

TALK TO CANDIDATE FOR INITIATION.

Mr.... You are about to be initiated into Freemasonry. The word is derived from the Latin "Initium" and means birth, a coming into being, so today you will be reborn into a new and higher world of thought and understanding, and another life entered, entailing a larger self - Knowledge of Humility and sincerity. You will be divested of all M/M denoting a poor and penniless "state of birth" because we read in the 22: Chapter of Exodus that God directed Moses to build an Altar God said "If thou suffer a metal tool to pass thereon" thou has polluted it" and King Soloman considered this a Divine Law and no M/Ms were allowed in the Holy Temple.

Your R/A, B, - to show you had neither offensive or defensive weapons about you, and this the ~~EMTY~~ ~~ARM~~ you will use when taking O symbolizes Fidelity.

Your L/B is B... as a living symbol that your heart shall ever be the sacred repository of our secrets, and is a token of Sincerity.

Your L/K is B... as being the point on which you will K... in the form of a S... H/W.... You will enter the L... in a state of D... and let it ever remind you to keep everything you see, hear, and do in a state of D... to the outside world. S/Sd... Your R/HI was S-S to remind you that the ground upon which you~~xxxx~~ are going to tread is Holy Ground. In the East it is a very ancient formality to confirm any agreement, for a man to draw off his shoe and give it to his neighbour, and this was a testimony in Israel. The shoe is a Masonic Symbol reminds you that it is a solemn compact that cannot be resiled from but must be faithfully implemented, And in conclusion May I express the hope that you will be spared to be amongst us for many years in this your Mother Lodge, and make many ~~new friendships~~ true and lasting friendships and enjoy every satisfaction it can afford.