINT AND BLEEDING, TO THE EAST ENTRANCE, WHERE THE THIRD RUFFIAN WAS POSTED WHO RECEIVED A SIMILAR ANSWER TO HIS INSOLENT DEMAND, FOR EVEN AT THIS TRYING MOMENT OUR MASTER REMAINED FIRM AND UNSHAKEN, WHEN THE VILLAIN, WHO WAS ARMED WITH A HEAVY MAUL STRUCK HIM A VIOLENT BLOW ON THE FOREHEAD...

(HERE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, REMAINING SEATED, GOES THROUGH THE MOVEMENT WITHOUT ACTUALLY TOUCHING CANDIDATE WITH THE HEAVY MAUL),

Worshipful Master -

WHICH LAID HIM LIFELESS AT HIS FEET.

Which the Candidate, assisted by both Wardens is made to imitate being lowered with arms at sides and right foot still crossed over left foot. The Wardens stand West of Candidate at head of the grave, and when called on to raise him come forward but return to make their report to Worshipful Master.

Worshipful Master -

THE BRETHREN WILL TAKE NOTICE THAT IN THE RECENT CEREMONY, AS WELL AS IN HIS PRESENT SITUATION, OUR BROTHER HAS BEEN MADE TO REPRESENT ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST CHARACTERS RECORDED IN THE ANNALS OF MASONRY, NAMELY HIRAM ABIFF WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIS UNSHAKEN FIDELITY TO THE SACRED TRUST REPOSED IN HIM, AND I HOPE THIS WILL MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON HIS AND YOUR MINDS SHOULD YOU EVER BE PLACED IN A SIMILAR STATE OF TRIAL. BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, YOU WILL ENDEAVOUR TO RAISE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR MASTER BY THE ENTERED APPRENTICE GRIP. ¹¹⁹

Junior Warden proceeds to level of Candidate's knees, steps across him with his right foot lifts Candidate's right hand with his left hand gives Entered Apprentice grip with his right hand, slips it and gently replaces Candidate's right hand to his side. He goes and returns to his position at head of the grave on the right side of the Candidate. On returning to his position he takes Step, shows Penal Sign of Third Degree.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER IT PROVES A SLIP.

Cuts Sign not forgetting to recover.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN YOU WILL TRY THE FELLOWCRAFTS.

(Senior Warden proceeds in similar manner to Junior Warden but along left side of Candidate, steps over latter with his left foot and gives Fellowcraft's grip and slips it precisely as Junior Warden did and returns to his position, takes Step and with Penal Sign of Third Degree.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER IT PROVES A SLIP LIKE WISE

Cuts Sign not forgetting to recover.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER WARDENS HAVING BOTH FAILED IN YOUR ATTEMPTS, THERE REMAINS A THIRD METHOD, BY TAKING A MORE FIRM HOLD OF THE SINEWS OF THE HAND AND RAISING HIM ON THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP WHICH, WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, I WILL MAKE TRIAL OF.

Worshipful Master leaves chair by left, advances to feet of Candidate which he uncrosses, so heels are about six inches apart. Worshipful Master then puts foot to foot, takes Candidate's right hand by the Master Masons grip, and with the aid of the Wardens raises the Candidate on the five. Points of Fellowship. The Senior Warden sees that Candidate's left hand is extended properly over Worshipful Master's right shoulder, palm downwards, hand bent back at wrist, and thumb in form of a square. In the Hand Over Back position the Worshipful Master continues.

Worshipful Master -

IT IS THUS ALL MASTER MASONS ARE RAISED FROM A FIGURATIVE GRAVE TO A REUNION WITH THE FORMER COMPANIONS OF THEIR TOILS...

Worshipful Master disengages.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER WARDENS RESUME YOUR SEATS.

Wardens do so by shortest route, no 'squaring:' Worshipful Master takes Candidate by both hands and gently edges him round so that he stands in the North facing South, in front of and to the North of the Worshipful Master's pedestal. Worshipful Master places Candidate's hands at his sides, steps backward four or five paces, faces Candidate, and addresses him.

THE CHARGE IN THE NORTH.

Worshipful Master -

LET ME NOW BEG YOU TO OBSERVE THAT THE LIGHT OF A MASTER MASON IS DARKNESS VISIBLE, SERVING ONLY TO EXPRESS THAT GLOOM WHICH RESTS ON THE PROSPECT OF FUTURITY. IT IS THAT MYSTERIOUS VEIL WHICH THE EYE OF HUMAN REASON CANNOT PENETRATE UNLESS ASSISTED BY THAT LIGHT WHICH IS FROM ABOVE. YET, EVEN BY THIS GLIMMERING RAY, YOU MAY PERCEIVE THAT YOU STAND ON THE BRINK OF THE GRAVE INTO WHICH YOU JUST FIGURATIVELY DESCENDED, AND WHICH, WHEN THIS TRANSITORY LIFE SHALL HAVE PASSED AWAY, WILL AGAIN RECEIVE YOU INTO ITS COLD BOSOM. LET THE EMBLEMS OF MORTALITY WHICH LIE BEFORE YOU LEAD YOU TO CONTEMPLATE ON YOUR INEVITABLE DESTINY, AND GUIDE YOUR REFLECTIONS TO THAT MOST INTERESTING OF ALL HUMAN STUDIES, THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOURSELF. BE CAREFUL TO PERFORM YOUR ALLOTTED TASK WHILE IT IS YET DAY, CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF NATURE, WHICH BEARS WITNESS THAT EVEN IN THIS PERISHABLE FRAME RESIDES A VITAL AND IMMORTAL PRINCIPLE, WHICH INSPIRES A HOLY CONFIDENCE THAT THE LORD OF LIFE WILL ENABLE US TO TRAMPLE THE KING OF TERRORS BENEATH OUR FEET, AND LIFT OUR EYES TO THAT BRIGHT MORNING STAR, WHOSE RISING BRINGS PEACE AND SALVATION TO THE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT OF THE HUMAN RACE.

Worshipful Master steps forward, takes both hands of Candidate and gently moves round counter clockwise until they exchange places i.e. the Worshipful Master interposes himself between Candidate and pedestal, in this movement, and the Candidate is now in the South facing North, the Worshipful Master in the North facing Candidate The position of the Candidate should be South of mid-line of Lodge so as to enable him to take the subsequent Steps and finish in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal.

Worshipful Master -

I CANNOT BETTER REWARD THE ATTENTION YOU HAVE PAID TO THIS EXHORTATION AND CHARGE THAN BY ENTRUSTING YOU WITH THE SECRETS OF THE DEGREE. YOU WILL THEREFORE ADVANCE TO ME AS A FELLOWCRAFT, FIRST AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Candidate takes Step and Sign of an Entered Apprentice, cuts Sign, takes another Step, and gives Sign of Fellowcraft and cuts Sign.

Worshipful Master -

YOU WILL NOW TAKE ANOTHER SHORT STEP TOWARDS ME WITH YOUR LEFT FOOT BRINGING THE RIGHT HEEL INTO ITS HOLLOW AS BEFORE. THAT IS THE THIRD REGULAR STEP IN FREEMASONRY, AND IT IS IN THIS POSITION THAT THE SECRETS OF THE DEGREE ARE COMMUNICATED. THEY CONSIST OF SIGNS A TOKEN AND WORD. OF THE SIGNS THE FIRST AND SECOND ARE CASUAL THE THIRD PENAL. THE FIRST CASUAL SIGN IS CALLED THE SIGN OF HORROR AND IS GIVEN FROM THE FELLOWCRAFTS. STAND TO ORDER AS A FELLOWCRAFT...

Worshipful Master takes Step and Sign of a Fellowcraft Candidate takes no Step, he has already taken it, gives Fellowcraft Sign only.

Worshipful Master -

BY DROPPING THE LEFT HAND IN THIS POSITION EXTENDING THE RIGHT WITH THE HAND IN ORDER TO R. S., AS IF STRUCK WITH HORROR AT SOME DREADFUL AND AWFUL SIGHT

Worshipful Master - illustrates Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

THE SECOND CASUAL SIGN IS CALLED THE SIGN OF SYMPATHY AND IS GIVEN BY BENDING THE HEAD FORWARD AND SMITING THE FOREHEAD GENTLY WITH THE RIGHT HAND

Worshipful Master illustrates and Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

PLACE YOUR HAND IN THIS POSITION WITH THE THUMB EXTENDED IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE.

Worshipful Master illustrates, Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

THE PENAL SIGN IS GIVEN BY DRAWING THE HAND SHARPLY ACROSS THE BODY, DROPPING IT TO THE SIDE AND RECOVERING WITH THE THUMB TOWARDS THE NAVEL.

Worshipful Master illustrates, Candidate copies.

Worshipful Master -

THIS IS IN ALLUSION TO THE PENALTY OF YOUR OBLIGATION IMPLYING THAT AS A MAN OF HONOUR AND A MASTER MASON, YOU WOULD RATHER BE SEVERED IN TWO

Worshipful Master gives Penal Sign copied by Candidate...

Worshipful Master -

THAN IMPROPERLY DISCLOSE THE SECRETS ENTRUSTED TO YOU. THE GRIP OR TOKEN IS THE FIRST OF THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP. THEY ARE...

Worshipful Master illustrates with aid of Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

HAND TO HAND, FOOT TO FOOT, KNEE TO KNEE BREAST TO BREAST AND HAND OVER BACK.

Worshipful Master disengages),

Worshipful Master -

AND MAY BE THUS BRIEFLY EXPLAINED.

The Worshipful Master gives the Five Points of Fellowship a second time, illustrating each with aid of Candidate and explaining each point as he gives it.

Worshipful Master -

HAND TO HAND, I GREET YOU AS A BROTHER; FOOT TO FOOT, I WILL SUPPORT YOU IN ALL YOUR LAUDABLE UNDERTAKINGS; KNEE TO KNEE, THE POSTURE OF MY DAILY SUPPLICATIONS SHALL REMIND ME OF YOUR WANTS; BREAST TO BREAST YOUR LAWFUL SECRETS WHEN ENTRUSTED TO ME AS SUCH I WILL KEEP AS MY OWN; AND HAND OVER BACK, I WILL SUPPORT YOUR CHARACTER IN YOUR ABSENCE AS IN YOUR PRESENCE. IT IS IN THIS POSITION, AND THIS ONLY, AND THEN ONLY IN A WHISPER, EXCEPT IN OPEN LODGE, THAT THE WORD IS GIVEN - IT IS MAHABONE OR MACBONAH.

The Worshipful Master keeps up the last of the five points of Fellowship until he has communicated the word which he does aloud. Candidate repeats word after Worshipful Master. He then disengages and stands in front of Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

YOU ARE NOW AT LIBERTY TO RETIRE IN ORDER TO RESTORE YOURSELF TO YOUR PERSONAL COMFORTS, AND ON YOUR RETURN TO THE LODGE THE, SIGNS, TOKEN AND WORD WILL BE FURTHER EXPLAINED.

RETIREMENT FROM LODGE.

Worshipful Master resumes seat, Senior Deacon rises and takes right hand of Candidate. With a forward left wheel, faces the door of the Lodge and, taking care not to step over the grave, leads Candidate by most direct route to North. of Senior Warden and by means of a backward wheel faces Worshipful Master.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE THREE DEGREES. ¹²⁰

Senior Deacon whispers to Candidate penal sign only of Third Degree.’ Candidate does. Senior Deacon, by left forward wheel, conducts Candidate to door, which is opened and shut by Inner Guard after Candidate’s exit.

After exit of Candidate instruments are restored and the sheet taken up by the Deacons. Outside the Lodge Candidate resumes his ordinary clothing, not forgetting the Fellowcraft’s badge. When he is ready the Tyler gives Third Degree knocks on door. Inner Guard stands in his place in front of his chair at North of Senior Warden, takes Step and shows Penal Sign of Third Degree.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, THERE IS A REPORT. ¹²¹

Junior Warden, seated, gives one knock. Inner Guard cuts Penal Sign which he has held, not forgetting to recover, goes to the door, opens, but says nothing.

Tyler -

THE CANDIDATE ON HIS RETURN.

Inner Guard makes no reply, closes and locks door, returns to position in front of his seat and with Step and Penal Sign of Third Degree).

Inner Guard -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, THE CANDIDATE ON HIS RETURN.

Worshipful Master -

ADMIT HIM.

Inner Guard cuts Penal Sign, not forgetting to recover, and proceeds to door. Senior Deacon also proceeds to door, which is opened and, after admission of Candidate, shut and locked by Inner Guard, Senior Deacon takes Candidate by right hand to North of Senior Warden and instructs him.

Senior Deacon -

SALUTE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE THREE DEGREES.

in a whisper says 'full signs.'

The Candidate does so. Senior Deacon then places Candidate's right hand in left hand of Senior Warden who rises with Step and gives Penal Sign which he holds. Senior Deacon on left of Candidate.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I PRESENT TO YOU BROTHER A. ON HIS BEING RAISED TO THE THIRD DEGREE, FOR SOME FURTHER MARK OF YOUR FAVOUR.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN I DELEGATE YOU TO INVEST HIM WITH THE DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A MASTER MASON.

Senior Warden cuts Penal Sign, not forgetting to recover. Senior Deacon turns Candidate to face Senior Warden who removes Fellowcrafts apron and assisted by Senior Deacon, if necessary, invests Candidate with the badge of a Master Mason. Badge should have been fitted to Candidate's proportions before ceremony. Holding badge with left hand by lower right hand corner.

Senior Warden -

BROTHER A. BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S COMMAND I INVEST YOU WITH THE DISTINGUISHING BADGE OF A MASON MASON TO MARK THE FURTHER PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE IN THE SCIENCE.

Senior Warden restores right hand of Candidate to Senior Deacon with his left hand and sits. Senior Deacon turns Candidate towards Worshipful Master and stands on right of Candidate.

Senior Warden -

I MUST STATE THAT THE BADGE WITH WHICH YOU HAVE NOW BEEN INVESTED NOT ONLY POINTS OUT YOUR RANK AS A MASTER MASON, BUT IS MEANT TO REMIND YOU OF THOSE GREAT DUTIES YOU HAVE JUST SOLEMNLY ENGAGED YOURSELF TO OBSERVE, AND WHILST IT MARKS YOUR OWN SUPERIORITY, IT CALLS ON YOU TO AFFORD ASSISTANCE AND INSTRUCTION TO THE BRETHERN IN THE INFERIOR DEGREES.

Senior Deacon leads Candidate by nearest route, no squaring' and places him in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal, not more than a foot away.

TRADITIONAL HISTORY.

Worshipful Master -

WE LEFT OFF AT THAT PART OF OUR TRADITIONAL HISTORY WHICH MENTIONS THE DEATH OF OUR MASTER HIRAM ABIFF, A LOSS SO IMPORTANT AS THAT OF THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT COULD NOT FAIL OF BEING GENERALLY AND SEVERELY FELT. THE WANT OF THOSE PLANS AND DESIGNS WHICH HAD HITHERTO BEEN REGULARLY SUPPLIED TO THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF WORKMEN WAS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT SOME HEAVY CALAMITY HAD BEFALLEN OUR MASTER. THE MENATSCHIN OR PREFECTS, OR MORE FAMILIARLY SPEAKING, THE OVERSEERS, DEPUTED SOME OF THE MOST EMINENT OF THEIR NUMBER TO ACQUAINT KING SOLOMON WITH THE UTTER CONFUSION INTO WHICH THE ABSENCE OF HIRAM HAD PLUNGED THEM, AND TO EXPRESS THEIR APPREHENSION THAT TO SOME FATAL CATASTROPHE MUST BE ATTRIBUTED HIS SUDDEN AND MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Worshipful Master -

KING SOLOMON IMMEDIATELY ORDERED A GENERAL MUSTER OF THE WORKMEN THROUGH-
 OUT THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, WHEN THREE OF THE SAME CLASS OF OVERSEERS
 WERE NOT TO BE FOUND. ON THE SAME DAY THE TWELVE CRAFTSMEN WHO HAD
 ORIGINALLY JOINED IN THE CONSPIRACY CAME BEFORE THE KING AND MADE A VOLUN-
 TARY CONFESSION OF ALL THEY KNEW DOWN TO THE TIME OF WITHDRAWING THEM-
 SELVES FROM THE NUMBER OF THE CONSPIRATORS. THIS NATURALLY INCREASED THE
 FEARS OF KING SOLOMON FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS CHIEF ARTIST. HE THEREFORE
 SELECTED FIFTEEN TRUSTY FELLOWCRAFTS AND ORDERED THEM TO MAKE DILIGENT
 SEARCH AFTER THE PERSON OF OUR MASTER TO ASCERTAIN IF HE WERE YET ALIVE,
 OR HAD SUFFERED DEATH IN THE ATTEMPT TO EXTORT FROM HIM THE SECRETS
 OF HIS EXALTED DEGREE. ACCORDINGLY, A STATED DAY HAVING BEEN APPOINTED
 FOR THEIR RETURN TO JERUSALEM, THEY FORMED THEMSELVES INTO THREE FEL-
 LOWCRAFT LODGES AND DEPARTED FROM THE THREE ENTRANCES OF THE TEMPLE.

Worshipful Master -

MANY DAYS WERE SPENT IN FRUITLESS SEARCH; INDEED, ONE CLASS RETURNED WITH
 OUT HAVING MADE ANY DISCOVERY OF IMPORTANCE. A SECOND, HOWEVER, WERE
 MORE FORTUNATE, FOR ON THE EVENING OF A CERTAIN DAY, AFTER HAVING SUF-
 FERED THE GREATEST PRIVATIONS AND PERSONAL FATIGUES, ONE OF THE BRETHREN,
 WHO HAD RESTED HIMSELF IN A RECLINING POSTURE, TO ASSIST HIS RISING, CAUGHT
 HOLD OF A SHRUB THAT GREW NEAR, WHICH TO HIS SURPRISE CAME EASILY OUT OF
 THE GROUND. ON A CLOSER EXAMINATION HE FOUND THAT THE EARTH HAD BEEN
 RECENTLY DISTURBED. HE THEREFORE HAILED HIS COMPANIONS, AND, WITH THEIR
 UNITED ENDEAVOURS RE-OPENED THE GROUND, AND THERE FOUND THE BODY OF OUR
 MASTER VERY INDECENTLY INTERRED. THEY COVERED IT AGAIN WITH AN RESPECT
 AND REVERENCE, AND TO DISTINGUISH THE SPOT, STUCK A SPRIG OF ACACIA AT THE
 HEAD OF THE GRAVE. THEY THEN HASTENED TO JERUSALEM TO IMPART THE AF-
 FLICTING INTELLIGENCE TO KING SOLOMON. HE, WHEN THE FIRST EMOTIONS, OF
 HIS GRIEF HAD SUBSIDED, ORDERED THEM TO RETURN AND RAISE OUR TO SUCH A

SEPULTURE AS BECAME HIS RANK AND EXALTED TALENTS, AT THE SAME TIME INFORMING THEM THAT BY HIS UNTIMELY DEATH THE SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON WERE LOST. HE THEREFORE CHARGED THEM TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL IN OBSERVING WHATEVER CASUAL SIGN, TOKEN OR WORD. MIGHT OCCUR WHILST PAYING THIS LAST SAD TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO DEPARTED MERIT. THEY PERFORMED THEIR TASK WITH THE UTMOST FIDELITY, AND ON REOPENING THE GROUND ONE OF THE BRETHREN LOOKING ROUND...

Worshipful Master rises, no step.

Worshipful Master -

OBSERVED SOME OF HIS COMPANIONS IN THIS POSITION.

Worshipful Master gives Sign of Horror no step, Candidate copies

Worshipful Master -

STRUCK WITH AT THE DREADFUL AND AFFLICITING SIGHT.

Worshipful Master cuts Sign.

Worshipful Master -

WHILE OTHERS VIEWING THE GHASTLY WOUND STILL VISIBLE ON HIS FOREHEAD SMOTE THEIR OWN.

Worshipful Master gives Sign of Sympathy, copied by Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

IN SYMPATHY WITH HIS SUFFERINGS.

Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master -

TWO OF THE BROTHERS THEN DESCENDED THE GRAVE AND ENDEAVOURED TO RAISE HIM BY THE ENTERED APPRENTICE GRIP WHICH PROVED A SLIP. THEY THEN TRIED THE FELLOWCRAFTS WHICH PROVED A SLIP LIKEWISE. HAVING BOTH FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS, A ZEALOUS AND EXPERT BROTHER TOOK A MORE FIRM HOLD OF THE SINEWS OF THE HAND, AND WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE RAISED HIM ON THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP, WHILE OTHERS, MORE ANIMATED EXCLAIMED MACABONE OR MACBONAH BOTH HAVING A NEARLY SIMILAR IMPORT, ONE SIGNIFYING THE DEATH OF THE BUILDER, THE OTHER THE BUILDER IS SMITTEN.

Worshipful Master -

KING SOLOMON THEREFORE ORDERED THAT THOSE CASUAL SIGNS AND THAT TOKEN AND WORD SHOULD DESIGNATE ALL MASTER MASONS THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE, UNTIL TIME OR CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD RESTORE THE GENUINE. IT ONLY REMAINS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE THIRD CLASS, WHO HAD PURSUED THEIR RESEARCHES IN THE DIRECTION OF JOPPA, AND WERE MEDITATING THEIR RETURN TO JERUSALEM, WHEN, ACCIDENTALLY PASSING THE MOUTH OF A CAVERN, THEY HEARD SOUNDS OF DEEP LAMENTATION AND REGRET. ON ENTERING THE CAVE TO ASCERTAIN THE CAUSE, THEY FOUND THREE MEN ANSWERING THE DESCRIPTION OF THOSE MISSING; WHO, ON BEING CHARGED WITH THE MURDER, AND FINDING ALL CHANCE OF ESCAPE CUT OFF, MADE A FULL CONFESSION OF THEIR GUILT. THEY WERE THEN BOUND AND LED TO JERUSALEM, WHEN KING SOLOMON SENTENCED THEM TO THAT DEATH, THE HEINOUSNESS OF THEIR CRIME SO AMPLY MERITED.

Immediate Past Master hands the Tracing Board to Worshipful Master.

With Tracing Board in left hand and pencil in right hand to point various items.

Worshipful Master -

OUR MASON WAS ORDERED TO BE RE-INTERRED AS NEAR TO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM AS THE ISRAELITISH LAW WOULD PERMIT; THERE IN A GRAVE, FROM THE CENTRE THREE FEET EAST AND THREE FEET WEST, THREE FEET BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND FIVE FEET OR MORE PERPENDICULAR. HE WAS NOT BURIED IN THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, BECAUSE NOTHING COMMON OR UNCLEAN WAS ALLOWED TO

ENTER THERE; NOT EVEN THE HIGH PRIEST, BUT ONCE A YEAR; NOR THEN UNTIL AFTER MANY WASHINGS AND PURIFICATIONS AGAINST THE GREAT DAY OF EXPIATION FOR SINS, FOR BY THE ISRAELITISH LAW ALL FLESH WAS DEEMED UNCLEAN. THE SAME FIFTEEN TRUSTY FELLOWCRAFTS WERE ORDERED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, CLOTHED IN WHITE APRONS AND GLOVES AS EMBLEMS OF THEIR INNOCENCE. ¹²²

Worshipful Master -

YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT THE WORKING TOOLS WITH WHICH OUR MASTER WAS SLAIN WERE THE PLUMB RULE, LEVEL AND HEAVY MAUL. THE ORNAMENTS OF A MASTER MASON'S LODGE ARE THE PORCH, DORMER, AND SQUARE PAVEMENT. THE PORCH WAS THE ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, THE DORMER THE WINDOW THAT GAVE LIGHT TO THE SAME AND THE SQUARE PAVEMENT FOR THE HIGH PRIEST TO WALK ON. THE HIGH PRIESTS OFFICE WAS TO BURN INCENSE TO THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF THE MOST HIGH, AND TO PRAY FERVENTLY THAT THE ALMIGHTY OF HIS UNBOUNDED WISDOM AND GOODNESS, WOULD BE PLEASED TO BESTOW PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY ON THE ISRAELITISH NATION DURING THE ENSUING YEAR. THE COFFIN, SKULL AND CROSSBONES, BEING EMBLEMS OF MORTALITY, ALLUDE TO THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF OUR MASTER HIRAM ABIFF . HE WAS SLAIN THREE THOUSAND YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

Worshipful Master here returns Tracing Board and pencil to Immediate Past Master.

Worshipful Master -

IN THE COURSE OF THE CEREMONY YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THREE SIGNS IN THIS DEGREE. THE WHOLE OF THEM ARE FIVE CORRESPONDING IN NUMBER WITH THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP. THEY ARE THE SIGN OF HORROR, THE SIGN OF SYMPATHY, THE PENAL SIGN, THE SIGN OF GRIEF AND DISTRESS AND THE SIGN OF JOY EXULTATION LIKEWISE CALLED GRAND AND ROYAL SIGN. FOR THE SAKE OF REGULARITY I WILL GO THROUGH THEM AND YOU WILL COPY ME.

Worshipful Master rises with Step. Senior Deacon instructs Candidate to take Step also, and to copy Signs. made by Worshipful Master but not to repeat word.

Worshipful Master -

THIS IS THE SIGN OF HORROR, THIS, OF SYMPATHY, THIS, THE PENAL SIGN. THE SIGN OF GRIEF AND DISTRESS IS GIVEN BY PASSING THE RIGHT HAND ACROSS THE FOREHEAD AND DROPPING IT OVER THE LEFT EYEBROW IN THE FORM OF A SQUARE. THIS TOOK ITS RISE AT THE TIME OUR MASTER WAS MAKING HIS WAY FROM THE NORTH TO THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE TEMPLE, WHEN HIS AGONY WAS SO GREAT THAT THE PERSPIRATION STOOD IN LARGE DROPS ON HIS FOREHEAD, AND HE MADE USE OF THIS SIGN...

Does it and is copied by Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

AS A TEMPORARY RELIEF TO HIS SUFFERINGS. THIS IS THE SIGN OF JOY AND EXULTATION. ¹²³

Demonstrates the Sign and is copied by Candidate as before.

Worshipful Master -

IT TOOK ITS RISE AT THE TIME THE TEMPLE WAS COMPLETED, AND KING SOLOMON, WITH THE PRINCES OF HIS HOUSEHOLD AND THE QUEEN OF SHEBA, WENT TO VIEW IT, WHEN THEY WERE STRUCK WITH ITS MAGNIFICENCE THAT WITH ONE SIMULTANEOUS MOTION THEY EXCLAIMED...

Worshipful Master gives Sign copied by Candidate.

Worshipful Master -

“O WONDERFUL MASONS.” ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE THE SIGN OF GRIEF AND DISTRESS IS GIVEN IN A DIFFERENT MANNER BY CLASPING THE HANDS AND ELEVATING THEM WITH BACK TO THE FOREHEAD...

Candidate copies Sign. But does not repeat words.

Worshipful Master -

EXCLAIMING ‘COME TO MY ASSISTANCE YE CHILDREN OF THE WIDOW...

Worshipful Master, followed by Candidate, cuts Sign.

Worshipful Master -

ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT ALL MASTER MASONS ARE BROTHERS TO HIRAM ABIFF WHO WAS A WIDOWS SON. IN SCOTLAND, IRELAND AND THE STATES OF AMERICA THE SIGN OF GRIEF AND DISTRESS IS GIVEN IN A STILL DIFFERENT MANNER BY THROWING

UP THE HANDS WITH THE PALMS EXTENDED TOWARDS THE HEAVENS AND DROPPING THEM, WITH THREE DISTINCT MOTIONS TO THE SIDES EXCLAIMING, O LORD MY GOD, O LORD MY GOD, O LORD MY GOD, IS THERE NO HELP FOR THE WIDOWS SON.

Candidate, as before, copies Sign but does not repeat words.

THIRD DEGREE WORKING TOOLS.

Worshipful Master -

I NOW PRESENT TO YOU THE WORKING TOOLS OF A MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master -

THEY ARE THE SKIRRET, PENCIL AND COMPASSES.

Worshipful Master -

THE SKIRRET IS AN IMPLEMENT WHICH ACTS ON A CENTRE PIN, WHENCE A LINE IS DRAWN TO MARK OUT GROUND FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THE INTENDED STRUCTURE. WITH THE PENCIL THE SKILFUL ARTIST DELINEATES THE BUILDING IN A DRAFT OR PLAN FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE OF THE WORKMEN.

Worshipful Master -

THE COMPASSES ENABLE HIM, WITH ACCURACY AND PRECISION, TO ASCERTAIN AND DETERMINE THE LIMITS AND PROPORTIONS OF ITS SEVERAL PARTS. BUT AS WE ARE NOT ALL OPERATIVE MASONS BUT RATHER FREE AND ACCEPTED, OR SPECULATIVE, WE APPLY THESE TO OUR MORALS.

Worshipful Master -

IN THIS SENSE, THE SKIRRET POINTS OUT THAT STRAIGHT AND UNDEVIATING LINE OF CONDUCT LAID DOWN FOR OUR PURSUIT IN THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW.

Worshipful Master -

THE PENCIL TEACHES US THAT OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS ARE OBSERVED AND RECORDED BY THE ALMIGHTY ARCHITECT, TO WHOM WE MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF OUR CONDUCT THROUGH LIFE.

Worshipful Master -

THE COMPASSES REMIND US OF HIS UNERRING AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE, WHO, HAVING DEFINED FOR OUR INSTRUCTION THE LIMITS OF GOOD AND EVIL, WILL REWARD, OR PUNISH, AS WE HAVE OBEYED OR DISREGARDED HIS DIVINE COMMANDS.

Worshipful Master -

THUS THE WORKING TOOLS OF A MASTER MASON TEACH US TO BEAR IN MIND, AND ACT ACCORDING TO, THE LAWS OF OUR DIVINE CREATOR, THAT, WHEN WE SHALL BE SUMMONED FROM THIS SUBLUNARY ABODE, WE MAY ASCEND TO THE GRAND LODGE ABOVE WHERE THE WORLD'S GREAT ARCHITECT LIVES AND REIGNS FOR EVER.

Senior Deacon conducts Candidate to seat in Lodge. No Salute. 124

THIRD DEGREE TRACING BOARD. ¹²⁵**Worshipful Master -**

BRETHREN, IN THIS, AS IN THE FORMER DEGREES, IT IS CUSTOMARY TO EXHIBIT A TRACING BOARD, ON WHICH ARE DEPICTED DESIGNS HAVING PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE CEREMONY OF THE DEGREE. THE BACKGROUND OF THE TRACING BOARD OF THIS DEGREE IS BLACK, INDICATING THE APPEARANCE OF THE LODGE ON YOUR ADMISSION, AND REFERRING TO THE VALLEY OF DEATH.

Worshipful Master -

THE CASKET, SKULL, AND BONES ARE EMBLEMS OF MORTALITY. THEY RECALL THE PECULIAR OBJECTS OF THE THIRD DEGREE IN FREEMASONRY, AND REMIND US OF THE PRAYER OF THE FATHER OF SOLOMON: "SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY APPLY OUR HEARTS UNTO WISDOM."

Worshipful Master -

ACCORDING TO TRADITION THE BODY OF OUR ANTIENT GRAND MASTER HIRAM ABIFF WAS ORDERED TO BE BURIED AS NEAR TO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM AS THE ISRAELITISH LAW COULD PERMIT. THERE IN A GRAVE, FROM THE CENTRE THREE FEET EAST, AND THREE FEET WEST, THREE FEET BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, AND FIVE FEET OR MORE PERPENDICULAR, WAS LAID THE BODY OF OUR ANTIENT GRAND MASTER. HE WAS NOT BURIED IN THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, BECAUSE NOTHING COMMON OR UNCLEAN WAS ALLOWED TO ENTER THERE, NOT EVEN THE HIGH PRIEST, BUT ONCE A YEAR, NOR THEN ONLY AFTER MANY WASHINGS AND PURIFICATIONS AGAINST THE GREAT DAY OF EXPIATION FOR SINS, FOR BY THE ISRAELITISH LAW ALL FLESH WAS DEEMED UNCLEAN.

Worshipful Master -

TRADITION SAYS THAT THE FIFTEEN TRUSTY FELLOWCRAFTS WHO HAD JOINED IN THE SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF OUR ANTIENT GRAND MASTER, WERE ORDERED BY KING SOLOMON TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL, CLOTHED IN WHITE APRONS AND WHITE GLOVES, AS EMBLEMS OF THEIR INNOCENCE.

Worshipful Master -

THE IMPLEMENTS WITH WHICH OUR ANTIENT GRAND MASTER WAS SLAINED ARE THE PLUMB RULE, LEVEL AND HEAVY SETTING MAUL. THE WORKING TOOLS OF THE MASTER MASON ARE THE SKIRRETH, PENCIL AND COMPASES. THE SKIRRETH IS AN IMPLEMENT WHICH BELONGS TO ALL FREEMASONS AND ITS MORAL SIGNIFICANCE HAS ALREADY BEEN EXPLAINED.

Worshipful Master -

DEPICTED ON THE TRACING BOARD OF THIS DEGREE ARE THE PORCH, DORMER AND MOSAIC PAVEMENT. THE PORCH WAS THE ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, THE DORMER WAS THE WINDOW THAT GAVE LIGHT TO THE SAME, AND THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT FOR THE HIGH PRIEST TO WALK UPON. THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH PRIEST WAS TO BURN INCENSE TO THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF THE MOST HIGH, AND TO PRAY FERVENTLY THAT THE ALMIGHTY, OF HIS UNBOUNDED WISDOM AND GOODNESS, WOULD BE PLEASED TO BESTOW PEACE AND TRANQUILITY UPON THE ISRAELITISH NATION DURING THE ENSUING YEAR. THE HEBREW CHARACTERS ON THE ARCH STONES OF THE DORMER SIGNIFY "HOLINESS TO THE LORD." ¹²⁶

Worshipful Master -

THE CASKET, SKULL AND BONES ARE EMBLEMS OF MORTALITY AND ALLUDE TO THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF OUR ANTIENT MASTER HIRAM ABIFF. THE CHARACTERS IN CYPHER ON THE SCROLL, WHEN READ FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, INDICATE THAT IT OCCURRED, ACCORDING TO MASONIC TRADITION, THREE THOUSAND YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF THE WORLD. ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCROLL, THERE IS SOMETIMES DEPICTED A FURTHER INSCRIPTION: $\sqcup \square \cdot$ WHICH REFERS IN CRYPTIC FORM TO THE WORDS ENTRUSTED TO A CANDIDATE ON THE FIVE POINT OF FELLOWSHIP.

Worshipful Master -

THE THREE NUMBERS "5" REFER TO THE THREE LODGES OF FELLOWCRAFTS WHO WENT IN SEARCH OF OUR MASTER. THE SPRING OF ACACIA, HERE SHOWN AT THE HEAD OF THE GRAVE, IS AN EMBLEM OF THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL, AND ONCE MARKED THE TEMPORARY RESTING PLACE OF OUR PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT HIRAM ABIFF. ¹²⁷

Worshipful Master -

THE THIRD DEGREE IS CALCULATED TO BIND MEN TOGETHER BY MYSTIC POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP, AS IN A BOND OF FRATERNAL AFFECTION AND BROTHERLY LOVE; IT POINTS TO THE DARKNESS OF DEATH AND TO THE OBSCURITY OF THE GRAVE AS THE FORERUNNER OF A MORE BRILLIANT LIGHT, WHICH SHALL FOLLOW AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST, WHEN THESE MORTAL BODIES WHICH HAVE BEEN LONG SLUMBERING IN THE DUST SHALL BE AWAKENED, REUNITED TO THEIR KINDRED SPIRITS AND CLOTHED WITH IMMORTALITY. ¹²⁸

Worshipful Master -

AMONG THE BRETHREN OF THIS DEGREE THE ANTIEN T LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER ARE PRESERVED, AND IT IS FROM THEM WE DERIVE THAT FUND OF INFORMATION, WHICH NONE BUT INGENIOUS AND EXPERT MASONS CAN SUPPLY, WHOSE JUDGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MATURED BY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

Worshipful Master -

TO A PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OF THIS DEGREE FEW ATTEND, BUT IT IS AN INFAL-LIBLE TRUTH THAT HE WHO GAINS BY MERIT THOSE MARKS OF PRE-EMINENCE AND DISTINCTION WHICH THE DEGREE AFFORDS, RECEIVES A REWARD WHICH AMPLY COM-PENSATES FOR ALL HIS ATTENTION AND ASSIDUITY. FROM THE BRETHREN OF THIS DEGREE THE RULERS OF THE CRAFT ARE SELECTED, AND IT IS ONLY FROM THOSE CAPABLE OF GIVING INSTRUCTION CAN WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE. ¹²⁹

Worshipful Master -

THROUGHOUT THE THIRD DEGREE WE ARE TAUGHT TO CIRCUMSCRIBE OUR CON-DUCT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE BOUNDARY LINE OF OUR DUTY TO G-D AND MAN, AND BY PRACTISING OUT OF LODGE THAT WHICH WE ARE TAUGHT WITHIN IT, WE SHALL CONVINC E THE WORLD THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF MASONRY ARE PURE AND ITS REQUIREMENTS JUST.

LODGE CLOSING IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Regular Knocks. Worshipful Master, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO CLOSE THE LODGE IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Brethren All -

RISE.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to Order in the third degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the third degree.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE CONSTANT CARE OF EVERY MASTER MASON?

Junior Warden -

TO PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.

Junior Warden -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both Junior Warden and Worshipful Master cut third degree signs.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order in the third degree. Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the third degree.

Junior Warden -

PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.

Third Degree Knocks. Inner Guard gives third degree knocks on the Door of the Lodge, expecting reply. On receiving third degree knocks as reply from the Outer Guard (Tyler) stands to order in the the third degree.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order in the third degree.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED TYLED.

Third Degree Knocks. Junior Warden gives the knocks of the degree and stands to order in the third degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Third Degree Knocks. Worshipful Master stands to order in the third degree.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED TYLED.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order in the third degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the third degree.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS MASTER MASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master cut third degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Brethren all stand to order with penal signs only.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, WHENCE COME YOU?

Junior Warden -

FROM THE WEST, WHITHER WE HAVE BEEN IN SEARCH OF THE GENUINE SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, HAVE YOU FOUND THOSE SECRETS?

Senior Warden -

WE HAVE NOT, WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BUT WE BRING WITH US CERTAIN SUBSTITUTED SECRETS, WHICH WE ARE ANXIOUS TO IMPART FOR YOUR APPROBATION.

Senior Warden -

LET THOSE SUBSTITUTED SECRETS BE REGULARLY COMMUNICATED.

Wardens cut third degree signs; all others assume the attitude of reverence, retaining the step. Junior Warden, leaving his pedestal by the West side, proceeds to West in front of Senior Warden's pedestal.

Meanwhile Senior Warden has left his pedestal by the North side, and they face each other, a convenient distance apart, Senior Warden facing South, Junior Warden facing North.

Junior Warden takes step and gives sign of an Entered Apprentice Freemason, Senior Warden copies; Junior Warden takes step and gives sign of a Fellowcraft Freemason, Senior Warden copies; Junior Warden takes step and gives sign of horror, sign of sympathy, and the penal sign of a Master Mason, Senior Warden copies.

Pass grips and pass words are not exchanged. ¹³⁰

Junior Warden gives the Five Points of Fellowship — neither named nor explained — and whispers the words, without their import: MAHABONE/MACBONAH; Senior Warden repeats. They then proceed, Junior Warden on left Senior Warden on right, along North, they wheel to a halt in front of Worshipful Master's pedestal, and both stand to order in the third degree, with penal sign only.

Senior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master returns to order.

Senior Warden -

DEIGN TO RECEIVE FROM MYSELF THE SUBSTITUTED SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master -

I WILL RECEIVE THEM WITH PLEASURE AND YOU WILL ON THIS OCCASION, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BRETHREN, REPEAT THE WORDS ALOUD. ¹³¹

Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden cut off third degree signs. Wardens move back slightly Westward, to make room in front of the pedestal, and, Junior Warden assumes the attitude of reverence.

Worshipful Master, leaving pedestal by the South side, stands in front of it by the South side, stands in front of it facing North; Senior Warden moves to face Worshipful Master at a convenient distance.

Senior Warden takes steps and gives signs of all of the three Degrees, as done by Junior Warden in the West, and is, in fact, copied by the Worshipful Master each time.

The Five Points of Fellowship are similarly communicated, except that words are spoken and repeated aloud.

Senior Warden, without salute, returns to Junior Warden's right side and assumes Attitude of Reverence.

The Worshipful Master returns to his chair by North side, remains standing, does not assume attitude of reverence.

Wardens drop Attitude of Reverence and salute the Worshipful Master, who responds and then assumes the Attitude of Reverence. Wardens return to their stations, where they stand to order and assume Attitude of Reverence. ¹³²

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, THE SUBSTITUTED SECRETS OF A MASTER MASON THUS REGULARLY COMMUNICATED TO ME, I, AS MASTER OF THIS LODGE AND THEREBY THE HUMBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF KING SOLOMON, SANCTION AND CONFIRM, AND I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THEY SHALL DESIGNATE ALL MASTER MASONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD UNTIL TIME OR CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL RESTORE THE GENUINE ONES. ¹³³

Brethren all retain steps and retain the Attitude of Reverence, and incline their heads.

Brethren All -

WITH GRATITUDE, TO OUR MASTER, WE BEND.

Worshipful Master -

LET ALL GRATITUDE BE TO THE MOST HIGH. ¹³⁴

Brethren all face the Volume of the Sacred Law, and do give the Grand Royal sign. ^{135 136}

Brethren All -

ALL GLORY TO THE MOST HIGH.

Brethren all assume Attitude of Reverence.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, BEFORE THE LODGE IS CLOSED IN THE THIRD DEGREE, LET US UNITE IN HUMBLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON THE MOST HIGH, AND WHEN THIS TRANSITORY LIFE SHALL HAVE PASSED AWAY, MAY WE BE FOUND WORTHY OF A DWELLING PLACE IN HIS SPIRITUAL MANSION, "THAT HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS, ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS."

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Brethren all return to order directly.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, THE LABOURS OF THIS DEGREE BEING ENDED, YOU HAVE MY COMMAND TO CLOSE THIS MASTER MASONS' LODGE.

Senior Warden -

BRETHREN, BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I CLOSE THIS MASTER MASONS' LODGE.

Brethren all cut off third degree signs.

Knocks of the Degree. Worshipful Master gives Knocks of the Degree, answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.

Immediate Past Master adjusts square and compasses for the Second Degree, Third Degree Tracing Board is to be covered; Master Masons working tools are to be covered (if displayed), the Wardens lights, if extinguished, are relit.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

CLOSING THE LODGE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master, answered by Senior Warden and Junior Warden.*

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO CLOSE THE LODGE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brethren all rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order in the second degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE CONSTANT CARE OF EVERY FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASON?

Junior Warden -

TO PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE Tyled.

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both Junior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order in the second degree. Junior Warden responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE Tyled.

Second Degree Knocks. *Inner Guard gives second degree knocks on the Door of the Lodge, expecting reply. On receiving second degree knocks as reply from the Outer Guard (Tyler) stands to order in the second degree.*

Inner Guard -

BRO JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden Stands to order in the second degree.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS CLOSE TYLED.

Second Degree Knocks. Junior Warden gives the knocks of the degree and stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order in the second degree.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS CLOSE TYLED.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order in the second degree. Worshipful Master responds by standing to order in the second degree.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS FELLOWCRAFT FREEMASONS. ¹³⁷

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master tear off second degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Brethren all stand to order and remain in that position until Fellowcraft Lodge is closed.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, IN THIS POSITION, WHAT HAVE YOU DISCOVERED?

Junior Warden -

A SACRED SIGN.

Worshipful Master -

BRO SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS IT SITUATED?

Senior Warden -

IN THE CENTER OF THE LODGE. ¹³⁸

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN, TO WHOM DOES IT ALLUDE?

Junior Warden -

TO THE GRAND GEOMETRICIAN OF THE UNIVERSE.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

THEN, BRETHREN, LET US REMEMBER THAT WHEREVER WE ARE AND WHATEVER WE DO, HE IS ALWAYS WITH US, HIS ALL-SEEING EYE BEHOLDS US, AND WHILE WE CONTINUE TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CRAFT, LET US NOT FAIL TO DISCHARGE OUR DUTY TOWARDS HIM WITH FERVENCY AND ZEAL.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Worshipful Master -

BRO SENIOR WARDEN, THE LABOURS OF THIS DEGREE BEING ENDED, YOU HAVE MY COMMAND TO CLOSE THIS FELLOWCRAFT LODGE.

Senior Warden -

BRETHREN, BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I CLOSE THIS FELLOWCRAFT LODGE.

Brethren complete signs.

Knocks of the Degree. *Worshipful Master gives knocks of second degree answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler. Immediate Past Master adjusts square and compasses. Second Degree Tracing Board covered.*

Fellowcraft working tools, if displayed, now covered.

Worshipful Master -

BE SEATED, BRETHREN.

CLOSING THE LODGE IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE FIRST TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Further General Lodge Business may now be discussed.

If no business to be discussed, Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE SECOND TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Masonic Membership proposals are now to be accepted and considered.

If no proposal for membership given by any brethren, Worshipful Master sits.

Worshipful Master rises.

Addresses the assembly and names the Lodge by Name and Number.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, FOR THE THIRD TIME I ENQUIRE IF ANY BROTHER HAS AUGHT TO PROPOSE FOR THE GOOD OF FREEMASONRY IN GENERAL, OR THIS LODGE L. N. IN PARTICULAR.

Grand Lodge Business may now be discussed.

If no business to discuss, Worshipful Master sits.

Greetings are given on behalf of Visiting Brethren by a Visitor who is a Worshipful Brother.

Greetings are given on behalf of Grand Lodge by a Visitor who is a Very Worshipful Brother and Grand Lodge Member.

If a Grand Lodge Delegation is present, the Grand Lodge greetings are delegated to the Leader of the Delegation.

If no Grand Lodge Delegation is present, comments are given by the Very Worshipful Brother who is visiting as a Grand Lodge Inspector of Workings.

These greetings or comments usually comprise of general laudatory remarks on the masonic quality of the First Degree Ceremony just observed by the Assembly.

Greetings are given on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge are given by the Senior Warden. The greetings comprise of laudatory remarks on the masonic quality of the First Degree Ceremony just observed by the Assembly and salutations and thanks sent from the Lodge Assembly to the wife or partner of the Worshipful Master (good lady).

Worshipful Master responds to all of these Greetings by addressing the Grand Lodge Official or the Grand Inspector of Workings, and addressing (separately) the Senior Warden.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, ASSIST ME TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Brethren All -

Rise.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden -

Junior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master -

WHAT IS THE CONSTANT CARE OF EVERY FREEMASON? 139 140 141

Junior Warden -

TO PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED. 142

Worshipful Master -

DIRECT THAT DUTY TO BE DONE.

Both Worshipful Master and Junior Warden cut the first degree signs.

Junior Warden addresses the Inner Guard.

Junior Warden -

BROTHER INNER GUARD...

Inner Guard stands to order.

Junior Warden responds. ¹⁴³

Junior Warden -

PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.

Inner Guard -

Gives three knocks on the Door of the Lodge, expecting a reply from the Outer Guard (Tyler) whom is situated outside at the Door of the Lodge.

Inner Guard -

After receiving the reply, stands to order.

Addresses the Junior Warden.

Inner Guard -

BROTHER JUNIOR WARDEN...

Junior Warden stands to order.

Inner Guard -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED TYLED.

Junior Warden gives three knocks, addresses the Worshipful Master while he stands to order.

Junior Warden -

WORSHIPFUL MASTER...

Worshipful Master stands to order.

Junior Warden -

THE LODGE IS CLOSED TYLED.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN...

Senior Warden stands to order.

Worshipful Master responds.

Worshipful Master -

OUR NEXT CARE?

Senior Warden -

TO SEE THAT THE BRETHREN STAND TO ORDER AS FREEMASONS.

Senior Warden and Worshipful Master cut first degree signs.

Worshipful Master -

TO ORDER, BRETHREN, AS FREEMASONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brethren All -

Stand to order.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, WHERE IS YOUR CONSTANT PLACE IN THE LODGE?

Senior Warden -

IN THE WEST, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Worshipful Master -

WHY ARE YOU SO PLACED?

Senior Warden -

AS THE SUN SETS IN THE WEST TO CLOSE THE DAY, SO IS THE SENIOR WARDEN PLACED IN THE WEST TO CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Brethren All -

Assume the Attitude of Reverence.

Chaplain - OR Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, BEFORE THE LODGE IS CLOSED LET US, WITH ALL REVERENCE AND HUMILITY, EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE FOR FAVOURS ALREADY RECEIVED. MAY HE CONTINUE TO PRESERVE OUR ORDER BY CEMENTING AND ADORNING IT, WITH, EVERY MORAL AND SOCIAL VIRTUE.

Brethren All -

SO MOTE IT BE.

Brethren All -

Return to order.

Worshipful Master -

BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, THE LABOURS OF THE DAY BEING ENDED, YOU HAVE MY COMMAND TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Senior Warden -

BRETHREN, BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I CLOSE THE LODGE.

Brethren all cut first degree signs; Senior Warden lowers his column, Junior Warden raises his column ¹⁴⁴

Regular Knocks. *Worshipful Master gives three knocks, answered by Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Inner Guard and Tyler.*

First Degree Tracing Board is covered; lesser lights are extinguished; Entered Apprentice working tools are now covered.

Immediate Past Master removes square and compasses and closes the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Square and compasses may not be concealed, under, the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Immediate Past Master -

BRETHREN, NOTHING NOW REMAINS BUT, ACCORDING TO ANTIENET CUSTOM, TO LOCK UP OUR SECRETS IN A SAFE AND SACRED REPOSITORY, UNITED IN ACT AS WELL AS IN WORD...

Brethren All -

Immediate Past Master alone places right hand palm downwards, a few centimetres above the Volume of the Sacred Law. Brethren assume the Sign of Fidelity, three times, and repeat aloud, following the Immediate Past Master:

FIDELITY, FIDELITY, FIDELITY!

AND MAY G-D PRESERVE THE CRAFT.

Director of Ceremonies -

BRETHREN, YOU WILL REMAIN STANDING WHILE THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND THE WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN RETIRE, AND, ALSO, UNTIL THE DEACONS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR STATIONS.

Recessional ode to be sung.

Grand Lodge having had retired separately, the Order of Retirement is now:

Worshipful Master, Grand Lodge Inspector of Workings, visiting Worshipful Masters, visiting Past Masters, the Immediate Past Master, and Past Masters of the Lodge.

Refectory may now be served, in the South.

Chapter 5

Appendices

**APPENDIX A:
TEST QUESTIONS ABOUT THE THIRD DEGREE.**

To be answered by each newly-raised brother at the first convenient meeting after being raised to the Third Degree.

Lodge is open in Third Degree; DC conducts Can to West.

Worshipful Master -

HOW WERE YOU PREPARED TO BE RAISED TO THE THIRD DEGREE?

Candidate -

IN A MANNER SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE FORMER, SAVE THAT IN THIS DEGREE I HAD BOTH ARMS, BOTH BREASTS AND BOTH KNEES MADE BARE, AND BOTH HEELS WERE SLIPSHOD.

Worshipful Master -

ON WHAT WERE YOU ADMITTED?

Candidate -

ON BOTH POINTS OF THE COMPASES, PRESENTED TO MY NAKED BREAST. ¹⁴⁵

Worshipful Master -

UPON YOUR ENTRANCE INTO THE LODGE, DID YOU OBSERVE ANYTHING DIFFERENT FROM ITS USUAL APPEARANCE?

Candidate -

I DID; ALL WAS DARK, SAVE A GLOWING LIGHT IN THE EAST.

Worshipful Master -

TO WHAT DOES THAT DARKNESS ALLUDE?

Candidate -

TO THE DARKNESS OF "THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH."

Worshipful Master -

IS DEATH THE PECULIAR SUBJECT IN THIS DEGREE?

Candidate -

IT IS INDEED.

Worshipful Master -

FROM WHAT EVENT IN MASONIC HISTORY?

Candidate -

FROM THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF OUR ANTIENT GRAND MASTER, HIRAM ABIFF, WHO LOST HIS LIFE RATHER THAN BETRAY THE SECRETS ENTRUSTED TO HIM.

Worshipful Master -

NAME THE IMPLEMENTS WITH WHICH HE WAS SLAIN.

Candidate -

THE PLUM RULE, THE LEVEL, AND THE HEAVY SETTING MAUL.

Worshipful Master -

HOW DID YOU BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE MANNER OF HIS DEATH?

Candidate -

BY HAVING FIGURATIVELY REPRESENTED HIM WHEN I WAS RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master -

ON WHAT WERE YOU RAISED?

Candidate -

ON THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

Worshipful Master -

NAME THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

Candidate -

HAND TO HAND, FOOT TO FOOT, KNEE TO KNEE, BREAST TO BREAST, AND HAND OVER BACK.

Worshipful Master -

EXPLAIN TO ME THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP.

Candidate -

HAND TO HAND, I GREET YOU AS A BROTHER. FOOT TO FOOT, I WILL SUPPORT YOU IN ALL YOUR LAUDABLE UNDERTAKINGS. KNEE TO KNEE, THE POSTURE OF MY DAILY SUPPLICATIONS WILL REMIND ME OF YOUR WANTS. BREAST TO BREAST, YOUR LAWFUL SECRETS, WHEN ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE AS SUCH, I WILL KEEP AS MY OWN. HAND OVER BACK, I WILL SUPPORT YOUR CHARACTER IN YOUR ABSENCE AS IN YOUR PRESENCE. ¹⁴⁶

Worshipful Master -

WHAT COMMUNICATION WAS MADE TO YOU ON THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP?

Worshipful Master -

THE WORDS OF A MASTER MASON.

Worshipful Master -

COMMUNICATE THE FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP, THE WORDS AND THEIR IMPORT TO BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN.

Senior Warden leaves chair through the North side and faces South; Candidate faces South West... Five Points of Fellowship neither named nor explained, words and import are whispered; Senior Warden, and Candidate, then salute the Worshipful Master, who responds with sign of fidelity. Senior Warden returns to chair, by the South side, the Director of Ceremonies conducts Candidate to sit as his place in the Lodge (any sit he desires) and returns to his chair. Senior Warden, Director of Ceremonies and Candidate sit down simultaneously. If more than one Candidate for examination, the Worshipful Master may appoint a brother to assist the Senior Warden in this "communication".

APPENDIX B: NOTE ON BLUE LODGE OFFICERS.

Worshipful Master -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS THE SQUARE, AN IMPLEMENT WHICH FORMS THE RUDE AND PROVES THE PERFECT MASS, APPLIED BY FREEMASONS TO INCULCATE THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF PIETY AND VIRTUE.

THE DUTY OF THE OFFICE IS TO OPEN THE LODGE AND TO EMPLOY AND INSTRUCT THE BRETHREN IN FREEMASONRY.

THE OFFICER'S SEAT IS IN THE EAST, OPPOSITE TO THE SEAT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN.

ASSIGNED TO THIS OFFICER IS THE PILLAR OF THE IONIC ORDER, COMBINING THE STRENGTH OF THE DORIC ORDER WITH THE BEAUTY OF THE CORINTHIAN ORDER. THIS POINTS OUT THAT THE OFFICER IS TO COMBINE WISDOM WITH STRENGTH AND FIRMNESS OF MIND AND THE BEAUTIES OF PERSUASIVE ELOQUENCE IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

Immediate Past Master -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS A SQUARE TO WHICH IS APPENDED THE 47TH PROPOSITION OF EUCLID'S ELEMENTS OF GEOMETRY.

THE DUTY OF THE OFFICE IS TO ATTEND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE EVERY MEETING OF THE LODGE DURING THE ENSUING YEAR, IN ORDER TO RENDER THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER SUCH COUNSEL AND ASSISTANCE AS HE MAY REQUIRE.

THE OFFICER'S SEAT IS IN THE EAST, AT THE LEFT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Senior Warden -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS THE LEVEL, AN EMBLEM OF EQUALITY, POINTING OUT THE EQUAL MEASURES THEY ARE BOUND TO PURSUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

THE DUTY OF THE OFFICE IS TO MARK THE SETTING SUN AND CLOSE THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

THE OFFICER'S SEAT IS IN THE WEST, OPPOSITE TO THE SEAT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

THE PILLAR OF THE OFFICE IS THE PILLAR OF THE DORIC ORDER, AN EMBLEM OF STRENGTH, DIRECTING THE OFFICER TO USE ALL THEIR STRENGTH AND POWERS OF INTELLECT TO PRESERVE PEACE, ORDER AND HARMONY AMONG THE BRETHREN OF THE LODGE.

Junior Warden -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS THE PLUMB RULE, AN EMBLEM OF UPRIGHTNESS, POINTING OUT THE INTEGRITY OF THE MEASURES THEY ARE BOUND TO PURSUE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND SENIOR WARDEN IN THE WELL-RULING AND GOVERNING OF THE LODGE.

THE DUTY OF THE OFFICE RELATES TO THE ADMISSION OF VISITORS, SUCH THAT NO UNQUALIFIED PERSON SHOULD GAIN ADMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLIES, AND THEREBY THE BRETHREN BEING LED INTO VIOLATING THEIR OBLIGATIONS; ALSO TO MARK THE SUN AT ITS MERIDIAN AND CALL THE BRETHREN FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT AND FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR SUCH THAT PROFIT AND PLEASURE MAY BE THE RESULT.

THE OFFICER'S SEAT IS IN THE SOUTH, ALONGSIDE FELLOWCRAFTS AND STEWARDS.

THE PILLAR OF THE OFFICE IS IS THE PILLAR OF THE CORINTHIAN ORDER, AN EMBLEM OF BEAUTY, POINTING OUT THAT THE OFFICER IS TO ADORN THE WORK WITH ALL THEIR POWER OF GENIUS AND ACTIVE INDUSTRY, AND PROMOTE REGULARITY AMONGST THE BRETHREN BY THEIR OWN PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE, AND THE DISCRIMINATING ENCOURAGEMENT OF MERIT.

Chaplain -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS THE OPEN BOOK, REPRESENTING THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW, WHICH IS ALWAYS OPEN UPON THE MASTER'S PEDESTAL WHEN THE BRETHREN ARE AT LABOUR IN THE LODGE.

THE DUTY OF THE OFFICE IS TO OFFER PRAYERS TO THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, AND INVOKE HIS AID IN ALL OF THE LODGE'S UNDERTAKINGS.

THE OFFICER'S SEAT IS AT THE RIGHT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Senior Deacon - AND Junior Deacon -

THE JEWEL OF THESE OFFICES IS THE DOVE BEARING AN OLIVE BRANCH, AN EMBLEM OF CELERITY AND PEACE, INDICATING THE SWIFTHNESS WITH WHICH THE SENIOR DEACON SHALL ATTEND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND THE JUNIOR DEACON SHALL ATTEND THE SENIOR WARDEN.

THE DUTY OF THESE OFFICES IS TO PRESERVE PEACE, ORDER AND HARMONY IN THE LODGE.

THE SENIOR DEACON SEATS AT THE RIGHT OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER. THE JUNIOR DEACON SEATS AT THE RIGHT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN.

Inner Guard -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS THE CROSSED SWORDS, REFERRING TO TWO OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, PRUDENCE AND FORTITUDE.

THE DUTY OF THE OFFICE IS TO ADMIT MASONS ON PROOF, RECEIVE CANDIDATES IN DUE FORM AND OBEY THE COMMANDS OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

THE INNER GUARD IS PLACED AT THE DOOR OF THE LODGE, WITHIN THE LODGE.

Tyler -

THE JEWEL OF THE OFFICE IS THE SWORD, REFERRING TO TWO OF THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES, PRUDENCE AND FORTITUDE.

THE TYLER'S DUTY IS TO KEEP OFF ALL COWANS AND INTRUDERS TO FREEMASONRY, SEE THAT THE BRETHREN ARE SUITABLY CLOTHED AND THE CANDIDATES PROPERLY PREPARED. ¹⁴⁷

APPENDIX C:
TYLER'S TOAST.

The Tyler's Toast is to be given in the Refectory, by the Tyler, who is to be prompted to speak by the Worshipful Master, who is to be directed by the Director of Ceremonies.

Worshipful Master -

BRETHREN, BE UPSTANDING FOR THE TYLER'S TOAST.

Tyler -

TO ALL POOR AND DISTRESSED FREEMASONS... ON THE GROUND, UPON THE SEA OR
IN THE AIR.

Tyler -

MAY WE WISH THEM A SPEEDY RECOVERY, AND A SAFE RETURN HOME, IF THEY SO
DESIRE...

Brethren All -

TO ALL POOR AND DISTRESSED FREEMASONS!

Chapter 6

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¹ WE WROTE HERE “TRADITIONAL PAGANISM” TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM OTHER ESSENTIALLY SATANIC PRACTICES SUCH AS MASONRY OR WICCA.

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¹¹ NOTE THE KNOCKS DEPLOYED ON EACH MASONIC DEGREE, WHICH ARE PECULIAR TO THE DEGREE ITSELF.

¹² THE WORD “REPORT” IS TO BE CONTRASTED SHARPLY WITH THE WORD “ALARM.”

¹³ THE CANDIDATE STEPS INTO THE FIRST DEGREE BEING TOLD THAT MASONIC CRAFT DOES BRING ABOUT “MYSTERIES” AND “PRIVILEGES.”

¹⁴ THE CANDIDATE IS RECEIVED INTO THE LODGE WITH REFERENCE TO DIVINITY, AND TO SOCIAL VIRTUE.

¹⁵ NOTE HERE THE ESSENTIAL SEPARATION OF THE MASONIC DEGREES. IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN FOR EXAMPLE TO ATTEMPT AT GAINING THE SECRETS, INCLUDING THE SIGNS, OF A

SO-CALLED SUPERIOR DEGREE.

¹⁶ NOTE WELL THE HIGHLY NON-STANDARD PHRASING “THANK YOU TO...” IS FORMULATED IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT.

¹⁷ NOTE THAT EACH PATTERNED KNOCK IS PECULIAR TO EACH SITUATION, OR DEGREE.

¹⁸ SIGN OF REVERENCE IS TO BE SHARPLY CONTRASTED WITH THE SIGN OF FIDELITY.

¹⁹ “SO MOTE IT BE” NOTE WELL THE HIGHLY UNVEILED WITCHCRAFT FORMULATION.

²⁰ NOTE WELL, IN SOME MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS, NOTABLY THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN, “DIFFICULTY AND DANGER” READS AS “DANGER AND DIFFICULTY.”

²¹ HENCE THE CELEBRATED PHRASE “IN GOD WE TRUST.”

MANY CONSTITUTIONS, NOTABLY THE NEW ZEALAND AND SCOTTISH, DO NOT ALLOW PROMPTING ON THE QUESTION “IN WHOM DO YOU PUT YOUR TRUST?”

THIS MAY BE VIEWED AS AN ADAPTATION OF STANDARD PRACTICES TO TEMPERAMENTAL, OR SOCIO-CULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF VARIOUS POPULATIONS.

THE STATEMENT IN QUESTION SHOULD ALSO BE SEEN AS A FIRST INDICATION AN OATH OR OBLIGATION IS TO FOLLOW, IN THE SENSE THAT “IF THE OBLIGATION IS TO BE VIOLATED, IT IS ONLY GOD THAT CAN DELIVER A PERSON FROM THE CONSEQUENCES.”

²² IT IS UNIVERSAL WITHIN THE RITUAL ITSELF THAT THE GENERAL MASONIC ASSEMBLY MUST WITNESS THE FACT THAT THE CANDIDATE IS IN FACT PREPARED FOR INITIATION.

²³ THE SEPARATION OF DUTIES FOR THE TWO WARDENS, OR GUARDIANS, MUST BE NOTED HERE. THE JUNIOR WARDEN’S DUTY IS THAT OF “MARKING THE SUN AT THE MERIDIAN, AND CALLING THE BRETHREN FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT, AND FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR SUCH THAT PROFIT AND PLEASURE MAY BE THE RESULT” WHILE THE DUTY OF THE SENIOR WARDEN IS THAT OF “MARKING THE SETTING SUN AND CLOSING THE LODGE BY COMMAND OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.” HENCE THE JUNIOR WARDEN DUTIES HAVE TO DO WITH HOSPITALITY, A DUTY OF SO-CALLED BENEVOLENCE, WHILE THE SENIOR WARDEN DUTIES WITH ESSENTIALLY GUARDING THE LODGE, A DUTY OF WAR.

²⁴ IT IS SAID HERE “ENTER.”

²⁵ LIKewise, THE SENIOR WARDEN SAYS “ENTER.”

²⁶ IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THE MODE OF TRANSMISSION FROM WORSHIPFUL MASTER TO JUNIOR DEACON, VIA SENIOR WARDEN, IN A RELAY SORT OF FASHION.

²⁷ A CANDIDATE IS ALSO ACCOMPANIED IN ANY CEREMONY BY BOTH OF THE TWO DEACONS; YET THE FIRST DEGREE INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALWAYS GIVEN BY THE JUNIOR DEACON.

²⁸ IT IS SAID HERE THAT NOTHING IN AN ENTERED APPRENTICE OBLIGATION IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY DUTIES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH CIVILITY, MORALITY OR THEOLOGY. YET EVERYTHING WITHIN AND AROUND FREEMASONRY REPRESENTS A BLATANT ATTACK ON ANY STANDARD

UNDERSTANDING OF CIVILITY, MORALITY, AND IN THE LAST INSTANCE, THEOLOGY. THERE DO EXIST OTHER PLAIN FALSITIES THAT ARE IN FACT STATED AS BEING TRUE WITHIN THE WHOLE OF THE UNIVERSAL RITUAL.

²⁹ AS A FINE SUBTLETY ON THE TRUE NATURE OF BEING ACCESSORY TO AN INIQUITY, COMPARE THE NOTION PRESENTED HERE WITH LEVITICUS 5:1.

³⁰ IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE HERE THAT, AS IT CAN BE SEEN ON THIS STATEMENT, THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE BILDERBERG GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED BY CONFERMENT OF CHARTER BY THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

³¹ THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS HISTORY ITSELF PROVES THAT FOR A MONARCH TO BECOME A MASON THIS FACT IS HIGHLY DEROGATORY, FOR THE MONARCH ITSELF AND FOR THEIR KINGDOM OR EMPIRE.

³² SITTING NEXT TO THE SENIOR DEACON IS A HINT TOWARDS THE NEXT CEREMONY, THE CEREMONY OF PASSING, YET WE MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT THE USUAL PLACEMENT OF THE SENIOR DEACON IS IN THE NORTH EAST, CLOSE TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CHAIR. WE ARE LED TO BELIEVE THAT AT THIS STAGE THE CANDIDATE IS UNDER INTENSE OBSERVATION.

³³ THE QUALIFIER "ANTIEN" REFERES TO THE SCIENCE OF HERMETISM.

³⁴ COMPARE BAUDELAIRE'S POEM, *Elevation*.

³⁵ NOTE WELL. SOME OR ALL OF THE FURNITURE REFERRED TO HERE, ASHLARS, JEWELS, TRACING BOARDS AND SO FORTH, ARE IN FACT UN-METAPHORICALLY PERHAPS, REPRESENTING HUMAN BEINGS.

³⁶ IT IS SPOKEN HERE ABOUT LEVELS OF SENIORITY AND DECISION-MAKING IN THE CRAFT.

³⁷ COMPARE TO THE BOOK OF JOB, FOR EXAMPLE TO JOB 1:11.

³⁸ THIS IS A REFERENCE TO GENESIS 28:10-19.

³⁹ AGAIN A REFERENCE TO THE BOOK OF JOB, IN PARTICULAR TO JOB 1:13-22.

⁴⁰ NOTE THE PHRASING "CONSTANT CARE."

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⁶⁵ NOTE THE LODGE IS OPENED ON THE SQUARE, IN THE SECOND, OR FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE.

⁶⁶ NOTE THE SARCASM HERE. THE CANDIDATE IS ABOUT TO KNEEL AND HE IS BEING PRESUMED OF BEING A STOOL - I.E. A RAT.

⁶⁷ WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A HIGHLY LIKELY RESEMBLANCE TO THE CATHOLIC LATIN MASS.

⁶⁸ MUSICALLY RESEMBLES THE PHRASING “LETTER IT,” I.E. THE SACRED LAW OF GOD, OR “HAVE IT,” I.E. PUNITIVE MEASURE, “TOGETHER WITH YOU.”

⁶⁹ REFERENCE TO 2 CHRONICLES 8:5 AND TO 1 KINGS 9:17.

⁷⁰ IN SOME MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS THE SECOND DEGREE PENAL SIGN MAY BE DIFFERENT. IN THE PRESENT RITUAL, SCOTTISH-CONSERVATIVE, THE HEART IS TORN FROM THE CHEST. OTHER RITUALS MAY CUT THE CHEST OPEN.

⁷¹ “LETTER OR HALVE IT” INDICATES THAT THE CANDIDATE IS IN FACT ENTITLED TO “LETTER THE WORD OF G-D, RATHER THAN TO PARTAKE IN “REFRESHMENTS.”

⁷² WE WITNESS HERE THE “ESTABLISHMENT” OF A VERITABLE “MASONIC COVENANT.”

⁷³ IT IS A SUBTLE OBSERVATION HERE THAT, WHEN PLACED IN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITIONS, THE WORDS SPOKEN TO A PERSON RESONATE BETTER.

⁷⁴ ALSO, PLACING CANDIDATE’S FEET IN FORM OF A SQUARE TOWARDS AN EXACT DIRECTION IN THE LODGE (THE SOUTH IN THIS CASE) INDICATES THAT THE CANDIDATE MUST GIVE BACK TO THE PERSON SITTING THERE (JUNIOR WARDEN) FOR “FAVOURS ALREADY RECEIVED.”

⁷⁵ LODGE "ORDER" HERE MAY BE OPPOSED TO LODGE "CHAOS". "ORDER" MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT THE LODGE OFFICER STANDING TO ORDER IS EXPECTING INFORMATION ON HOW TO PROCEED A COURSE OF ACTION. FINALLY, "ORDER" MAY BE UNDERSTOOD JUST AS IN "ORDERING FOOD."

⁷⁶ JUNIOR WARDEN COLUMN UPSTANDING DENOTES 'BRETHREN AT REFRESHMENT' WHEREAS SENIOR WARDEN COLUMN UPSTANDING DENOTES 'BRETHREN AT LABOUR'. BOTH COLUMNS CANNOT BE BOTH UPSTANDING AT THE SAME TIME; AN INDICATION THAT G-D'S TEMPLE (KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE OR ANY LOCATION OF WORSHIP) IS TO BE BROUGHT DOWN BY A VICIOUS ATTACK ON MORALS.

⁷⁷ NOTE THE ESSENTIALLY LITERALLY SCHIZOID BEHAVIOURAL TYPE OF MASONIC CONDUCT. "SEATED" AND "UPSTANDING," LABOUR AND REFRESHMENT, HONOURABLE CITIZEN AND BEAST...

⁷⁸ NOTE THAT A "TRACING BOARD" IS NOTHING ELSE BUT *the* EXPLANATION TO BE GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE UNINITIATED, OF THE THINGS THAT JUST HAPPENED.

⁷⁹ RETRIBUTION AND PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST MEMBERS OF A LODGE IS A PREROGATIVE OF THE SENIOR WARDEN.

⁸⁰ THE STAR IN THE CENTER OF THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT. A HIGHLY SPIRITUAL BEING IS BURIED UNDERNEATH.

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¹⁰⁷ NOTE THE META-MORPHING OF PERSPECTIVES HERE, ALTOGETHER A HUGE THEME IN ANTIENT MASONIC ART. WHEN THE MASTER ASKS, THE PRECISE ANSWERS GIVEN BY THE CANDIDATE ARE REMINDED TO THE MASTER HIMSELF. SIMILARLY, WHEN CHARGES ARE PRESENTED TO THE CANDIDATE IN VARIOUS POINTS WITHIN THE LODGE, USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEACONS, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THESE CHARGES ARE ALSO RENEWED TO THE DEACONS THEMSELVES...

¹⁰⁸ POSSIBLE SEMANTICS, YET CONJECTURAL: BOAZ: SUBMIT TO ME, AND, JACHIN: I AM GOING TO HURT YOU.

¹⁰⁹ FELLOWCRAFTS ARE SUPPOSED TO RETIRE NOW; THIS COMMAND IS OMITTED IF THE QUESTIONS BEFORE RAISING HAVE BEEN POSED AND ANSWERED.

¹¹⁰ THE JUNIOR WARDEN MUST BE VISUALLY SATISFIED AND GENERALLY VERY WELL ACQUAINTED THAT EVERYONE PRESENT IN THE ROOM IS IN FACT A MASTER MASON. HENCE, THE CORRECT TITLE FOR THE JUNIOR WARDEN, AND FOR THE SENIOR WARDEN AS FAR AS THIS GOES, IS THAT OF “WORSHIPFUL” I.E. THAT OF A FULLY INDUCTED AND INSTALLED MASTER OF A LODGE, AS PROPERLY USED IN THE SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION. THERE MAY, AND DO EXIST HIGHER MASONIC DEGREES THAN THAT OF “WORSHIPFUL”.

¹¹¹ “TO ORDER” THE BRETHREN HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE CONTEXT OF THIS THE THIRD DEGREE, AND ARE EXPECTING FURTHER COMMANDS.

¹¹² IT IS HERE REQUIRED EVERYBODY BEHAVES IN A “REGULAR,” THAT IS, ORGANIZED FASHION AND SYMPATHIZE AGAINST WRONGDOINGS IF LODGE BROKEN INTO... WHILE CLAIMING IGNORANCE AND BLAMING IT ON OTHER RANDOM THINGS.

¹¹³ THE LEADERS OF THE CRAFT ARE THUS ORGANIZED TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES WELL AMONG OTHER BRETHREN...

¹¹⁴ “CENTRE” CLEARLY REFERS HERE TO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, AND THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT.

¹¹⁵ AT THIS STAGE, THE REFERENCE OF THE GRAND ROYAL SIGN IS PRECISELY TO THE QUEEN OF SHEBA; AT OTHER STAGES, REFERENCES MAY BE TO A QUEEN OF WHITE...

¹¹⁶ IT IS ONLY THE IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER GIVING THIS LINE, HENCE IN POSSESSION OF HIGHER SECRETS.

¹¹⁷ IT IS SAID HERE "ADVANCE" RATHER THAN "SALUTE." THE ADVANCEMENT IN QUESTION IS MADE TOWARDS THE SENIOR WARDEN.

¹¹⁸ TO STATE HERE THAT CRIMINAL ACTS ARE EXCEPTED IS TO STATE THAT FELLOW LODGE MEMBERS ARE NOT TO BE LINKED TO ANY EXPOSED WRONGDOINGS, AND ESPECIALLY NOT THE LEADERS OF THE CRAFT.

¹¹⁹ THIS SECTION SHOULD POSSIBLY BE READ AS THE DRILL TO BE EXECUTED IF A CASE OF MANSLAUGHTER IS TO BE DISCOVERED.

¹²⁰ BY THE RITUAL STRUCTURE, ONLY A DEACON CAN GIVE THIS LINE.

¹²¹ BY THE RITUAL STRUCTURE, ONLY THE INNER GUARD CAN GIVE THIS PARTICULAR LINE.

¹²² ONE CAN SPECULATE HERE THAT THE HOLY SANCTUM SANCTORUM IS IMPOSSIBLE TO POLLUTE; THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM IS A PLACE OF G-D'S DWELLING.

¹²³ ALSO KNOWN AS GRAND ROYAL SIGN.

¹²⁴ AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE, THE NEWLY ADMITTED MASTER MASON IS ALLOWED TO "HAVE A SIT" ANYWHERE IN THE LODGE...

¹²⁵ NOTE EXTREMELY WELL. REFERENCES OF THIS CHARGE TO ANCIENT HEBREW RELIGION ARE HIGHLY EMPHASIZED. WE ARE THUS LED TO BELIEVE THAT THE HERMETIC PRACTICES DEPICTED HERE IN A CODED MANNER, ARE TO BE STATED BY THE HERMETISTS THEMSELVES AS BEING OF JEWISH/HEBREW PROVENANCE...

¹²⁶ THE PHRASING "HOLINESS TO..." MAY DENOTE AN ATTEMPT AT BRIBERY, IN RETURN TO FAVOURS OF OVERLOOKING SOME DETAILS.

¹²⁷ NOTE THE PHRASING "OUR MASTER". THERE DOES EXIST A SEMANTIC AMBIVALENCE HERE: WHOM EXACTLY IS THIS MASTER REFERRED TO HERE? IS IT THE PERSON PERFORMING THE INVESTIGATIVE INQUIRY?? OR COULD IT BE THAT SUCH AN HERMETIC MASTER DOES IN FACT EXIST?

¹²⁸ NOTE THIS FORMULATION IS A SUBLIMINAL INVITATION TO ATHEISM.

¹²⁹ NO DOUBT A CLEAR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BROTHERS TO STATE FALSITIES, OR ELSE CLAIM IGNORANCE WHEN PROMPTED BY COWANS, INTRUDERS OR THE INSIDIOUS.

¹³⁰ THIS PARTICULAR PARAGRAPH MOST PROBABLY REFERS TO A CERTAIN PROCESS BY WHICH LODGE HYGIENE IS TO BE ENFORCED; THAT IS, AN ENTERED APPRENTICE AND A FELLOWCRAFT THAT HAVE COMMUNICATED THEIR SECRETS IRREGULARLY MUST BE DEALT WITH IN THE REGULAR FASHION.

- ¹³¹ THE SIMILARITY WITH COSA NOSTRA IS THUS ESTABLISHED.
- ¹³² FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS, IF NEEDED, SEE THE SECTION ON SENIOR WARDEN, OR JUNIOR WARDEN, RULING THE LODGE, A SECTION PRESENT IN SOME MASTER MASON RITUALS.
- ¹³³ COMPARE TO CLOSING THE LODGE IN THE FIRST DEGREE, WHERE THE IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER SAYS “IN ACT, AS WELL AS IN WORD, FIDELITY, FIDELITY, FIDELITY!”
- ¹³⁴ THE MOST HIGH IS THE MASONIC DEITY REFERRED TO IN THE THIRD DEGREE.
- ¹³⁵ THE GRAND ROYAL SIGN BELONGS TO THE QUEEN OF SHEBA; HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED WHEN THE QUEEN OF SHEBA VISITED KING SOLOMON. AN ALLUSION TO OTHER HERMETIC ORDERS, SUCH AS THE ORDER OF WICCANS.
- ¹³⁶ GRAND ROYAL SIGN, ALSO KNOWN AS SIGN OF EXULTATION.
- ¹³⁷ RETRIBUTION AND PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST MEMBERS OF A LODGE IS A PREROGATIVE OF THE SENIOR WARDEN.
- ¹³⁸ THE STAR IN THE CENTER OF THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT. A HIGHLY SPIRITUAL BEING IS BURIED UNDERNEATH.
- ¹³⁹ NOTE THE PHRASING “CONSTANT CARE.”
- ¹⁴⁰ NOTE THE SYMMETRY WITH THE OPENING OF THE LODGE CEREMONY.
- ¹⁴¹ NOTE THE GENERAL SYMMETRICAL STRUCTURE OF THE RITUAL. SYMMETRY IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF MASONIC PHILOSOPHY.
- ¹⁴² IN THE CEREMONY OF CLOSING, IT IS SAID “PROVE THE LODGE CLOSE TYLED.” IN THE CEREMONY OF OPENING, IT IS SAID “SEE THAT THE LODGE IS PROPERLY TYLED ”.
- ¹⁴³ NOTE THE INNER GUARD DOES NOT RESPOND VERBALLY.
- ¹⁴⁴ SEE “CALLING FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT.”
- ¹⁴⁵ THAT IS, BOTH POINTS OF THE COMPASES, PRESENTED TO THE NAKED LEFT BREAST, AND NAKED RIGHT BREAST, RESPECTIVELY... TO SIGNIFY THE FIRST TWO DEGREES ALREADY TAKEN.
- ¹⁴⁶ NOTE THE PHRASINGS “LAUDABLE UNDERTAKINGS” AND “LAWFUL UNDERTAKINGS” HINT TOWARDS A MASONIC CODE OF HONOUR, AND A MASONIC LAW, DIFFERENT FROM THE LAW OF THE REALM IN QUESTION.
- ¹⁴⁷ THE TYLER IS PLACED AT THE DOOR OF THE LODGE, OUTSIDE THE LODGE.