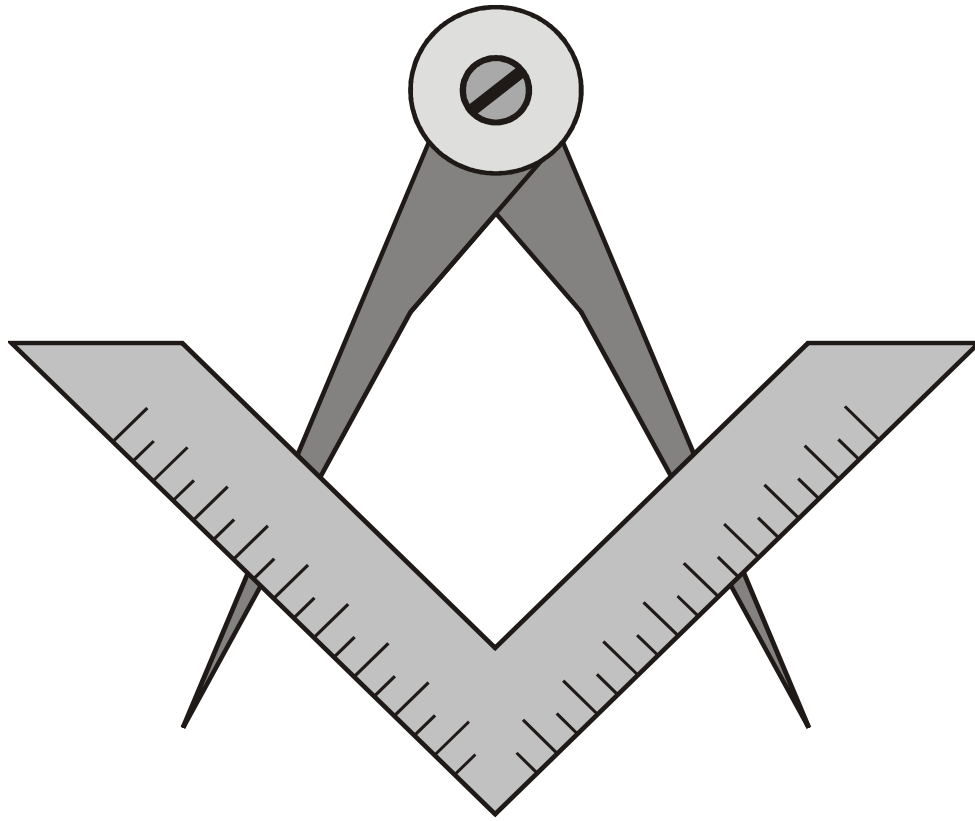


Entered Apprentice Study Guide



KEY TO SYMBOLS USED

(*)	One Rap
(* *)	Two Raps
(* * *)	Three Raps / Knocks
(%)	Step
(/)	Due-guard
(#)	Sign
(0)	Token
(@)	Action

The following shows the **minimum** number of people moving

(.)	One person moving
(: : : : :)	Two people moving
(: . : . : . :)	Three or more people moving
—	Other person responding
—	Pause

There is only one (1) candidate at a time allowed in this degree!!

The **Red** highlighted areas within this study guide, are for instructional purposes. This study guide now matches the one (1) letter key along with the updates found in the written out ritual. It is our intention that this document will be used as a study guide and the one (1) letter key will remain the recommended official ritual.

If the candidate has any physical problems, ie: has trouble kneeling, walking. The Ritual may be deviated from to accommodate his needs. (using a wheel chair, sitting a candidate in a chair at the altar, etc)

1 ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
2 OPENING

3 (Within the Lodge)

4 Brethren, please be clothed and in order. Officers take your
5 stations for opening this Lodge. (*) Is the Tiler of this
6 Lodge present? If so he will approach the East.

7 (.)

8 Brother Tiler, your place? — Without the door.

9 Your duty there? — To keep off all cowans or
10 eavesdroppers and allow none to pass or repass but such as
11 are duly qualified and have the Worshipful Master's
12 permission.

13 Receive the implement of your office, repair to your place
14 and be in the active discharge of your **duties**.

(This is the only time **duties** is plural)

15 (.)

16 (*) Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master.

17 Are you sure that all present are Entered Apprentices? —
18 Worshipful Master, (% - #) I am sure that all present are
19 Entered Apprentices. — (or if not sure) I am not sure,
20 Worshipful, but will ascertain through the proper officers
21 and report.

22 (*) Brother Senior and Junior Deacons. — Brother
23 Senior Warden. — Approach the West.

The Jr Deacon should approach the East from the West along the South. The Sr Deacon should approach the West from the East along the North. They should, align, turn inward and meet West of the altar then turn inward and approach the West together.

24 (: : : :)

25 Pass right and left through the Lodge and see if all present
26 are Entered apprentices. — (.) — (.)

(Everyone in the East, is already vouched for)

27 (Instructions: The Senior and Junior Deacons should go to
28 the East and work to the West, bearing in mind that the
29 Senior Warden is in charge.)

(There is no pass collected in this Degree)

30 Brother Senior Warden, a stranger. — Is there a brother
31 present who can vouch for the stranger?

32 Brother Senior Warden, I will vouch for the Brother. —
33 Brother Senior (or Junior) Deacon the Brother is vouched
34 for.

35 (If no one present responds, the Senior Warden says:)

36 Brother, it will be necessary for you to retire and be

37 examined. (: : : :)

The Sr Warden should appoint a Committee of at least 2 PM's to go out with the brother and examine him. If he is an EA, he will not have a dues card or know the test oath. He should know the Due Guard, Sign and Token. His Lodge number and the WM of his Lodge.

1 (.) — (.) (Senior Deacon) Brother Senior
2 Warden, I am sure that all on the right are Entered
3 Apprentices.

4 (Junior Deacon) Brother Senior Warden, I am sure that all
5 on the left are Entered Apprentices.
(The Deacons return to their place)
6 (: : : :)

7 Worshipful Master. (% - #) I am now sure that all present are
8 Entered Apprentices.

9 I wish then to see them come to order as Entered
10 Apprentices, reserving yourself for the last.

11 (* * *) Brethren, please come to order as Entered
12 Apprentices. (All brethren should be on the step and sign
13 % - #) In order Worshipful.

14 (*) — (% - #)

15 (*) Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

16 The first great care of Entered Apprentices when convened?
17 — To see that the Lodge is duly tiled.

18 Attend to that duty and inform the Tiler that this Lodge is
19 about to be opened on the Entered Apprentice degree in
20 Masonry for the dispatch of business and direct him to tile
21 accordingly.
(The Jr Deacon should take his staff with him)

22 (.) (* * *) Brother Tiler. — Brother Junior
23 Deacon.

24 This Lodge is about to be opened on the Entered Apprentice
25 Degree in Masonry for the dispatch of business. You are
26 directed to tile accordingly.

(The Tiler does not give a response to the Jr Deacon)

27 (.) Worshipful Master, (% - #) this Lodge is tiled.

28 How is it tiled? — By a brother Master Mason without
29 the door armed with the proper implement of his office.

30 His duty there? — To keep off all cowans or
31 eavesdroppers and allow none to pass or repass but such as
32 are duly qualified and have the Worshipful Master's
33 permission.

34 (*) Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

35 From whence came you? — From a Lodge of the Saints
36 John of Jerusalem.

37 What came you here to do? — To learn, to subdue my
38 passions and improve myself in Masonry.

39 Then I presume you are an Entered Apprentice? — I am
40 so taken and accepted among brothers and fellows.

- 1 What makes you an Entered Apprentice? — My
2 obligation.
- 3 Where were you made an Entered Apprentice? — In a
4 regularly constituted Lodge of Entered Apprentices.
- 5 What number constitutes a Lodge of Entered Apprentices?
6 — Seven or more, consisting of a Worshipful Master,
7 Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior
8 and Junior Deacons.
- 9 The Junior Deacon's **place in the Lodge**? — **At** the right
10 hand of the Senior Warden in the West, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 11 (* *) Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master.
12 (% - #)
- 13 Your duty there? — To **carry messages** from the Senior
14 Warden in the West to the Junior Warden in the South and
15 elsewhere around the Lodge **as he may direct**, and see that
16 the Lodge is duly tiled.
- 17 The Senior Deacon's **place**? — **At** the right hand of the
18 Worshipful Master in the East, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 19 Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 20 Your duty there? — To **carry orders** from the Worshipful
21 Master in the East to the Senior Warden in the West and
22 elsewhere around the Lodge **as required**, to welcome and
23 accommodate visiting brethren, and to receive and conduct
24 candidates.
- 25 The Secretary's **place**? — **On** the left of the Worshipful
26 Master in the East, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 27 Brother Secretary. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 28 Your duty there? — To observe the will and pleasure of
29 the Worshipful Master in recording the proceedings of the
30 Lodge, transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge if required,
31 receive all monies paid into the Lodge, paying the same to
32 the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore.
- 33 The Treasurer's place? — **On** the right of the Worshipful
34 Master in the East, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 35 Brother Treasurer. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 36 Your duty there? — To receive all monies paid into the
37 Lodge by the hand of the Secretary, keep a regular account
38 of the same, paying them out by order of the Worshipful
39 Master and consent of the Lodge.
- 40 The Junior Warden's **station in the Lodge**? — In the
41 South, Worshipful. (% - #)

1 Brother Junior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

2 Why in the South and your duty there? — As the sun in
3 the South at high meridian is the glory and beauty of the
4 day, so stands the Junior Warden in the South to call the
5 craft from labor to refreshment, superintend in the hour
6 thereof and see that none convert the means of refreshment
7 into intemperance or excess, to call them to labor again at
8 the Worshipful Master's order, that he may have pleasure
9 and they profit thereby.

10 The Senior Warden's **station**? — In the West, Worshipful.
11 (% - #)

12 Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

13 Why in the West and your duty there? — As the sun is in
14 the West at the close of the day, so stands the Senior
15 Warden in the West to assist the Worshipful Master in
16 opening and closing his Lodge, pay the craft their wages if
17 any be their due and see that none go away dissatisfied if in
18 my power to prevent, harmony being the strength and
19 support of all institutions, but more especially this of ours.

20 The Worshipful Master's **station**? — In the East,
21 Worshipful. (% - #)

22 Why in the East and his duty there? — As the sun rises
23 in the East to open and govern the day, so rises the
24 Worshipful Master (@), to open and govern his Lodge, set
25 the craft at work and give them proper instruction.

26 (* * *) Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master.
27 (% - #)

28 It is my order that this Lodge be now opened on the Entered
29 Apprentice degree in Masonry for the dispatch of business,
30 during which time all private committees and other
31 irregular and unmasonic conduct tending to disturb the
32 peace and harmony of the same while engaged in the lawful
33 pursuits of Masonry are strictly forbidden, under no less
34 penalty than such as a majority of the brethren present,
35 acting under the by-laws of this Lodge may see cause to
36 inflict. This you will announce to the Junior Warden in the
37 South and he to the brethren around the Lodge that they,
38 having due and timely notice thereof, may govern
39 themselves accordingly.

40 (Senior Warden) Brother Junior Warden.

41 (Junior Warden) Brother Senior Warden.

42 It is the order of the Worshipful Master that this Lodge be
43 now opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree in Masonry

1 for the dispatch of business, during which time all private
2 committees and other irregular and unmasonic conduct
3 tending to disturb the peace and harmony of the same while
4 engaged in the lawful pursuits of Masonry are strictly
5 forbidden, under no less penalty than such as a majority of
6 the brethren present acting under the by-laws of this Lodge
7 may see cause to inflict. This you will announce to the
8 brethren around the Lodge that they, having due and
9 timely notice thereof, may govern themselves accordingly.

10 Brethren, you hear the order of the Worshipful Master as
11 communicated to me by the Senior Warden in the West.
12 Agreeably to his order, so let it be done.

13 Together brethren attend the sign. (% - / - #)

14 * (East) * (West) * (South)

15 (Prayer) May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon this
16 meeting so happily begun. May it be conducted in order and
17 closed in harmony. Amen.

18 (Response All) So mote it be.

19 (Worshipful Master) Brother Senior Deacon. —
20 Worshipful Master (% - #) — Attend the altar.

(The Sr. Deacon does not take his staff with him)
21 (.)

22 (Instructions to the Senior Deacon: The Senior Deacon
23 approaches the altar reverently. He first lights the lesser
24 lights. (East) — (West) — (South). Then he kneels and
25 opens the Bible at the proper place (Psalms cxxxiii), opens
26 any other Volumes of Sacred Law that may be present,
27 arranges the square and compasses, then rises to his feet
28 and salutes the Worshipful Master with the penal sign of an
29 Entered Apprentice.)

30 (Worshipful Master) Brother Senior Deacon. —
31 Worshipful Master. (% - #)

32 Approach the East. (.) Receive the flag, repair to the
33 altar and display it as Masonic law directs. Together
34 Brethren, salute the flag.

35 (Each brother present places his right hand over the heart
36 and remains at salute while the Senior Deacon carries the
37 flag, held at a slight angle, down the north side of the Lodge
38 room to the west of the altar. He places the flag standard in
39 a support placed on the south side and near the altar, steps
40 back one pace and comes to salute. (The Pledge of
41 Allegiance may be given here if desired.) All the brethren
42 remain at salute until the SD completes his, taking their
43 time from him. The Senior Deacon steps behind the altar,

1 salutes the Worshipful Master with the proper sign and
2 resumes his place.)

3 (Worshipful Master) I now declare this Lodge open for the
4 dispatch of business. (Senior Warden erects his column.)

5 Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #) —
6 Inform the Tiler.
(The Jr Deacon should take his staff with him)

7 (.) (* * *) Brother Tiler. — Brother Junior
8 Deacon.

9 This Lodge is now open for the dispatch of business.
10 (.)
(The Tiler does not give a response to the Jr Deacon)

11 (Junior Deacon) Worshipful Master, (% - #) the Tiler is
12 informed.

13 (*)

1 ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
2 FIRST SECTION

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3 (CANDIDATE PREPARATION

4 The Candidate is divested of all metals. His left knee is
5 exposed. His left foot is not shod. The cable-tow is placed
6 around his neck. He is hood-winked and he does not wear
7 an Apron.)

8 (*) Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

9 Ascertain if there are any candidates in waiting to receive
10 the Entered Apprentice degree in Masonry.

11 (.) (* * *) Brother Tiler. — Brother Junior
12 Deacon. — Are there any candidates in waiting to receive
13 the Entered Apprentice degree in Masonry?

14 Mr. _____ is in waiting to receive the Entered Apprentice
15 degree in Masonry.

16 (.) Worshipful Master, (% - #) — (Brother Jr Deacon) Mr. _____ is in
17 waiting to receive the Entered Apprentice degree in Masonry.

18 (*) Brother Stewards. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

19 Retire, prepare and announce Mr. _____ to receive the
20 Entered Apprentice degree in Masonry.

21 (*) Brother Secretary. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

22 Retire and propound the constitutional questions to the
23 candidate.

24 (: : : : :)

25 (Instructions: The stewards march down to the Secretary's
26 desk and right about face. The Secretary falls in between
27 the two and the three proceed to, and out of the inner door
28 into the preparation room. No one other than the Stewards,
29 Secretary and candidate should be allowed in the room. The
30 Secretary then propounds the following questions to the
31 candidate, preferably without the aid of a book.)

32 Do you seriously declare, upon your honor before these
33 gentlemen, that, unbiased by the solicitation of friends and
34 uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and
35 voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of
36 Masonry? — (Answer) I do.

37 Do you seriously declare, upon your honor before these
38 gentlemen, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of
39 Masonry, by a favorable opinion conceived of the

1 institution, a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be
2 serviceable to your fellow men? — (Answer) I do.

3 Do you seriously declare, upon your honor before these
4 gentlemen, that you will cheerfully conform to all the
5 ancient established usages and customs of the fraternity?
6 — (Answer) I do.

7 (.) (Secretary at altar)

8 Worshipful Master. (% - #) — Brother Secretary.

9 The constitutional questions have been propounded to the
10 candidate and answered in the affirmative. (.)

11 (* * *)

(Candidate knocking at the inner door)

12 Worshipful Master. (% - #) — Brother Senior Warden.

13 While peaceably engaged in the lawful pursuits of Masonry
14 there is an alarm at the inner door of the Lodge.

15 (*) Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

16 Hail the alarm and see who comes here. (.)

(The Sr Deacon opens the inner door and asks the Stewards)

17 Who comes here? — Mr. _____, who has long been in
18 darkness and now seeks to be brought to light and to
19 receive a part in the rights and benefits of this Worshipful
20 Lodge, erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints
21 John as all brothers and fellows have done before.

22 Mr. _____, is it of your own free-will and accord? — It is.

23 Brother Stewards, is he worthy and well qualified, duly and
24 truly prepared? — He is.

25 Of lawful age and properly vouched for? — He is.

26 By what further rights or benefits does he expect to gain
27 admission? — By being a man, free born, of good report
28 and well recommended.

29 Mr. _____, wait with patience until the Worshipful Master
30 shall be informed of your request and his answer returned.
31 (. to altar)

(The Sr Deacon does not say, Worshipful Master)

32 (% - #) Mr. _____, who has long been in darkness and now
33 seeks to be brought to light and to receive a part in the
34 rights and benefits of this Worshipful Lodge, erected to God
35 and dedicated to the Holy Saints John, as all brothers and
36 fellows have done before.

37 Is it of his own free-will and accord? — It is.

38 Is he worthy and well qualified, duly and truly prepared?
39 — He is.

1 Of lawful age and properly vouched for? — He is.

2 By what further rights or benefits does he expect to gain
3 admission? — By being a man, free born, of good report
4 and well recommended.

5 Let him enter and be received in due form. (*)
(The Sr. Deacon returns to the inner door opens it and states)

6 (.) Let him enter and be received in due form.
(The Candidate is taken by both hands and led into the Lodge.
He should stop between the West and the Altar. From this point forward, the SD
does not give the sign when addressed by the Wardens or the Worshipful Master).

7 (: : : : :)

8 Mr. _____, on entering this Lodge of Entered Apprentices
9 you are received on the point of a sharp instrument piercing
10 your naked left breast, (@) which is to signify that, as this
11 is a torture to your flesh, so may the remembrance of it be
12 to your conscience, should you ever presume to reveal any of
13 the secrets of Freemasonry unlawfully.

14 (*) Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master.

15 Conduct the candidate to the center of the Lodge, cause him
16 to kneel and attend a prayer.

17 (: : : : : between altar and Senior Warden)
(The Sr Deacon should stand in front of the Candidate, hold him
by both hands and assist him in kneeling)

18 Kneel and attend a prayer.

19 (* * *) (: : : : : Worshipful Master and Chaplain)

20 (Chaplain) Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father of the
21 Universe, to this our present convention. Grant that this
22 candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to
23 Thy service and become a true and faithful brother among
24 us. Endue him with a competency of Thy Divine wisdom,
25 that by the pure principles of our fraternity, he may be
26 better enabled to display the beauties of Brotherly Love,
27 Relief and Truth, to the honor of Thy Holy Name. —
28 Amen.

29 (Response by **all** the brethren) So mote it be.

30 (Instructions: The Master and the Chaplain arise, the
31 Master places his right hand on the shoulder of the
32 candidate, who is still kneeling, and asks) Mr. _____, in
33 whom do you put your trust?—

34 (The answer must be voluntarily given, no prompting.) In God.

35 (After this declaration, the candidate is taken by the right
36 hand, and the Worshipful Master states:)

37 Your trust being in God, your faith is well founded. Arise,
38 follow your conductor and fear no danger.

39 (: : : : : Worshipful Master and Chaplain return to East).

40 (*)

1 (: : : : stop at East)

(All in procession should face the East)

2 (Chaplain) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
3 brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious
4 ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard,
5 even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his
6 garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that
7 descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord
8 commanded the blessing, even life forevermore. (Psalm
9 cxxxiii)

10 (*) (: : : :)

11 * (South) * (West) * (East)

12 (* * *)

13 (Junior Warden) Who comes here?

14 Mr. _____, who has long been in darkness and now seeks to
15 be brought to light and to receive a part in the rights and
16 benefits of this Worshipful Lodge erected to God and
17 dedicated to the Holy Saints John, as all brothers and
18 fellows have done before.

19 Mr. _____, is it of your own free-will and accord? — It is.

20 Brother Senior Deacon, is he worthy and well qualified,
21 duly and truly prepared? — He is.

22 Of lawful age and properly vouched for? — He is.

23 By what further rights or benefits does he expect to gain
24 admission? — By being a man, free born, of good report
25 and well recommended.

26 Conduct the candidate to the Senior Warden in the West.

27 (: : : :)

28 (* * *)

29 (Senior Warden) Who comes here?

30 Mr. _____, who has long been in darkness and now seeks to
31 be brought to light and to receive a part in the rights and
32 benefits of this Worshipful Lodge erected to God and
33 dedicated to the Holy Saints John, as all brothers and
34 fellows have done before.

35 Mr. _____, is it of your own free-will and accord? — It is.

36 Brother Senior Deacon, is he worthy and well qualified,
37 duly and truly prepared? — He is.

38 Of lawful age and properly vouched for? — He is.

1 By what further rights or benefits does he expect to gain
2 admission? — By being a man, free born, of good report
3 and well recommended.

4 Conduct the candidate to the Worshipful Master in the
5 East

6 (: : : :)

7 (* * *)

8 (Worshipful Master) Who comes here?

9 Mr. _____, who has long been in darkness and now seeks to
10 be brought to light and to receive a part in the rights and
11 benefits of this Worshipful Lodge, erected to God and
12 dedicated to the Holy Saints John, as all brothers and
13 fellows have done before.

14 Mr. _____, is it of your own free-will and accord? — It is.

15 Brother Senior Deacon, is he worthy and well qualified,
16 duly and truly prepared? — He is.

17 Of lawful age and properly vouched for? — He is.

18 By what further rights or benefits does he expect to gain
19 admission? — By being a man, free born, of good report
20 and well recommended.

21 Reconduct him to the Senior Warden in the West, who will
22 teach him to approach the East by one upright regular step,
23 his feet forming an angle of an oblong square, his body erect
24 at the altar before the Worshipful Master in the East. (*)

(The Candidate must be conducted all the way to the West)
25 (: : : :)

26 Brother Senior Warden. — Brother Senior Deacon.
27 It is the order of the Worshipful Master that you teach this
28 candidate to approach the East by one upright regular step,
29 his feet forming an angle of an oblong square, his body erect
30 at the altar before the Worshipful Master in the East.

(The SW should conduct the candidate close to the altar before instructing him.)
31 (. . . .)

32 Mr. _____, face the East. (@) (: : : :) Step off with your
33 left foot; bring the heel of the right to the hollow of the left
34 forming an angle of an oblong square, body erect at the
35 altar, before the Worshipful Master in the East.

(The SW returns to the West to report)

36 (. . . .) Worshipful Master, (% - #) the candidate is
37 instructed.

38 Mr. _____, you are now at the altar of Masonry. Before you
39 can proceed further, it is necessary that you take an
40 obligation appertaining to this degree. It becomes my duty,

1 as well as pleasure to inform you that there is nothing
2 contained in this obligation that conflicts with the duty you
3 owe to God, your country, neighbor, family or yourself. With
4 this assurance on my part are you willing to proceed? — I
5 am.

6 (*) Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master

7 Place the candidate in due form.

(The Sr. Deacon should place both hands of the Candidate on the Altar.
then state)

8 Kneel on your naked left knee, (@) your right forming a
9 square, your left hand supporting the Holy Bible [or Volume
10 of the Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)], square and compasses,
11 your right resting thereon.

12 Worshipful Master, the candidate is in due form.

13 (* * *) (lights down)

14 (: : : : : Worshipful Master and Chaplain to Altar)

(The lights are turned completely off once the WM is on the level. The pauses in the obligation are suggestions only. The WM can adjust the pauses based on the candidates ability to return the obligation.)

15 Mr. _____, say I, pronounce your name, and repeat after me:—
16 I, _____, of my own free-will and accord, — in the presence of
17 Almighty God and this Worshipful Lodge, — erected to Him
18 and dedicated to — the Holy Saints John,— do hereby and
19 hereon — most solemnly and sincerely — promise and swear — that
20 I will always hele — ever conceal — and never reveal — any of the
21 secret arts — parts or points — of the hidden mysteries — of
22 ancient Freemasonry — which may have been — heretofore — shall
23 be at this time — or at any future period — communicated to me
24 as such — to any person or persons — whomsoever — except it be —
25 to a true and lawful brother Mason — or in a regularly
26 constituted Lodge — of Masons — nor unto him nor them —
27 until by strict trial — due examination — or legal information — I shall
28 have found — him or them — as lawfully entitled to the same —
29 as I am myself.—

30 I further promise and swear — that I will not write — print —
31 paint — stamp — stain — cut — carve — mark — nor engrave them —
32 nor cause the same to be done — on anything movable or
33 immovable — capable of receiving — the least impression — of a
34 word — syllable — letter or character — whereby the same may
35 become — legible or intelligible — to any person under the
36 canopy of Heaven — and the secrets of Masonry — be unlawfully
37 obtained — through my unworthiness.

38 All this — I most solemnly and sincerely — promise and swear —
39 with a firm and steadfast resolution — to perform the same —
40 without any hesitation — mental reservation — or secret
41 evasion of mind — whatsoever — and should I ever knowingly —
42 violate this — my Entered Apprentice obligation — may I be
43 degraded and suspended — or expelled from Masonry. — So help

1 me God — and keep me steadfast — in the due performance of
2 the same.

3 Disengage your hands, and in token of your sincerity, kiss
4 the Book before you which is the Holy Bible [or Volume of
5 the Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)] — (@)

6 Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. —
7 Remove the cable-tow. — (@) (.)

8 Brother _____, in your present condition, what do you most
9 desire?

10 (prompted by Senior Deacon) Light.

11 Brethren, stretch forth your hands and assist me in
12 bringing this newly made Brother to light. (all on step and
13 due-guard, except the Stewards and Senior Deacon)

14 (Chaplain) In the beginning God created the heaven and
15 the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and
16 darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of
17 God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let
18 there be light: and there was light. (@) (Genesis 1; 1-3)

(The Sr. Deacon removes the hoodwink at this time)

19 Brother, on being brought to light, you first discover the
20 three Great Lights in Masonry by the help of the three
21 lesser. The three Great Lights in Masonry are the Holy
22 Bible [or Volume of the Sacred Law etc.], Square and
23 Compasses. The Holy Bible [or Volume of the Sacred Law
24 etc.] is to rule and guide our faith, the square to square our
25 actions and the compasses to circumscribe and keep us
26 within due bounds with all mankind, but more especially
27 with a brother Mason. The three lesser lights are three
28 burning tapers placed in a triangular position, representing
29 the Sun, Moon and Master of the Lodge because, as the Sun
30 rules the day and the Moon governs the night, so ought the
31 Worshipful Master to endeavor to rule and govern his Lodge
32 with equal regularity.

33 (: : : : : Worshipful Master and Chaplain return to East)

(The lights are turned on at this time)

34 (lights up) (*)

(The Worshipful Master should start talking as he starts walking)

35 Brother _____, you now discover me as Worshipful Master
36 approaching you from the East on the step (%)
37 and under the due-guard (/) and sign (#) of an Entered
38 Apprentice.

39 This is the due-guard (% - /) of an Entered Apprentice; it
40 alludes to the position your hands were in when you took
41 your obligation.

42 This (% - #) is the sign of an Entered Apprentice; it alludes to
43 the ancient and symbolic penalty of an Entered Apprentice,

1 which was that of having your throat cut across, your tongue
2 torn out by its roots and buried in the rough sands of the
2 sea at low-water mark, where the tide ebbs and flows twice
4 in twenty-four hours.
5 This sign (% - #) you are always to give when you
6 enter or retire from a Lodge of Entered Apprentices, also on
7 arising to address the Worshipful Master. (.)

8 In token of my brotherly love and friendship, I present you
9 with my right hand (@) and with it the grip and word of an
10 Entered Apprentice. As you are uninstructed, your
11 conductor will answer for you.

12 I hele. — I conceal.

13 What do you conceal? — All the secrets of Masons in
14 Masonry to which this (0) token alludes.

15 What is this? — A grip.

16 Of what? — Of an Entered Apprentice.

17 Has it a name? — It has.

18 Will you give it me? — I did not so receive it, neither will I
19 so impart it.

20 How will you dispose of it? — I will letter it and halve it.

21 Letter it and begin — No, you begin.

22 Begin you. — A — B — 0 — Z — BO — AZ
23 — BOAZ.

24 Arise, go and salute the Junior and Senior Wardens.

25 (.) (*)

26 (: : : :)

27 (* * *)

(The Jr Warden should look at the candidate)

28 (Junior Warden) Who comes here? — An Entered
29 Apprentice.

30 How shall I know him to be such? — By certain signs and
31 a token.

32 Give me a sign. — (% - #)

33 Has that an allusion? — It has, to the Ancient and
34 Symbolic penalty of an Entered Apprentice.

35 Give me a token. — (@)

36 I hele. — I conceal.

37 What do you conceal? — All the secrets of Masons in
38 Masonry to which this (0) token alludes.

- 1 What is this? — A grip.
- 2 Of what? — Of an Entered Apprentice.
- 3 Has it a name? — It has.
- 4 Will you give it me? — I did not so receive it, neither will
5 I so impart it.
- 6 How will you dispose of it? — I will letter it and halve it.
- 7 Letter it and begin. — No, you begin.
- 8 Begin you. — A — B — 0 — Z — BO — AZ
9 — BOAZ.
- 10 The sign and token are right, Brother.
- 11 (: : : :)
- 12 (* * *)
- 13 (Senior Warden) Who comes here? — An Entered
14 Apprentice.
(The Sr Warden should look at the candidate)
- 15 How shall I know him to be such? — By certain signs and
16 a token.
- 17 Give me a sign. — (% - #)
- 18 Has that an allusion? — It has, to the Ancient and
19 Symbolic penalty of an Entered Apprentice.
- 20 Give me a token. — (@)
- 21 I hele. — I conceal.
- 22 What do you conceal? — All the secrets of Masons in
23 Masonry, to which this (0) token alludes.
- 24 What is this? — A grip.
- 25 Of what? — Of an Entered Apprentice.
- 26 Has it a name? — It has.
- 27 Will you give it me? — I did not so receive it, neither will
28 I so impart it.
- 29 How will you dispose of it? — I will letter it and halve it.
- 30 Letter it and begin. — No, you begin.
- 31 Begin you. — A — B — 0 — Z — BO — AZ
32 — BOAZ.
- 33 The sign and token are right, Brother.
- 34 (: : : :) Stop between the Altar and the East)
- 35 (*)
(The Sr Deacon and Stewards should step back from the Brother)

(This is a lesson in Charity, there should be no hassling of the candidate)

2 (Secretary) Brother _____, agreeably to a custom adopted in
3 every regular and well governed Lodge it is necessary that
4 you be requested to deposit something of a metallic kind,
5 not for its intrinsic value alone, but that it may be laid up
6 among the records in the archives of this Lodge as a
7 memento that you were herein made a Mason. - (@) - A
8 quarter of a dollar, a dime, a penny?

9 Have you examined yourself and are you entirely destitute?
10 — I am.

11 Then my Brother, you are poor, poor indeed, and almost
12 naked.

13 (Secretary returns to his place.) (.)

14 (Worshipful Master) Brother, this request was made to
15 remind you of your poor and penniless situation and if you
16 ever meet a friend, more especially a brother Mason in like
17 circumstances, you shall contribute as liberally to his relief
18 as you can without material injury to yourself.

19 (. from the East)

20 You now discover me as Worshipful Master approaching
21 you from the East a second time, and I present you with a
22 lambskin or white leathern apron, which is an emblem of
23 innocence and the badge of a Mason, more ancient than the
24 Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle and, when worthily worn,
25 more honorable than the Star and Garter or any other order
26 that can be conferred upon you at this time or at any future
27 period, by king, prince, potentate or any other person except
28 he be a Mason. It is hoped you will wear it with equal
29 pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity. It may be,
30 my Brother, that in the years to come upon your brow will
31 rest the laurel wreaths of victory, from your breast hang
32 jewels fit to grace the costliest diadem; nay more, with light
33 added to the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread
34 round after round of the ladder that leads to fame within
35 our mystic circle and even the purple of our fraternity may
36 rest upon your honored shoulders. But never again from
37 mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit
38 shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly
39 gates, shall any honor so distinguished, so emblematic of
40 purity and all perfection be bestowed upon you as this
41 which I now confer. It is yours, my Brother, yours to wear
42 through an honorable life, and at your death, for we are all
43 born to die, it may be placed upon the casket which encloses
44 your lifeless remains and with them lowered beneath the
45 silent clods of the valley. May its pure and spotless surface
46 be to you a constant reminder of unblemished purity of life

1 and rectitude of conduct, a never-ending argument for
2 higher thoughts, for nobler deeds, for purer actions. And
3 when at last your weary feet shall have reached the end of
4 their toilsome journey and from your nerveless grasp shall
5 forever drop the working tools of life, may the record of your
6 life and conduct be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem
7 which I now place within your hands (@) And, when your
8 soul shall stand, naked and alone before The Great White
9 Throne, may it be your lot, my Brother, to hear from Him
10 who sitteth there as Judge Supreme the welcome words,
11 "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy
12 of thy Lord". (. to East)

13 Carry it to the Senior Warden in the West, who will teach
14 you how to wear it as an Entered Apprentice.

15 (*)

16 (: : : :)

17 Brother Senior Warden. — Brother Senior Deacon.

18 It is the order of the Worshipful Master that you teach this
19 Brother how to wear his apron as an Entered Apprentice.

20 (.) (Senior Warden.) Brother, face the East. (@)
(The Sr Warden invests the Brother with his apron steps back and states)

21 (.) In ancient times the different ranks of Masonry
22 were distinguished by the manner in which they wore their
23 aprons. Entered Apprentices, being bearers of burden, wore
24 theirs with the flap turned up to protect their clothing from
25 dirt and grime incident to their labors. We work in
26 speculative Masonry only and an Entered Apprentice
27 should wear his apron with the flap turned up.

(At this time the Sr Warden approaches the candidate and turns the flap up)

28 (.) (@) (.)

(The Sr Warden returns to the West)

29 Worshipful Master (% - #) the Brother is instructed.

30 (*)

31 (: : : : to East)
(The Working Tools should be presented from the East)

32 I now present you with the working tools of an Entered
33 Apprentice which are the twenty-four inch gauge and
34 common gavel.

35 The twenty-four inch gauge is an instrument made use of
36 by operative masons to measure and layout their work, but
37 we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of
38 it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our
39 time. It being divided into twenty-four equal parts is
40 emblematic of the twenty-four hours of the day which we
41 are taught to divide into three equal parts, whereby we find
42 a portion for the service of God and a distressed Worthy

1 Brother, a portion for our usual vocations and a portion for
2 refreshment and sleep.

3 The common gavel is an instrument made use of by
4 operative masons to break off the comers of rough stones,
5 the better to fit them for the builder's use, but we as Free
6 and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the
7 more noble and glorious purpose of divesting our minds and
8 consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby
9 fitting us as living stones for that spiritual building, that
10 house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

11 Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master.

12 Return the Brother to the place from whence he came,
13 reinvest him with what he has been divested and return
14 him to the Lodge for further instruction. (*)

(The Sr. Deacon goes out with the Candidate)

15 (: : : :)

(The Sr. Deacon returns with the Candidate)

16 (: : : : to Northeast Comer - individually)

17 (Senior Deacon) Brother, on your return to the Lodge as
18 the youngest Entered Apprentice, you are placed in the
19 Northeast comer, your feet forming an angle of an oblong
20 square, your body erect at the right hand of the Worshipful
21 Master in the East.

(The Worshipful Master states this from the East)

22 (Worshipful Master) And I am pleased to state that you
23 there stand as a just and upright Mason and I give it you
24 strictly in charge ever to walk and act as such.

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2 PART 1

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3 Brother you were divested of all metals when made a
4 Mason for two reasons. First, that you should carry nothing
5 offensive or defensive into the Lodge. Second, at the
6 building of King Solomon's temple there was not heard the
7 sound of an axe, hammer or any tool of iron. The stones
8 were all hewn squared and numbered at the quarries where
9 they were raised; the timbers felled and prepared in the
10 forests of Lebanon, conveyed by sea in floats to Joppa and
11 from thence by land to Jerusalem where they were set up
12 with wooden mauls prepared for the purpose; and when the
13 temple was completed its several parts fitted with such
14 exact nicety that it had more the appearance of the
15 handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the universe than of
16 human hands.

17 You were neither naked nor clothed, because Masonry
18 regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor. It was thus
19 to show that it is the internal and not the external
20 qualifications of a man that should recommend him to be
21 made a Mason.

22 You were neither barefoot nor shod. This was in conformity
23 to an ancient Israelitic custom. We read in the book of Ruth
24 that it was the manner in former times concerning
25 redeeming and changing that to confirm all things a man
26 plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor, as this was
27 a testimonial in Israel. This therefore we do to test the
28 sincerity of your intentions in the business on which you
29 were then about to engage.

30 You were hood-winked, with a cable-tow around your neck
31 for three reasons. First, as you were then in darkness, so
32 shall you keep the whole world as far as it regards the
33 secrets of Freemasonry, until they shall obtain the same as
34 lawfully as you were then about to do. Second, that your
35 heart might be taught to conceal before your eyes could
36 behold the beauties of Freemasonry. Third, had you refused
37 to submit to the forms and ceremonies of your initiation and
38 been found unworthy to be taken by the hand as a brother,
39 you might, by the help of the cable-tow, have been led out of
40 the Lodge without being able to discover even the form
41 thereof.

42 You were caused to give three distinct knocks to alarm the
43 Lodge and inform the Worshipful Master that you were
44 prepared for initiation. And this alludes to a certain text in
45 scripture: "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find,

1 knock and it shall be opened unto you." You asked the
2 recommendation of a friend to be made a Mason; through
3 his recommendation you sought initiation; you knocked at
4 the door of a Lodge and it was opened unto you.

5 You were received on the point of a sharp instrument
6 piercing your naked left breast, which was to signify, as this
7 was an instrument of torture to your flesh, so may the
8 remembrance of it be to your conscience, should you ever
9 presume to reveal any of the secrets of Freemasonry
10 unlawfully.

11 You were caused to kneel and attend a prayer because no
12 man should ever enter upon any great and important
13 undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity.

14 You were asked in whom you put your trust because,
15 according to our Masonic institution, no atheist can be
16 made a Mason. It was therefore necessary that you should
17 profess your belief in Deity or no obligation would have
18 been considered binding upon you.

19 You were taken by the right hand, ordered to arise, follow
20 your conductor and fear no danger. This was to show at a
21 time when you could neither foresee nor avoid danger, that
22 you were in the hands of a true and trusty friend in whose
23 fidelity you might with safety confide.

24 You were conducted once around the Lodge, that all the
25 brethren might see that you were duly and truly prepared.

26 You were caused to meet with three separate obstructions
27 on your passage, because there were guards placed at the
28 south, west and east gates of the court of King Solomon's
29 temple to see that none passed or repassed but such as were
30 duly qualified and had permission. It was therefore
31 necessary that you should meet with these several
32 obstructions, that you might be duly examined before you
33 could be made a Mason.

34 You were caused to kneel on your naked left knee, because
35 the left is said to be the weaker part of man. It was thus to
36 show that it was the weaker part of Masonry you were then
37 entering upon, being that of an Entered Apprentice.

38 You were caused to lay your right hand on the Holy Bible
39 [or Volume of the Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)], square and
40 compasses, because the right hand was said by our ancient
41 brethren to be the seat of fidelity. The ancients sometimes
42 worshiped Deity under the name of Fides, which was
43 sometimes represented by two right hands joined, at others
44 by two human figures holding each other by the right hand.
45 The right hand therefore we make use of on this occasion to

1 test in the strongest manner possible the sincerity of your
2 intentions in the business on which you were about to
3 engage.

4 You were requested to deposit something of a metallic kind
5 to remind you of your then extremely poor and penniless
6 situation and that, should you ever meet a friend (more
7 especially a brother) in like circumstances, that you shall
8 contribute as liberally to his relief as you can without
9 material injury to yourself.

10 You were presented with a Lambskin which is the badge of
11 a Mason. The lamb has in all ages been deemed an emblem
12 of innocence. He, therefore, who wears the lambskin as the
13 badge of a Mason is thereby continually reminded of that
14 purity of life and conduct which is essentially necessary to
15 his gaining admission into the Celestial Lodge above where
16 the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

17 You were then presented with the working tools of an
18 Entered Apprentice which are the twenty-four inch gauge
19 and common gavel. Their uses have already been explained
20 to you.

21 You were next placed in the Northeast Corner as the
22 youngest Entered Apprentice, because in operative masonry
23 the first stone of a building is usually laid in the Northeast
24 corner. You were therefore placed there to receive your first
25 instructions, whereupon to build your future moral and
26 Masonic edifice.

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PART 2

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3 A lodge is a constitutional number of Masons, duly
4 assembled with the Holy Bible [or Volume of the Sacred
5 Law etc. (see Preface)], square and compasses and charter
6 or warrant empowering them to work.

7 Our ancient brethren met on a high hill or in a low vale, the
8 better to observe the approach of cowans or eavesdroppers,
9 either ascending or descending.

10 The form and extent of a Lodge is an oblong square,
11 extending from east to west, between north and south, from
12 the earth to the heavens and from the surface to the center.
13 It is of such vast dimensions to signify the universality of
14 Masonry and that Masonic charity should be equally
15 extensive.

16 This vast fabric is supported by three Grand pillars called
17 wisdom, strength and beauty, because it is necessary that
18 there should be wisdom to contrive, strength to support and
19 beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings.
20 These are represented by the Worshipful Master, Senior
21 and Junior Wardens. The Worshipful Master represents the
22 pillar of wisdom, it being supposed that he has wisdom to
23 open his lodge, set the craft at work and give them proper
24 instruction. The Senior Warden represents the pillar of
25 strength, it being his duty to assist the Worshipful Master
26 in opening and closing his Lodge, to pay the craft their
27 wages if any be their due and see that none go away
28 dissatisfied, harmony being the strength and support of all
29 institutions, more especially this of ours.

30 The Junior Warden represents the pillar of beauty, it being
31 his duty in all times to observe the sun at meridian height,
32 which is the glory and beauty of the day.

33 The covering of a Lodge is a clouded canopy or starry-
34 decked heaven where all good Masons hope at last to arrive
35 by the aid of that theological ladder which Jacob in his
36 vision saw ascending from earth to heaven, the three
37 principal rounds of which are denominated Faith, Hope and
38 Charity, and which admonish us to have faith in God, hope
39 in immortality, and charity for all mankind. The greatest of
40 these is Charity, for Faith may be lost in sight, Hope may
41 end in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave,
42 through the boundless realms of eternity.

43 The furniture of a Lodge is the Holy Bible [or Volume of the
44 Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)], square and compasses. The

1 Bible [or Volume of the Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)] is dedicated to
2 God, the square to the Master and the compasses to the
3 craft. The Bible [or Volume of the Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)] is
4 dedicated to God, because it is the inestimable gift of God to
5 man, and on it we obligate the newly admitted brother. The
6 square to the Master because being the proper Masonic
7 emblem of his office, it is constantly to remind him of the
8 duty he owes to the Lodge over which he has been chosen to
9 preside, and the compasses to the craft, because by a due
10 attention to their use, they are taught to regulate their
11 desires and keep their passions within due bounds.

12 The ornaments of a Lodge are the mosaic pavement, the
13 indented tessel and the blazing star. The mosaic pavement
14 is a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon's
15 temple, with a blazing star in the center. The indented
16 tessel, that beautiful tessellated border or skirting which
17 surrounds it. The mosaic pavement is emblematic of human
18 life, checkered with good and evil, the beautiful border
19 which surrounds it suggests those blessings and comforts
20 which surround us, and which we hope to obtain by a
21 faithful reliance on Divine Providence, which is
22 hieroglyphically represented by the blazing star in the
23 center.

24 All Lodges have three lights, situated east, west and south.
25 None in the North. None in the North because of the
26 situation of King Solomon's temple, that being situated so
27 far north of the ecliptic that the sun or moon at meridian
28 height could dart no rays in at the northern part of it, so we
29 Masonically term the North a place of darkness.

30 All Lodges have six jewels, three movable and three
31 immovable. The movable jewels are the rough ashlar, the
32 perfect ashlar and the trestle-board. The rough ashlar is a
33 stone as taken from the quarry in its rude and natural
34 state. The perfect ashlar is a stone made ready by the
35 workman to be adjusted by the tools of the Fellowcraft. The
36 trestle-board is for the master workman to draw his designs
37 upon. By the rough ashlar we are reminded of our rude and
38 imperfect state in nature; by the perfect ashlar, that state of
39 perfection at which we hope to arrive by a virtuous
40 education, our own endeavors and the blessing of God; and
41 by the trestle-board we are reminded that, as the operative
42 workman erects his temporal building agreeably to the
43 rules and designs laid down by the master on his trestle-
44 board, so should we, both operative and speculative,
45 endeavor to erect our spiritual building agreeably to the
46 rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of
47 the Universe in the Book of Life or Holy Scriptures, which
48 is our spiritual trestle-board.

1 The immovable jewels are the square, level and plumb. The
2 square teaches morality, the level equality and the plumb
3 rectitude of life.

4 All lodges should be situated due east and west, because
5 this was the situation of King Solomon's temple. King
6 Solomon's temple was so situated, because after Moses had
7 safely conducted the children of Israel through the Red Sea
8 when pursued by Pharaoh and his hosts, he then by Divine
9 command erected a tabernacle and situated it due east and
10 west in order to perpetuate the remembrance of that mighty
11 east wind by which their miraculous delivery was wrought
12 and to receive the rays of the rising sun, and as this was an
13 exact model for King Solomon's temple, all Lodges should be
14 situated due east and west.

15 In ancient times Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon,
16 because it was said that he was our first Most Excellent
17 Grand Master or he was the founder of our present system,
18 but in modern times they are dedicated to Saint John the
19 Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, who were eminent
20 patrons of Masonry and since their time there is
21 represented in every regular and well governed Lodge a
22 certain point within a circle. The point representing an
23 individual brother, the circle representing the boundary
24 line of his duty to God and man, beyond which he is never
25 to suffer his passions, prejudices or interests to betray him
26 on any occasion. This circle is embordered by two
27 perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the
28 Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who were perfect
29 parallels in Christianity as well as Masonry, and upon the
30 vertex rests the Book of Holy Scriptures, which points out
31 the whole duty of man. In going around this circle, we
32 necessarily touch upon these two lines as well as upon the
33 Holy Scriptures, and while a Mason keeps himself thus
34 circumscribed, it is impossible that he should materially
35 err.

36 The tenets of our profession are Brotherly Love, Relief and
37 Truth.

38 By the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the
39 whole human species as one family, the high and low, the
40 rich and poor, who being created by one Almighty Parent
41 and inhabiting the same planet are to aid, support and
42 protect one another. On this principle, Masonry unites men
43 of every country, sect and opinion and conciliates true
44 friendship among those who might otherwise have
45 remained at a perpetual distance.

46 To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men,
47 but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an

1 indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the
2 unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to
3 compassionate their miseries and to restore peace to their
4 troubled minds is the grand aim we have in view. On this
5 basis we form our friendships and establish our
6 connections.

7 Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every
8 virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught
9 in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate and by its
10 dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. While influenced
11 by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among
12 us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and the heart
13 and tongue join in promoting one another's welfare and
14 rejoice in one another's prosperity.

15 Brother, a Mason is known by certain signs, a token, a
16 word, and the points of his entrance. The sign, token and
17 word have already been explained to you. It now remains
18 for me to explain the points of your entrance, how many and
19 what they are. They are four: the guttural (@), the pectoral
20 (@), the manual (@) and the pedal (@), which allude to
21 the four cardinal virtues, temperance, fortitude, prudence
22 and justice.

23 Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and
24 passions which renders the body tame and governable and
25 frees the mind from the allurements of vice. This virtue
26 should be the constant practice of every Mason, as he is
27 thereby taught to avoid excess, or the contracting of any
28 licentious or vicious habit, indulgence in which might lead
29 him to disclose some of those valuable secrets which he has
30 promised to conceal and never reveal, and which would
31 consequently subject him to the contempt and detestation of
32 all good Masons, if not to the Ancient and Symbolic penalty
33 of an Entered Apprentice, which alludes to the guttural.
34 (@)

35 Fortitude is that noble and steady purpose of the mind
36 whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or
37 danger when prudentially deemed expedient. This virtue is
38 equally distant from rashness and cowardice and, like
39 temperance, should be deeply impressed upon the mind of
40 every Mason as a safeguard or security against any illegal
41 attack that may be made, by force or otherwise, to extort
42 from him any of those secrets with which he has been so
43 solemnly intrusted. This was emblematically represented
44 upon your first admission into the Lodge, when you were
45 received on the point of a sharp instrument piercing your
46 naked left breast which alludes to the pectoral. (@)

1 Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions
2 agreeably to the dictates of reason, and is that habit by
3 which we wisely judge and prudentially determine all
4 things relative to our present and future happiness. This
5 virtue should be the peculiar characteristic of every Mason,
6 not only for the government of his conduct while in the
7 Lodge, but also when abroad in the world. It should be
8 particularly attended to in all strange or mixed companies,
9 and should constantly remind him never to let fall the least
10 sign, token or word whereby the secrets of Masonry might
11 be unlawfully obtained, ever bearing in mind your solemn
12 obligation while kneeling at the altar on your naked left
13 knee, your left hand supporting the Holy Bible [or Volume,
14 of the Sacred Law etc. (see Preface)], square and compasses,
15 your right resting thereon, which alludes to the manual.
16 (@)

17 Justice is that standard of right which enables us to render
18 to every man his just due without distinction. This virtue is
19 not only consistent with Divine and human laws but is the
20 very cement and support of civil society and, as justice in a
21 great measure constitutes the really good man, so should it
22 be the invariable practice of every Mason never to deviate
23 from the minutest principles thereof, ever remembering the
24 charge you received while standing in the Northeast corner
25 of the Lodge, your feet forming an angle of an oblong
26 square, which alludes to the pedal. (@)

27 In ancient times, Entered Apprentices served their masters
28 with freedom, fervency and zeal and so they should in
29 modern. This was represented by chalk, charcoal and clay,
30 because it was said there was nothing more free than chalk,
31 which upon the slightest touch leaves a trace behind,
32 nothing more fervent than charcoal to which when well
33 lighted most obdurate metals will yield, nothing more
34 zealous than clay or our mother earth, which is constantly
35 employed for man's use and is as continually reminding us
36 that as from it we came, so to it we must as surely return.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CHARGE

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3 Brother: As you are now introduced into the first principles
4 of Masonry, I congratulate you upon being accepted into
5 this ancient and honorable institution — ancient as having
6 existed from time immemorial, and honorable as tending in
7 every particular so to render all men who will be
8 conformable to its precepts. No institution was ever
9 established on a better principle or more solid foundation,
10 nor were ever more excellent rules and useful maxims laid
11 down than are inculcated in the several Masonic lectures.
12 The greatest and best of men in all ages have been
13 encouragers and promoters of the art, and have never
14 deemed it derogatory to their dignity to level themselves
15 with the Fraternity, extend their privileges and patronize
16 their assemblies.

17 There are three great duties, which, as a Mason you are
18 charged to inculcate — to God, your neighbor and yourself:
19 to God, in never mentioning His Name but with that
20 reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator,
21 to implore His aid in all your laudable undertakings, and to
22 esteem Him as your chief good: to your neighbor, in acting
23 upon the square and doing unto him as you would wish that
24 he should do unto you; and to yourself, in avoiding all
25 irregularity and intemperance which may impair your
26 faculties or debase the dignity of your profession.

27 In the state you are to be a quiet and peaceful citizen, true
28 to your government and just to your country. You are not to
29 countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to
30 legal authority and conform with cheerfulness to the
31 government of the country in which you live.

32 In your outward demeanor be particularly careful to avoid
33 occasion for censure or reproach. Let not interest, favor or
34 prejudice bias your integrity, or influence you to be guilty of
35 a dishonorable action.

36 Although your frequent appearance at our communications
37 is earnestly solicited, it is not meant that Masonry should
38 interfere with your necessary vocations, for these are on no
39 account to be neglected; neither are you to suffer your zeal
40 for the institution to lead you into argument with those who
41 through ignorance may ridicule it. In your leisure hours,
42 that you may improve in Masonic knowledge, you are to
43 converse with well informed brethren, who will always be
44 as ready to give as you will be to receive instruction.

1 Finally, keep inviolably secret the mysteries of the
2 Fraternity, as these are to distinguish you from the rest of
3 the community and mark your consequence among Masons.
4 If, in the circle of your acquaintance, you find a person
5 desirous of being initiated into Masonry, be particularly
6 careful not to recommend him unless you are convinced that
7 he will conform to our tenets and rules, that the honor,
8 glory and reputation of the institution may be firmly
9 established and the world at large convinced of its good
10 effects.

1 ENTERED APPRENTICE CLASS
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4 For a better understanding of Freemasonry, we suggest you
5 meet with other Masons and discuss the following terms
6 and phrases.

7 Where were you first prepared to be a Mason?

8 How were you prepared?

9 What is a Hoodwink?

10 What is a Cable-Tow? Where was it placed?

11 How did you gain admission into the Lodge?

12 How many knocks upon the door? To what does this
13 allude?

14 How were you received?

15 What was your position at the altar?

16 What is the Obligation?

17 What is the Due Guard?

18 What is the Sign?

19 What is the Symbolic Penalty of an EA?

20 What are the three great lights in Masonry?

21 What are the three lesser lights?

22 What is the step of a Entered Apprentice?

23 What is the grip of an EA? Has it a name?

24 What is the significance of the apron presentation?

25 How and why is the apron worn?

26 What are the working tools of an Entered?
27 Apprentice?

28 What is the significance of the Northeast corner?

29 What is meant by "From whence came you?"

30 What is meant by "What came you here to do?"

31 What makes one an Entered Apprentice?

32 How does one he is an Entered Apprentice?

1 **ENTERED APPRENTICE**
2 **EXAMINATION IN OPEN LODGE**

3 During your initiation into this lodge, after you were
4 brought to light following your obligation, you discovered
5 the Worshipful Master approaching you from the East, on
6 the Step and under the due-guard and sign of an Entered
7 Apprentice.

8 Give me the due-guard of an Entered Apprentice. —
9 (Done)

10 This due-guard alludes to the position your hands were in
11 while taking your obligation, your left hand supporting the
12 Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, your right resting
13 thereon.

14 Give me the sign of an Entered Apprentice. — (Done)

15 This sign alludes to the ancient and symbolic penalty of an
16 Entered Apprentice

17 Give me a token. — (0)

18 I hele. — I conceal.

19 What do you conceal? — All the secrets of Masons in
20 Masonry to which this (0) token alludes.

21 What is this? — A grip.

22 Of what? — Of an Entered Apprentice.

23 Has it a name? — It has.

24 Will you give it me? — I did not so receive it, neither will
25 I so impart it.

26 How will you dispose of it? — I will letter it and halve it.

27 Letter it and begin. — No, you begin.

28 Begin you. — A — B — 0 — Z — BO — AZ — BOAZ.

29 During your obligation, you agreed to always hele, ever
30 conceal and never reveal any of the secret arts, parts or
31 points of the hidden mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

32 Do you confirm this promise? — (Assent)

33 You further promised and swore that you would not write,
34 print, paint, stamp, stain, cut, carve, mark, nor engrave
35 them, nor cause the same to be done on anything movable
36 or immovable, capable of receiving the least impression of a
37 word, syllable, letter or character, whereby the same may
38 become legible or intelligible to any person under the

1 canopy of Heaven, and the secrets of Masonry be unlawfully
2 obtained through your unworthiness.

3 Do you confirm this promise? — (Assent)

(All face the East, the Sr. Deacon then says:)

4 Worshipful Master, (% - #) this concludes the examination
5 of the Brother(s).

Worshipful Master now declares the Brothers proficient, informs them that they now must retire from the Lodge. The Brothers, will then give the penal sign of an EA salute the flag and retire from the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master now informs the Jr Deacon that these Brothers have his permission to retire from the Lodge. He then informs the Jr. Deacon that the Lodge will now be closed on the EA Degree and opened on the (FC or MM) Degree.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CLOSING

3 (*) Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

4 The last great care of Entered Apprentices when convened?
5 — To see that the Lodge is duly tiled.

6 Attend to that duty and inform the Tiler that this Lodge is
7 about to be closed and direct him to tile accordingly.

8 (.) (* * *) Brother Tiler. — Brother Junior
9 Deacon.

10 This Lodge is about to be closed. You are directed to tile
11 accordingly.

(The Tiler does not give a response to the Jr Deacon)
12 (.) Worshipful Master, (% - #) this lodge is tiled.

13 How is it tiled? — By a brother Master Mason without
14 the door armed with the proper implement of his office.

15 His duty there? — To keep off all cowans or
16 eavesdroppers and allow none to pass or repass but such as
17 are duly qualified and have the Worshipful Master's
18 permission.

19 (*) Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

20 From whence came you? — From a Lodge of the Saints
21 John of Jerusalem.

22 What came you here to do? — To learn, to subdue my
23 passions and improve myself in Masonry.

24 Then I presume you are an Entered Apprentice? — I am
25 so taken and accepted among brothers and fellows.

26 What makes you an Entered Apprentice? — My
27 obligation.

28 Where were you made an Entered Apprentice? — In a
29 regularly constituted Lodge of Entered Apprentices.

30 What number constitutes a Lodge of Entered Apprentices?
31 — Seven or more, consisting of a Worshipful Master,
32 Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior
33 and Junior Deacons.

34 The Junior Deacon's **place in the Lodge**? — **At** the right
35 hand of the Senior Warden in the West, Worshipful. (% - #)

36 (* *) Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master.
37 (% - #)

- 1 Your duty there? — To **carry messages** from the Senior
2 Warden in the West to the Junior Warden in the South and
3 elsewhere around the Lodge **as he may direct** and see that
4 the Lodge is duly tiled.
- 5 The Senior Deacon's **place**? — **At** the right hand of the
6 Worshipful Master in the East, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 7 Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 8 Your duty there? — To **carry orders** from the Worshipful
9 Master in the East to the Senior Warden in the West and
10 elsewhere around the Lodge as **required**, to welcome and
11 accommodate visiting brethren and to receive and conduct
12 candidates.
- 13 The Secretary's **place**? — **On** the left of the Worshipful
14 Master in the East, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 15 Brother Secretary. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 16 Your duty there? — To observe the will and pleasure of
17 the Worshipful Master in recording the proceedings of the
18 Lodge, transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge, if required,
19 receive all monies paid into the Lodge, paying the same to
20 the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore.
- 21 The Treasurer's **place**? — **On** the right of the Worshipful
22 Master in the East, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 23 Brother Treasurer. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 24 Your duty there? — To receive all monies paid into the
25 Lodge by the hand of the Secretary, keep a regular account
26 of the same, paying them out by order of the Worshipful
27 Master and consent of the Lodge.
- 28 The Junior Warden's **station in the Lodge**? — In the
29 South, Worshipful. (% - #)
- 30 Brother Junior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 31 Why in the South and your duty there? — As the sun in
32 the South at high meridian is the glory and beauty of the
33 day, so stands the Junior Warden in the South to call the
34 craft from labor to refreshment, superintend in the hour
35 thereof and see that none convert the means of refreshment
36 into intemperance or excess, to call them to labor again at
37 the Worshipful Master's order, that he may have pleasure
38 and they profit thereby.
- 39 The Senior Warden's **station**? — In the West, Worshipful.
40 (% - #)
- 41 Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

1 Why in the West and your duty there? — As the sun is in
 2 the West at the close of the day, so stands the Senior
 3 Warden in the West to assist the Worshipful Master in
 4 opening and closing his Lodge, pay the craft their wages if
 5 any be their due and see that none go away dissatisfied if in
 6 my power to prevent, harmony being the strength and
 7 support of all institutions, but more especially this of ours.

8 The Worshipful Master's **station**? — In the East,
 9 Worshipful. (% - #)

10 Why in the East and his duty there? — As the sun rises
 11 in the East to open and govern the day, so rises the
 12 Worshipful Master (@) to open and govern his Lodge, set
 13 the craft at work and give them proper instruction.

14 (* * *) Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master.
 15 (% - #)

16 It is my order that this Lodge be now closed and stand
 17 closed until our next regular communication unless
 18 specially convened, in which case the brethren shall have
 19 due and timely notice. In the meantime it is hoped and
 20 expected that each brother will demean himself as becomes
 21 a man and a Mason. This you will announce to the Junior
 22 Warden in the South and he to the brethren around the
 23 Lodge that they, having due and timely notice thereof, may
 24 govern themselves accordingly.

25 Brother Junior Warden. — Brother Senior Warden.

26 It is the order of the Worshipful Master that this Lodge be
 27 now closed and stand closed until our next regular
 28 communication unless specially convened, in which case the
 29 brethren shall have due and timely notice. In the meantime
 30 it is hoped and expected that each brother will demean
 31 himself as becomes a man and a Mason. This you will
 32 announce to the brethren around the Lodge that they,
 33 having due and timely notice thereof, may govern
 34 themselves accordingly.

35 Brethren, you hear the order of the Worshipful Master, as
 36 communicated to me by the Senior Warden in the West.
 37 Agreeably to his order, so let it be done.

38 Together Brethren, attend the sign. (% - / - #) (All the
 39 brethren should be on the step and give the due-guard and
 40 sign.)

41 * (East) * (West) * (South)

42 Brother Senior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)

43 How should Masons meet? — On the level. (@ - All)

- 1 Brother Junior Warden. — Worshipful Master. (% - #)
- 2 How should they act? — By the plumb.
- 3 And part on the square. So should we ever meet, act and
4 part in the name of the Lord.
- 5 (Chaplain) And now may the blessing of Heaven rest upon
6 us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail and
7 every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen.
- 8 (Response All) So mote it be.
- 9 Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #) —
10 Attend the altar.
- 11 (.) (@) (The Senior Deacon should approach the
12 altar reverently. He kneels at the altar, removes the square
13 and compasses and slowly closes the Holy Bible and any other
14 Volumes of the Sacred Law. He then arises and extinguishes
15 the lesser lights. (South -West -East). He then returns
16 to his position immediately back of the altar and **gives the**
17 **penal sign of an Entered Apprentice.**)
- 18 Brother Senior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #) —
19 Return the flag to the East.
- 20 (The Senior Deacon approaches the flag and comes to a
21 salute, accompanied by all the Brethren, who take their
22 time from him. The Senior Deacon then lifts the staff and
23 flag out of the holder, holding it at a slight angle in front of
24 him. Wheels right about face and retraces his steps to the
25 East, where he deposits the staff and flag in the standard
26 provided for the purpose. Steps back two or three paces and
27 comes to salute. All brethren remain at salute during the
28 carrying of the flag and until the Senior Deacon finishes his
29 final salute, all taking their time from the Senior Deacon,
30 who then returns to his place.)
- 31 (Worshipful Master) I now declare this Lodge closed.
32 (Senior Warden lowers column)
- 33 Brother Junior Deacon. — Worshipful Master. (% - #) —
34 Inform the Tiler.
- 35 (.) (* * *) Brother Tiler. — Brother Junior
36 Deacon.
- 37 This Lodge is closed.
(The Tiler does not give a response to the Jr Deacon)
- 38 (.) Worshipful Master, the Tiler is informed.
(The Jr Deacon does not give the penal at this point)
- 39 (Worshipful Master) This Lodge is closed. (*)

1 ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

2 OPTIONAL SHORT FORM CLOSING

3 The Entered Apprentice Degree Closing may be amended
4 by replacing Line 12 of Page 32 with the following:

5 (.) Worshipful Master, (% - #) the Tiler is informed.

6 and then by deleting Lines 13 through 37 of Page 32,
7 deleting Lines 1 through 41 of Page 33 and deleting Lines 1
8 through 13 of Page 34.

DEGREE PARTS CHECKLIST

Entered Apprentice Degree

Date: _____

- Worshipful Master _____
- Obligation _____
- Senior Warden _____
- Junior Warden _____
- Treasurer _____
- Secretary _____
- Chaplain _____
- Senior Deacon _____
- Junior Deacon _____
- Senior Steward _____
- Junior Steward _____
- Marshal _____
- Lecture Part 1 _____
- Lecture Part 2 _____
- Brotherly Love _____
- Relief _____
- Truth _____
- Temperance _____
- Fortitude _____
- Prudence _____
- Justice _____
- Charge _____
- Apron Presentation _____
- Working Tools _____