

Endorsement ;+ Some Questiones Anent the mason word I696

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Some Questiones That Masons use to put to those / who have y word before they will acknowledge them.

- Q. I. Are you a mason . Ans: Yes.
- 2 How shall I know it ? Ans: you shall know it in time and place conve/nient . Remark the forsd answer is only to be made when / there is company present who are not masons But if there be / no such company by , you should answer by signes tokens and / other points of my entrie
- / . What is the first point ? Ans: Tell me the first point ile tell you / the second , The first is to heill and conceall, second, under no less/pain , which is then cutting of your throat, For you must make / that sign when you saythat
4. Where wes you entered ? Ans: At the honourable lodge.
5. What makes a true and perfect lodge?. Ans: seven masters, five entere / apprentices , A dayes journey from a burroughs town without bark of / dog or crow of cock
6. Does no less make a true and perfect lodge? ANS: Yes five masons and three / entered apprentices etc.
- 7 . Does no less Ans: The more the merrier the fewer the better chear
8. What is the name of your lodge Ans: Kilwinning.
9. How stands your lodge Ans: east and west as the temple of Jerusalem.
10. Where wes the first lodge Ans: in the porch of Solomons Temple
11. Are there any lights in your lodge Ans: Yes three the north east, s w / and eastern passage the one denotes the master mason, the / other the warden The third the setter croft .
12. Are there jewells in your lodge Ans: Yes three, Perpend esler a / square pavement and a broad ovall.
13. Where shall I find the key of your lodge, Yes Three foot and a half / from the lodge door under a perpend esler and a great pivot. but under / the lap of my liver where allmy secrets of my heart lie.
14. Which is the key of your lodge. Ans: a weel hung tongue.
- 15 Where lies the key Ans: In the bone box.
- After the masons have examined you by all or some of these questions and that you have answered them / exactly and made the signes, they will acknowledge / you , but not a master mason or fellow croft / but only as apprentice so e they willsay / I see you have been in the kitchine but I know not if you have been in the hall,
- Ans: I have been in the hall as weel as the kitchenne.
1. Are you a fellow craft Ans: Yes.
2. How many points of the fellowship are there Ans: Fyve/ viz foot to foot , knee to knee , Heart to Heart , hand / to hand and ear to ear . Then make the sign of fellowship/ and shake hand and you will be acknowledged a true mason. / The words are in the I of the Kings Ch7,v,2I, and in 2 chr: ch 3 / verse last.

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The form of giveing the mason word  
 Imprimis you are to take the person to take the word upon his knees / and after a great many ceremonies to frighten him You make / him take up the bible and laying his right hand on you are / to conjure him to secrecie By threatening that if shall break / his oath the sun in the firmament will be a witness agst him / and all the company then present ,which will be an oc/casion of his damnation and that likewise the masons will / be sure to murder him , Then after he has promised secrecie They / give him the oath a follows  
 By god himself and you shall answer to god when you shall / stand naked before him at the great day , you shall not re / veal any part of what you shall hear or see at this time / whethe by word or write nor put it in wryte at any / time nor craw it with the point of a sword or any other /

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instrument upon the snow or sand , nor shall you speak /  
of it but with an entered mason, so help you god.  
After he has taken the oath he is removed out of the company/  
with the youngest mason, where after he is sufficiently frigh  
with 1000 ridiculous postures and grimaces, he is to learn /  
from the sd mason the manner of making his due guard /  
which is the signe and the postures and words of his entrie /  
which are as follows first when he enters again into the compa  
ny he must make/ a ridiculous bow, then the sign and say  
God bless the / honourable company. Then putting off his hat  
after a / very foolish manner only to be demonstrated then  
( as the / rest of the signes are likewise ) he sayes the  
words of h s entrie / which are as follows

Here come I the youngest and last entered apprentice As I am/  
swornby God and St John by the square and compass, and/  
common judge to attend my masters service at the /  
honourable lodge from munday in the morning till sa/  
turday at night and to keep the keyes thereof under my /  
less painthan haveing my tongue cut out under my /  
chin and of being buried , within the blood mark /  
where no man shall know, then he makes the sign /  
again withdrawing his hand under his chinalongst his /  
throat which denotes that it be cut out in case he /  
break his word.

Then all the masons present whisper amongst themselves the /  
word beginning at the youngest till it come to the master /  
mason who gives the word to the entered apprentice.

Now it it to be remarked that all the signes and words as yet  
spoken of are only what belong to the entered apprentice, But  
to be a master mason or fellow craft there is more to be done  
which after follows.

First all the prentices are to be removed out of the comps /  
ny and none suffered to stay but masters.

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Then he who is to be admitted a member of fellowship is putt  
again / to his knees , and gets the oat administrated to  
him of new after / wards he must go out of the company  
with the youngest mason / to learn the postures and signes  
of fellowship , then coming in / again He makes the masters si  
sign, and says the same / words of entrie as the apprentice  
did only leaving out the com / mon judge then the masons  
whisper the word among them / selves beginning at the  
youngest as formerly after / wards the youngest mason must  
advance and put himself / into the posture he is to receive  
the word and sayes to the eldest / mason in whispering

The worthy masters and honourable company greet /  
you weel , greet you weel, greet you weel,.

Then the master gives him the word and gripes his hand after /  
the masons way , which is all that is to be done to make /  
him a perfect mason .