

The Mystery of Free-Masonry.

- Q. Are you a Mason ?
 A. I am.
- Q. How shall I know you are a Mason ?
 A. By Signs , Tokens, and Points of my Entrance .
- Q. How was you made ?
 A. Neither Naked nor clothed , standing nor lying, but in due Form.
- Q. Give me a Sign,
 A. Every Square is a Sign, but the most Solemn is the Right-Hand upon the Left-breast, the Arm hanging down , a little extended from the Body.
- Q. Give me a Letter?
 A. B.O.A.Z.
 When this question is asked you are to give the Letter B. The Querist will say O. you A. he
- Q. Give me another .
 A. J.A.C.H.I.N.
 Alterately as Boaz. N.B. Boaz and Jachin were two Pillars in Solomon's Porch. I Kings vii. 21.
- Q. To what Lodge do you belong?
 A. To the Holy Lodge of St. John
- Q. How is it seated?
 A. East and West, as all other Temples are
- Q. Where was you enter'd?
 A. In a just and perfect Lodge.
- Q. What makes a Just and Perfect Lodge?
 A. A Master, two wardens and Four Fellows, with Square, Compass, and Common Gudge.
 N.B. One of them must be a working Mason.
- Q. Where was you made?
 A. In the Valley of Josaphat, behind a Rush Bush, where a Dog was never heard to bark, nor a Cock to crow, or elsewhere.
- Q. Where was the first Lodge kept?
 A. In Solomon's Porch, the Pillars were called Jachin and Boaz.
- Q. How many Orders be there in Architecture?
 A. There be five. Tuscan, Dorick, Ionick, Corinthian and Composite of Roman.
- Q. How many Points be there in the Fellowship?
 A. There be five, 1st Foot to Foot, 2d Knee to Knee, 3d Hand to Hand, 4th Heart to Heart, and 5th Ear to Ear.
- Q. How do Masons take their place in work?
 A. The Master's Place East, the Wardens East, and the Fellows the Eastern Passage.
- Q. How many precious jewels be there in Masonry?
 A. Three, the Master , Wardens, and Fellows.
- Q. Whence comes the Pattern of an Arch?
 A. From the Rainbow.
- Q. Is there a Key for your Lodge?
 A. Yes, there is.
- Q. Where is it kept?
 A. In an Ivory Box, between my Tongue and my Teeth , or under the Lap of my Liver, where the Secrets of my Heart are.
- Q. Is there a Chain to your Key?
 A. Yes, there is.
- Q. How long is it ?
 A. As long as from my Tongue to my Heart.
- Q. Where does the Key of the Working-Lodge lie?
 A. It lies upon the Right-hand , from the Door two Feet and a half under a Green Turf, or under a Square Ashlar.
- Q. Where does the Master Mason set his mark upon the work?
 A. Upon the South East Corner.
- Q. Have you been in the Kitchen?
 N.B. You shall know an Enter'd Apprentice by this Question.
- A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Did you ever dine in the Hall?
 N.B. A Brother Mason by this Question.
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q. How old are you?
 A. Under 5, or under 7, which you will.

entered Apprentice; and till you are made a Master, or, as they call it, pass'd the Master's Part, you are only an enter'd Apprentice, and consequently must answer under 7; for if you say above, they will expect the Master's Word and Signs. Note. There is not one Mason in a hundred that will be at the Expence to pass the Master's Part, except it be for Interest.

Q. How was you admitted?
N.B. Some will ask what was that Form after the third Question and answer above.

A. When I came to the first Door, a man with a drawn sword asked me, if I had any Weapons? I answer'd, No. Upon which he let me pass by him into a dark entry; there two Wardens took me under each Arm, and conducted me from Darkness into Light, passing thro' two rows of the Brotherhood, who stood mute, to the upper End of the Room, from whence the Master went down the Outside of one of the Rows, and touching a young Brother on the shoulder, said, Who have we here? To which he answer'd, A Gentleman who desires to be admitted a Member of the Society. Upon which he came up again, and asked me, If I came thro' my own Desire, or at the Request or Desire of another? I said, my own, He then told me, If I would become a Brother of their Society I must take the Oath administered on that Occasion. To which assenting, a Square was laid on the Ground, in which they made me kneel bare-knee'd, and giving a compass into my Right-Hand, I set the Point to my Left Breast, and my Left-Arm hanging down. The Words of the Oath I cant remember, but the Purport was as follows:

I solemnly protest and swear, in the Presence of Almighty God, and this Society, that I will not, by Word of Mouth or Signs, discover any Secrets which shall be communicated to me this Night, or at any time hereafter: That I will not write, carve, engrave, or cause to be written, carved, or engraven the same, either upon Paper, Copper, Brass, Wood or Stone, or on any moveable or immoveable, or any other way discover the same, to any but a Brother or Fellow Craft, under no less Penalty than having my Heart pluck'd thro' the Pap of my Left Breast my Tongue ~~XXXXXX~~ by the Roots from the Roof of my Mouth, my Body to be burnt, and my Ashes to be scattered abroad in the Wind, heleby I may be lost to the Remembrance of a Brother.

After which I was cloathed.

N.B. The Cloathing is putting on the Apro and Gloves.

Q. How was the Master cloathed?

A. In a Yellow jacket and Blue Pair of Breeches. (+)

Q. What was you doing while the Oath was tendering?

A. I was kneeling bare-knee'd betwixt the Bible and the Square, taking the solemn Oath of a Mason.

(+) N.B. The Master is not otherwise cloathed than common; the Question and answer are only emblematical, the yellow jacket, the compasses, and the Blue Breeches, the Steel Points.

N.B. There's a Bible put in the Right-Hand and the Square under the Right-Elbow.