

THE FORM OF THE OATH.

These charges wch wee now rehearse to you , and all other the Charges , Secrets and Mysteries belonging to Free~~e~~ Masonry , you shall faithfully and truly keep together with the Council of this Lodge or Chamber You shall not for any gift , Bribe or Reward favour or Affection directly or Indirectly for any Cause whatsoever divulge or disclose to either Father or Mother Sister or Brother Wife Child friend Relation or Stranger or to any other prson whatsoever. So help you God yo Holy doom and the Contents of this Book.

Then let the prson wch is to be made a Mason chuse out of the Lodge any one Mason who is to Instruct him in those Secrets wch must never be Committed to Writing which Mason he must always call his Tutor then let the Tutor take him into another Room and shew him all the whole Mistery that at his return he may Exercise wth the rest of his fellow Masons.

Buchanan MS. (2nd Half 17th Cent.)

These Charges that you have Received you shall well and truly keepe, not disclosing the secrecy of our Lodge to man woman nor Child : sticke nor stone : thing moueable nor vnmoueable soe god you helpe and his holy Doome Amen .

Harleian MS 2054 , f.33 (mid 17th Cent.)

There is severall words and signes of a free mason to be reveiled to yu wch as yu will answ: before God at the Great & terrible day of Judgmt yu keep secret and not to reveille the same in the heares of any person or to any but to the Mrs & fellows of the said Society of free masons so helpe me God &c.

Grand Lodge No 2. MS.

The Oath for Secresie.

I A:B: doe in ye prsence of Almighty God & my ffellowes and Bretheren , here present , promise & declare , yt I will not att any tyme hereafter , by any act or circumstance wtsoever directly or indirectly , publish , discover , or reveale , or make knowne , any of ye Secrette , priviledges or Councells of ye ffraternity or ffellowship of free masnory , which att any tyme hereafter shall be made known unto me , Soe helpe me God , & ye holy Contents of this booke .

Haughfoot Minute .

of entrie as the apprentice die Leaving out (the Common Judge) Then they whisper the word as before , and the Master Mason grips his hand after the ordinary way .