

CEREMONY FOR PRESENTING THE PETITION FOR A R.A. CHAPTER IN OPEN LODGE.

W.M. The next item is to receive a petition for a R.A. Chapter to be attached to this Lodge.

D.C. Will the Petitioners form up in the West.

(The Petitioners should form in three rows. The Three Principals designate in front, and the rest of the petitioners in two rows behind).

Chief Petitioner. W.M., your Brethren having approved, in Open Lodge assembled, the desirability of forming a Royal Arch Chapter attached to this Lodge, for the purpose of forwarding R.A. Masonry in general, and in particular, so that the Brethren of your Lodge may complete their Third Degree in company with their own Brethren, we, the Petitioners, now request that you will subscribe your signature and those of your Wardens, in the space provided for that purpose.

W.M. We will receive the Petition with pleasure, and readily accede to your request.

(The D.C. conducts the Chief Petitioner to the East and halts in front of the W.M.'s Pedestal. The Petition is handed to the W.M. to affix his signature).

W.M. Brother Senior Deacon, you will bear this Petition to the Senior Warden, and request him to add his signature to mine in the space provided for that purpose.

(The S.D. receives the Petition, salutes, and is then conducted by the D.C. to the front of the Senior Warden's Pedestal).

S.D. Brother Senior Warden, it is the W.M.'s wish that you add your signature to his in the space provided, and then despatch the Petition to the Junior Warden that he may also sign.

(The S.D. hands Petition to S.W., salutes, and awaits the return of the J.D. S.W. signs the Petition, and says....)

S.W. Brother Junior Deacon, it is the W.M.'s command that you carry this Document to the Junior Warden that he may add his signature in the space provided.

(Junior Deacon receives document from the S.W., salutes, and is conducted by the D.C. to the front of the Junior Warden's pedestal).

J.D. Brother Junior Warden, it is the W.M.'s wish that you add your signature to his and that of your Brother Senior Warden in the space provided.

(Junior Deacon hands document to J.W. who signs it and hands it back to J.D.)

J.W. Brother Junior Deacon, in response to the command of the Worshipful Master, I have added my signature to the document, and now hand it to you to carry back to the Senior Warden.
(Junior Deacon receives the document, salutes, and is conducted back to the front of the S.W's pedestal).

J.D. Brother Senior Warden, your Brother Junior Warden has completed the document, and now returns it to you that you may likewise return it to the W.M.
(Senior Warden receives the Petition. Junior Deacon salutes and returns to his seat.)

S.W. Brother Senior Deacon, the document is complete, and I now request you to bear it again to the W.M.
(Senior Warden hands Petition to S.D. who receives it, salutes, and is conducted by the D.C. to front of the W.M's Pedestal).

S.D. W.M., your command has been duly obeyed, and I now return to you the Petition.
(The S.D. hands Petition to W.M., salutes, and returns to his seat).

W.M. Bro. Chief Petitioner, the requisite signatures have been added to the Petition, and I now return it to you duly completed that you may forward it for consideration by the proper authorities.
(W.M. hands Petition to Chief Petitioner who salutes and says....

Chief Petitioner W.M., I thank you for your courtesy in acceding to our wishes. I trust that our Petition will be received favourably by the Board of General Purposes of Supreme Grand Chapter, and that, in due time, I shall be able to report to you the complete success of our endeavours.
(The D.C. conducts the Chief Pet. to the west to his former place.)

D.C. The Petitioners will now resume their seats.
(Petitioners return to their seats in the Lodge.)

END OF CEREMONY.

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