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Now in its second reprint the ritual spells out the beauty of our extended Installation Ceremony, and I recommend that it should be adopted in its entirety.

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*(The Lodge being opened in the Third Degree. IM says:-)*

- IM I must now request all below the rank of an IM. with the exception of the ME. to retire from the L. for a short time. *(MMs. retire)*
- IM *(Stands)* Bn., it is our usual custom in this Lodge to install our W.Ms. with the ancient, full, or as it is sometimes called, the extended working of a B. of IMs. This working has the sanction of Grand Lodge, provided that a certain declaration be made by the IM. to the ME. *(ME. stands)*

DECLARATION

I, therefore, now declare that the Sns., T., and Ws., given in the extended portion of the working are not essential to the Installation of a Master, and are not known to, or to be required from IMs. generally, and that no further degree in Masonry is being conferred. I must nevertheless point out to the IMs. present and to the ME. that the PG., PW., and Srs. used in the Ancient working now to be carried out, are, in the usual words of the ritual "Ss. restricted to the M's. Chair."

I will, therefore, ask all present who wish to witness the ceremony to pledge themselves, not to reveal them to anyone in the world, unless it be to an IM., or to a ME. when acting as Installing Master, by standing to order as MMs. *(Done) IM. sits.*

*(L.C. takes M.E. to the right of the IM.)*

- IM Do you seriously pledge your honour as a man, and your fidelity as a Mason, that you will steadily persevere through the ceremony of being installed as M. of this Lodge?

ME I do.

- IM Do you likewise pledge yourself that you will conceal what I am about to impart to you with the same strict caution as the other Ss. in M.?

ME I do.

IM Then I will entrust you with a T. of M. which is a PG. and PW., which will admit you to a B. of IMs. (*IM. stands*). The PG. is given by T.A.F.H.O.T.R.A.H.W.B.T.W.A.T.E. This PG. demands a PW which is R.....; R..... is a Hebrew word signifying M..... You must be particularly careful to remember this word, as without it you cannot gain admission to a B. of IMs.

You will now retire from the L. for a time; keep near the door and act as T., seeing that no one approaches. When instructed to do so, you will summon the T. to resume his duties and re-enter the L. first giving the PG. and PW. to the IG. Pass R. .... ( *IM. Sits.*)  
*The ME. is now conducted by the DC. to the door of the L., (no squaring) being instructed to salute the IM. as a MM. at the usual place. Before leaving him the DC. should instruct him to repeat on the door of the L. any K. he may hear on the inside.*

IM (*One K., followed by SW. and JW.*) Bn. assist me to open a B. of IMs. Bro JW. (*JW. stands to order as a MM.*) What is the first care of every IM.?

JW To see that the L. is properly T.

IM Direct that duty to be done.

JW Bro IG. (*IG. Stands to order as a MM.*) See that the L. is properly T. (*IG gives K. of 3rd degree, answered by the ME.*)

IG (*To JW. with Sp. and Sn. of a MM.*) Bro JW., the L. is properly T.

JW (*With Sp. and Sn. of a MM.*) WM. the L. is properly T.

IM Bro SW., the next care?

SW (*SW. stands to order as a MM.*) To see that the Bn. appear to order as MMs.

IM To order Bn. in the Third Degree. Bro JW., are you an IM.?

JW I am WM., try me and prove me.

IM By what jewel in M. will you be proved?

JW The PA.

IM What is a PA.?

JW A stone of true die, a perfect cube, fit only to be tried and proved by the S. and Cs.

IM What does it represent?

JW The mind of man in the decline of years, after a regular life well spent in acts of piety and virtue, which can not otherwise be tried and approved than by the S. of God's Holy Word and C. of his own self-convincing conscience.

IM Being yourself acquainted with the proper method, you will prove the Bn. IMs. by Sns. and demonstrate that proof to me by copying their example.

JW Bn. it is the WMs. command that you prove yourselves IMs. by Sns., taking the time from the DC. (*DC. Steps forward*)

DC Bn. please copy me exactly. (*DC. gives the Sns. and the Bn. copy him as follows:*

*Discharge 3rd Degree Sn., 4th P. Sn., 2nd S., 3rd B., 4th P. Sn., at the conclusion of which the Bn. remain standing to order. with the R.A.S.O.T.L.S.)*

JW WM., the Bn. have proved themselves IMs. by Sns. and in obedience to your command, I thus copy their example.

*Discharge the 3rd Degree Sn. and repeat the 4 Sns.*

IM Bro. JW., I acknowledge the correctness of the Sns. (*Discharge the 3rd degree Sn. and repeat the 4 Sns.*) Bn. I claim your attention while the Chaplain reads the first six verses of the 137th Psalm.

*(Chaplain reads accordingly. If the Chaplain is absent, the Scripture is read by the SW.)*

IM In the name of the MH., I declare this duly constituted B. of IMs. open.

*(All discharge the Sn of an IM.)*

*(IM. gives one K. followed by SW., JW., IG., and ME and IPM opens the VSL at I Kings, Chapter 10. IM. and Bn. resume their seats. KSt. is placed in the centre of the Bd Room.)*

IM WIIG., admit the ME.

IG (*Opening the door admits ME. who faces W.: DC. sees that Tyler resumes station*) Give me the PG. leading to a B. of IMs. (*Done*).

IG What does this PG demand?

ME A PW.

IG Give me that PW.

ME R.....

IG The signification of the PW. . .

ME M..... (*The ME. remains facing W.*)

IG (*Sn. of an IM.*) WIM., the ME. is in possession of the PG. and the PW. leading to a B. of IMs.

*DC. directs the ME. to salute the IM. as a M.M. from the usual place and then to proceed to the centre of the room.*

IM (*K. followed by the SW. and JW.*) The Bn. will assume an attitude of prayer, facing towards the E. (*All face E. and kneel*)

IM Let us pray.

*(All show Sn. of R. ME. kneels at KSt. showing Sn. of R.)*

#### PRAYER

Vouchsafe thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe to this our solemn rite, and grant that the worthy and distinguished Brother who is now about to be numbered among the rulers in the Craft may be endued with wisdom to comprehend, judgement to define and ability to enforce obedience to Thy Holy Law; Sanctify him with Thy Grace, strengthen him with Thy Power and enrich his mind with genuine knowledge that he may the better be enabled to enlighten the minds of his Brethren and consecrate this our mansion to the Honour and Glory of Thy Holy Name.

So mote it be.

*(All resume normal positions and remain standing. DC. removes K.St.)*

IM (*To ME.*) Bro A. B., you have already taken a SO. as regards your duties as M. of this L., you will now take another O. with respect to the secrets restricted to the Master's Chair. You will therefore

advance to the pedestal, k. on b.ks., place b.hs. on the V. of the S.L.  
(ME. does so and the IM. gives single K., answered by S. and JWs. All  
Bn. stand to order as IMs.).

Repeat your name at length and say after me:

### OBLIGATION

I, A.B. in the presence of the MH. and before this B. of IMs. duly constituted and regularly assembled, of my own free will and accord, do hereby and hereon most solemnly promise and swear, that I will for ever conceal and never divulge any or either of the Ss. or mysteries restricted to the M's. Chair to anyone in the world, unless it be to an IM. or to a Can. duly elected to that office, nor then unless assisted by two or more IMs. regularly assembled for that purpose.

All these points I solemnly swear to observe, without evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation of any kind. So help me the MH. and preserve me inviolate in this my SO. of an IM. ....

As a pledge of your f..... and to render this a SO., you will s. it with your Ls. once on the VSL.

(ME. does so. All discharge PS.)

IM Let me once more direct your attention to the three Great, though Emblematical Ls. in Freemasonry, the VSL., the S. and Cs. The SV., that Great L. in Masonry, will guide you to all truth, direct your steps in the paths of happiness and point out to you the whole duty of man. The S. will teach you to regulate your life and actions according to the Masonic line and rule. The Cs. remind you to limit your desires in every station of life: that, rising to eminence by merit, you will live respected and die regretted.

(IM comes down from the P. on the S. side, with t.r.h.t.t.r.w. and with t.l.h.t.t.e. and raises the ME. by the IM's. g., saying) Rise, duly obligated IM. (IM. should press ME. gently round until he faces N. IM.

*stands opposite him, facing S.)*

IM When the Temple at Jerusalem was completed by the wisdom of K.S., supported by the strength of K.H. and aided by the beautifying hand of H.A., the monarchs of the surrounding nations sent embassies to the K. to congratulate him on the completion of that stately and superb edifice, whose regal splendour and unparalleled lustre are stated to have far surpassed all human imaginings; but there was one, the sovereign of a more distant land, the Queen of Sheba, who, having heard of the fame of K.S. and of the splendour of his magnificent Temple, was not content to send an Embassy, however splendid, but herself journeyed to Jerusalem, attended by a numerous retinue and bearing costly gifts.

On her arrival at the Holy City, she was met by the King, who escorted her in solemn state to view the newly dedicated Temple.

While going round the building, the King saw, standing modestly at a distance, the chief M.M., Adoniram, who, after the untimely death of our M., H.A. had become the chief Architect of the Temple.

Wishing to honour him by presenting him to the Queen, the King b. him thus ... *(once, copied by ME.)* Either because he misinterpreted the gesture, or from the humility which often accompanies true genius, Adoniram hesitated to advance, and the King b. him twice more ..... *(Copied by ME.)*

Adoniram thereupon approached his royal Master and was about to k. *(ME. is told to k., but as he is about to do so, IM. prevents him with the G. of an IM. and raises him to his feet, and as he does so continues.)*

This the King prevented by taking him by the e. saying, "Rise G.....," a word which signifies excellent Mason, or, more literally, stone cutter or stone squarer.

When the royal party was about to retire, Adoniram saluted them thus ..... in token of humility. *(IM. demonstrates, copied by ME.)*

Hence are derived the g. and w. of an IM. and the Sn. and Salutation of a Master of Masonic A. and S.



(IM. advances to ME. and the badge is handed to him by the IPM. He removes the MM's badge, and puts the IM's b. on ME. and transfers the Cuffs, saying.)

I now invest you with the b. (transfers the Collar and Jewel saying and jewel of your office, (takes corner of b.) which is the highest honour the Lodge has in its power to confer on any of its members. (Drops b. and takes the S. in his lh. saying,) The S. being the implement which forms the rude and proves the perfect mass, is well applied by MMs. to inculcate the purest principles of piety and virtue; (releases s.) masonically speaking, it should be the guide of all your actions.

(IM. takes ME. with proper G. and whispers necessary directions when he has him immediately before the C., he says.)

With the g. and w. G..... of an IM.. I now place you in the Chair of KS., not doubting that your future conduct will be such as to justify fully the choice the Bn. have made.

Finally, I place in your hands this gavel, which is an emblem of power and will enable you to keep order in the Lodge, particularly in the E.

(IM. now salutes the WM. with the Sn. of H. IM then proceeds to a point midway between the P. and the centre of the room and says.) Pray be seated WBn.

IM (To WM.) I will now explain to you the Sns. restricted to an IM. They are 10. in number, of which the first three are casual and the fourth penal. You will please stand in your place and copy me. The first casual Sn. is called the Pl.Sn. or Sn of R. It is given by e. the h.a.s.h. a PL. (After dropping the h.) This refers to a passage in the seventh chapter of the Book of Amos, read at the closing of a B. of IMs. in which the Lord says, "I will set a PL. in the midst of my people." It implies that figuratively you have become a PL. in the midst of your Lodge, and that henceforth the Bn. will look to you for example as well as instruction.

The second casual Sn. is called the Sn. of S. It is given by placing the t.i.t.m. as if h.t.t. to the r., thus ... *(After dropping Sn.)*. It has its origins in the verse from the 137th Psalm read at the opening of a B. of IMs., in which the Psalmist says, "Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I remember not Jerusalem above my chief joy." As a PL. is to your conduct, so is this Sn. to your words. You should put a bridle on your tongue, and set a seal on your lips.

The third casual Sn. is called the BSn. and is given thus ..... It is the gesture of a dignified monarch, b. his subject to approach him. It is given three times because KS. b. thrice to Adoniram.

The PSn. is of a two-fold nature; the first part is given as if s.t.r.h.o.a.t.w., thus, ..... the second part is given as if carrying the r.a.s.o.t.l.s., thus .... This Sn. alludes to the symbolic penalty which a ME. was formerly called upon to repeat in his O., namely that of etc., should he have improperly disclosed the Ss. restricted to the Master's Chair.

You have already been informed of the Sn. of H. *(Goes to left of WM.)*

IM You will now please invest the IPM.

WM W Bro ....., I have much pleasure in investing you with this J. *(Puts collar on IPM.)* as the IPM. of the L., feeling assured from the manner in which you have transacted the business of the L. during your Mastership, that should I at any time require assistance, my reliance on your co-operation will not be misplaced.

IM *(Instructs WM. to sit, and descends to the floor on the left of P.)*

WBn., Bro A.B. having been regularly installed into the C. of KS. according to ancient custom, I call upon you to proceed round the L., and salute him as IMs. in passing. *(PSn. of IM.)*

*(The Bn. pass round the L. saluting the WM. in passing. The IM leads, then proceeds to the centre of the L. and PMs. range themselves in a semi-circle round him).*

IM WBn.. thus, standing at the C., I now proclaim Bro A.B., WM. of

this the ..... L. No ..... on the register of the GL. of E. until the next regular period of election within the L. and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead, and I call upon you to greet him as IMs. with five, taking the time from me. (G. or R. Sn.) Be seated WBn.

IM WM., is it your pleasure that I close this B. of IMs?

*(WM signifies his assent. K. by IM. followed by S. and JW.)*

IM WBn. assist me to close this B. of IMs. Bro JW. *(JW. Stands to order as an IM)*, What is the constant care of every IM?

JW To prove the B. close T.

IM Direct that duty to be done.

JW Bro IG. *(IG. Stands to order as an IM.)* prove the B. close T.

IG *(One K. answered by T.) (Sn.)* Bro JW. the B. is close T.

JW *(Sn.)* WIM. the B. is close T.

IM Bro SW *(SW. Stands to order as an IM.)* the next care?

SW To see that the Bn. stand to order as IMs.

IM To order Bn., as IMs. taking the time from the DC.

DC *(Steps forward)* Bn. the Sns. are given in reverse order in closing. Please copy me, retaining the last Sn. *(He then gives the Sns., 1st PSn., 2nd B., 3rd S. and 4th Pl.Sn which is maintained.)*

IM The WBn. will attend to a portion of the writings of the Prophet Amos.

Chap *(Or SW) Reads AMOS, Chapter 7, verses 7 and 8.*

IM Bro SW., our labours being ended, you have the command of the WM. to close this B. of IMs. *(K. once)*

SW Bn. in the name of the MH. and by command of the WM., I close this B. of IMs. *(Bn. drop the Sn. K. once).*

JW And it is closed accordingly.

*(K. by JW. and IG., the latter answered by the Tyler. VSL. is changed from I Kings X to former place. MMs. are re-admitted.)*

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The following amendments should apply, otherwise ceremony in full.

1. Second degree.

"..... on these qualifications?"

"I can."

"At your previous installation, you signified your unqualified assent to the Ant. Chs. and Regs.; it will thus not be necessary to repeat them in full, but you will re-affirm your adherence to them." (*Step. Sn. of F.*)

"Then you will advance ....."

2. Third Degree - entrusting.

After MMs. have retired, from "Brn. it is our custom ...." as far as "... of being installed as M. of this L...." "I do" in full then :- "As an IM. you are already in possession of the PG. and PW. leading to a B. of IMs., but I will remind you that the PG. is given by t.a.f.h.o.t.r.a.n.w.b.t.w.a.t.e. and that this PG. demands a PW. which is R. .... R..... is a Hebrew word signifying M. You must be particularly careful to remember this word, as without it, you cannot gain admission to a B. of IMs.

As an IM. it will not now be necessary for you to retire and you will please resume your seat. Pass R..... "

(DC. should seat ME. near to SW.)

3. Installed Board.  
Omit from "WIIG. admit the ME." to "... in possession of the PG. and PW. leading to a B. of IMs." (*ME. will not salute; DC. will direct him to the centre.*)
4. Amend prayer viz., "... who is again about to be numbered ....."
5. "You have already taken a SO. as regards your duties as M. of this L., and at your previous installation, you took a further O. with respect to the Ss. restricted to the M's. Chair. It will therefore not be necessary to do so again, but you will advance to the P., K. on both Ks., place both Hs. on the VSL and re-affirm that O." (*Once All stand to order as IMs. while he does so.*)
6. After the explanation and demonstration of the Sns in the SE., "As an IM. you already wear the badge of that rank, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which I remind you is the highest honour the L. has in its power to confer on any of its members. The S. being ..... guide of all your actions."
7. "Pray be seated, WBr.  
"As an IM. you are familiar with the Sns. restricted to an IM. but for the benefit of all present, I will remind you of them and of their explanations. They are f... in number of which ..... of the Sn. of H."  
"You will now please invest the IPM."