



**ANNUAL
INSTALLATION
OF
LODGE OFFICERS**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND CONDUCTING
THE ANNUAL
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
OF A LODGE WITHIN THE
AMERICAN CANADIAN GRAND LODGE e. V. (ACGL) AF&AM OF GERMANY**

It is unquestionably one of the more important rights and prerogatives of the retiring Master of any regular Lodge to preside over and conduct the Annual Installation of his successor and other officers of his Lodge. The authority being his, he may request the Installation be accomplished by a Past Master of his, or any other recognized Lodge, provided the ritual used is that which follows, or another ritual specifically authorized by Grand Lodge.

An Installation of Officers of a newly constituted Lodge may be accomplished only by the Grand Master or, if hindered from doing so personally, normally he will appoint his Deputy to conduct the ceremony.

The Installation of Officers must .be planned and conducted in accord with the regulations outlined in the Code. If open to invited non-Masonic guests care must be exercised to ensure all procedures outlined in the Code are carefully complied with by the Lodge. When open to non-Masonic guests, each officer to be installed shall be clothed in the apron of the respective office prior to entering the Lodge room, but not the collar and jewel of office. The members of the Installing 'Team' shall be clothed in their proper regalia. Although all other brethren attending an Open Installation need not wear their aprons, it is recommended they either wear them or take them into the Lodge room, as this will effectively save time when the Lodge is called back to labor after the Installation for the purpose of closing in due form. When Installation is closed, as the Lodge is tiled, normal masonic dress is the rule.

PREPARATION OF THE LODGE AND EQUIPMENT

A small table or chair should be placed to the south or north of the altar, with the collars and jewels of office placed thereon in the order in which the officers will be installed. The order of Installation shall at all times follow the sequence outlined in the following ritual, although it Must be pointed out this should not be construed as requiring a Lodge to have all of the appointed officers listed. The Code, as well as the Lodge's own bylaws, specify what appointed officers are required. In our Canadian Lodges the order of precedence, as well as titles of some of the officers, may differ slightly in' accord with the ritual form authorized for use by those Lodges.

Displayed with the Volume of Sacred Law on the altar (VSL is closed if open to non-masonic guests) should be a copy of the Grand Lodge Code, the Lodge Bylaws, Square and - Compasses, Level, Plumb, 24-inch gauge, and the Tiler's sword. The Lodge charter is to be at the Master's station in the East.

The Master's collar Jewel of the United Grand Lodges of Germany shall remain in possession of the retiring Master until the new Master is invested. If the retiring Master is not present, the collar and jewel must be placed in the East with the Installing Officer. Likewise, the Master's hat must also be placed at the Master's station for presentation at. the appropriate time.

The various rods (staves) used by several of the officers should preferably remain at their respective places in the Lodge.

Chairs should be arranged between the altar and the Senior Warden's station to accommodate the officers to be installed, except the Master-elect, and someone assigned to quietly remove them as each officer is Installed.

The Installation of Officers should properly consist of a team including the Installing Officer (who must be the Master or a Past Master), an Installing Marshal, an Installing Secretary, and an Installing Chaplain, all of whom should preferably be Masters or Past Masters. If impossible to comply with this, the retiring Master may appoint any qualified Brother to assume these various duties, ensuring this is accomplished well in advance of the actual Installation, to ensure each concerned will be prepared for the occasion.

When the Installation is open to ladies and non-Masonic guests, they should be seated, where possible, in the symbolic North side of the Lodge.

When closed to the Craft, the Master announces the Installation of Officers shall begin if there be no objection from any member present, and gavel the Lodge to order. When the Lodge Installation is open (the Lodge having been called to refreshment) the Master shall instruct the Junior Warden to invite all but the officers to be installed to enter the Lodge. The officers to be installed remain outside, to be escorted into the Lodge by the Installing Marshal.

When all is in readiness, the retiring Master will welcome those attending, advising that neither photography nor audio or video recording is permitted during the Installation ceremony. If he is not conducting the Installation himself, he then introduces and welcomes the Installing Officer by full name and title, presenting him with the gavel and requesting him to conduct the Installation as previously arranged. The Master then takes a seat in the East and the Installing Officer proceeds in accord with the following ritual...

This edition of the standard ritual for Installation of Lodge Officers supersedes the previous one last published by Grand Lodge on August 21, 1969, and has been edited to incorporate changes resulting from the passage of two decades. Editing included several minor textual changes designed to effect a smoother rendition by improving the grammatical structure, eliminating a few redundant or superfluous words or phrases, and reproduction in larger print. Editorial changes in this edition are consistent with the original text, and have been approved by the Grand Master for publication.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS RITUAL

(The Installing officer introduces those assisting him in the Installation, requesting them to take their respective places, proceeds...)

INSTALLING OFFICER:

BROTHER MARSHAL, PLEASE INVITE AND CONDUCT THE LODGE OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED INTO THE LODGE ROOM.

(The officers enter the Lodge in procession in reverse order and assume their places before the chairs placed for their use, and remain standing. Officers should be arranged in proper sequence in accord with the Installation ritual)

INSTALLING MARSHAL:

BROTHER INSTALLING MASTER, I TAKE PLEASURE IN PRESENTING TO YOU, AND THROUGH YOU TO THOSE HERE ASSEMBLED, THE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED TO SERVE THIS LODGE FOR THE ENSUING MASONIC YEAR. EACH HAS SIGNIFIED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH ELECTED OR APPOINTED. HAVING BEEN FOUND WORTHY AND DEEMED DULY QUALIFIED TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, NOW LEAVE THEM TO YOUR FRATERNAL CARE.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

ALL OF OUR MASONIC LABORS BEING OF A SOLEMN NATURE, AND THE CEREMONY WE ARE ABOUT TO PERFORM BEING OF ESPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE TO THIS LODGE AND THE FRATERNITY IN GENERAL, IN ACCORD WITH ANCIENT MASONIC CUSTOM LET US BEGIN BY FIRST INVOKING THE BLESSINGS OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE. PLEASE RISE AND GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR INSTALLING CHAPLAIN.

(GAVELS THREE TIMES - ALL RISE)

INSTALLING CHAPLAIN:

ALMIGHTY FATHER, GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, IN WHOSE NAME OUR RITES, OUR CEREMONIES, AND OUR LABORS ARE CONSECRATED, WE ASK THY DIVINE BLESSING THROUGHOUT THE CEREMONIES WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN. WE ASK THEE TO INSPIRE THOSE OFFICERS ABOUT TO BE INSTALLED.. GRANTING THEM THE WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND GRACE TO ENABLE THEM TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH THE MANIFOLD DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS THEY ARE ABOUT TO ASSUME. WE ASK THEE ALSO TO SHED THY GRACE UPON ALL OF THE BRETHREN OF THE LODGE, ENABLING THEM TO ATTAIN FOR THEMSELVES AND THIS LODGE, THROUGH PERSONAL EXEMPLIFICATION OF THAT HARMONY AND COOPERATION SO BASIC TO OUR MASONIC TEACHINGS, THOSE NOBLE AND GLORIOUS GOALS TO WHICH OUR ORDER IS DEDICATED, TO THE HONOR OF THY HOLY NAME. AND MAY ALL THEIR LAUDABLE MASONIC UNDERTAKINGS IN THE ENSUING YEAR RECEIVE THINE APPROBATION. AMEN. (RESPONSE)

INSTALLING OFFICER:

(Gavels once, requesting all but the officers to be installed to be seated, and continues as follows ...)

BRETHREN OF (LODGE NAME AND NUMBER), YOU BEHOLD BEFORE YOU THOSE BRETHREN ELECTED AND APPOINTED TO SERVE AS OFFICERS OF YOUR LODGE FOR THE ENSUING MASONIC YEAR. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, I SHALL NOW PROCEED TO INSTALL THEM.

(ADDRESSING THE OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED)

MY BRETHREN, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO INSTALL YOU INTO YOUR RESPECTIVE STATIONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ONCE AGAIN SIGNIFY YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH WHICH YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE INVESTED, BY MAKING A SOLEMN DECLARATION. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, SAY "I" PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME IN FULL, AND COLLECTIVELY REPEAT THE FOLLOWING AFTER ME, "OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY PROMISE AND AFFIRM I WILL BEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY AND THE AMERICAN CANADIAN GRAND LODGE UNDER WHOSE JURISDICTION THIS LODGE IS HELD. I FURTHER AFFIRM I WILL ABIDE BY AND UPHOLD THE LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, DECREES, AND EDICTS OF THESE BODIES, AS MAY BE LAWFULLY PROMULGATED, AND WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MY OFFICE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. SO HELP ME GOD, AND MAKE ME STEADFAST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SAME".

INSTALLING OFFICER:

BROTHER MARSHAL, PLEASE PRESENT THE MASTER-ELECT WEST OF THE ALTAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION. BRETHREN, YOU MAY NOW BE SEATED. (GAVELS ONCE *)

(NOTE: The Marshal will always conduct each officer by the left arm.)

INSTALLING MARSHAL:

BROTHER INSTALLING MASTER, I TAKE PLEASURE IN PRESENTING BROTHER ELECTED TO SERVE AS MASTER, FOR INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

BROTHER _____ CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ELECTION TO SERVE AS MASTER OF THIS LODGE, AND WILL NOW INVEST YOU, IN PROPER FORM, WITH THE AUTHORITY AND INSIGNIA OF YOUR NEW OFFICE. BEFORE DOING SO, IN ACCORD WITH OUR ANCIENT MASONIC CUSTOM IT WILL FIRST BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SIGNIFY YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH EACH OF THE ANCIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS WHICH SPECIFY THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MASTER, BY CLEARLY STATING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE CHARGES. PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND INDICATE YOUR FULL ACCEPTANCE OF EACH CHARGE BY SAYING "I DO" AFTER EACH IS STATED.

1. DO YOU AGREE TO BE A GOOD MAN AND TRUE, AND STRICTLY I CTLY TO OBEY THE MORAL LAW?
2. DO YOU PROMISE TO BE A PEACEFUL CITIZEN AND CHEERFULLY TO CONFORM TO THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH YOU RESIDE?
3. DO YOU PROMISE TO PATIENTLY SUBMIT TO THE LAW AND CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES AND NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN PLOTS OR CONSPIRACIES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT?
4. DO YOU AGREE TO PAY A PROPER RESPECT TO THE CIVIL MAGISTRATES, TO WORK DILIGENTLY, LIVE CREDITABLY, AND TO ACT HONORABLY BY ALL MEN?
5. DO YOU AGREE TO HOLD IN VENERATION THE ORIGINAL RULERS AND PATRONS OF THE ORDER OF MASONRY AND THEIR LAWFUL SUCCESSORS -SUPREME OR SUBORDINATE ACCORDING TO THEIR STATIONS- AND TO SUBMIT TO THE RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS OF YOUR BRETHREN IN LODGE CONVENEED; IN EVERY INSTANCE CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTITUTIONS OF OUR ORDER?
6. DO YOU AGREE TO AVOID PRIVATE PIQUES AND QUARRELS, AM TO GUARD AGAINST INTEMPERANCE AND EXCESS?
7. DO YOU AGREE TO BE CAUTIOUS IN YOUR CARRIAGE AND BEHAVIOR, COURTEOUS TO YOUR BRETHREN AT ALL TIMES, AND FAITHFUL TO YOUR LODGE?
8. DO YOU PROMISE TO RESPECT GENUINE BRETHREN, DISCOUNTING IMPOSTORS AND ALL DISSENTERS FROM THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF MASONRY?
9. DO YOU PROMISE TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE GRAND MASTER FOR THE TIME BEING, AND TO HIS OFFICERS, WHEN DULY-INSTALLED, AND TO STRICTLY CONFORM TO EVERY EDICT OF THE GRAND LODGE THAT IS NOT SUBVERSIVE OF THE PRINCIPLES AND GROUNDWORK OF MASONRY?
10. DO YOU PROMISE TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL GOOD OF SOCIETY, TO CULTIVATE THE SOCIAL VIRTUES, AND TO PROPAGATE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ART.
11. DO YOU ADMIT THAT IT IS NOT WITHIN THE POWER OF ANY MAN, OR BODY OF MEN, TO MAKE INNOVATIONS IN THE BODY OF MASONRY?
12. DO YOU PROMISE A REGULAR ATTENDANCE ON THE COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE UPON RECEIVING PROPER NOTICE, AND TO PAY A PROPER ATTENTION TO ALL THE DUTIES OF MASONRY ON ALL CONVENIENT OCCASIONS?
13. DO YOU ADMIT THAT NO NEW LODGE SHALL BE FORMED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE GRAND LODGE, AND THAT NO COUNTENANCE SHALL BE GIVEN TO ANY IRREGULAR LODGE OR - TO ANY PERSON CLANDESTINELY MADE A MASON THEREIN - AS BEING CONTRARY TO THE ANCIENT USAGE OF THE ORDER?
14. DO YOU ADMIT THAT NO PERSON CAN BE MADE A MASON, OR ADMITTED AS A MEMBER, IN ANY REGULAR LODGE, WITHOUT FIRST PROVIDING PREVIOUS NOTICE, AND ONLY AFTER DUE INQUIRY INTO HIS CHARACTER?

15. DO YOU PROMISE THAT NO VISITORS WILL BE RECEIVED INTO YOUR LODGE WITHOUT DUE EXAMINATION, AND PRODUCING PROPER VOUCHERS OF THEIR HAVING BEEN INITIATED IN A REGULAR LODGE OF MASONS?

(After receiving affirmative answers to each of the foregoing Charges, the Installing officer continues...)

MY BROTHER, HAVING OPENLY DECLARED YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THOSE ANCIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS, AS ALL MASTERS HAVE DONE IN ALL AGES BEFORE YOU, IN CONSEQUENCE OF YOUR CONFORMITY TO THOSE CHARGES AND REGULATIONS AND IN FULL CONFIDENCE OF YOUR ABILITY AND SKILL TO GOVERN THIS LODGE, YOU WILL NOW BE SOLEMNLY INSTALLED AS MASTER OF _____ LODGE No. _____ AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE COLLAR AND JEWEL OF THAT OFFICE.

(NOTE: If the ceremony is open to family members and non-masonic guests, the Installing Officer may authorize the Marshal to conduct the lady of the Brother being installed to the altar, where she may assist the Marshal in investing the Brother with the collar and jewel- but ONLY if specifically requested by the Lodge, and each lady concerned has personally indicated a desire to participate. In such instances, the Marshal, before proceeding further, must reconduct the lady to her seat in the room. This procedure, although permitted, constitutes a major departure from masonic tradition and is to be limited only to an officer actually accompanied by his lady. If not accompanied by his wife (or lady friend if not married) or another female member of his family, he shall be invested only by the Marshal; ladies shall not participate for any officer being installed by use of a proxy.)

(After investiture of the collar and jewel, the Installing Officer advances to the east side of the altar and, as he refers to each of the following, he simply points to each for the benefit of the Master-elect...)

MY BROTHER, I NOW PRESENT YOU WITH THE **HOLY WRITINGS, THAT GREAT LIGHT OF MASONRY** WHICH WILL GUIDE YOU TO ALL TRUTH, DIRECT YOUR PATH TO THE TEMPLE OF HAPPINESS, AND POINT OUT TO YOU THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.

THE **SQUARE** TEACHES US TO REGULATE OUR ACTIONS BY THE RULE AND LINE, AND TO HARMONIZE OUR CONDUCT BY THE PRINCIPLES OF MORALITY AND VIRTUE.

THE **COMPASSES** TEACH US TO LIMIT OUR DESIRES IN EVERY STATION, THAT RISING TO EMINENCE BY MERIT, WE MAY LIVE RESPECTED, AND DIE REGRETTED.

THE **RULE** DIRECTS THAT WE SHOULD PUNCTUALLY OBSERVE OUR DUTY; PRESS FORWARD IN THE PATH OF VIRTUE, AND INCLINING NEITHER TO THE RIGHT NOR TO THE LEFT, IN ALL OUR ACTIONS HAVE ETERNITY IN VIEW.

THE **LINE** TEACHES US THE CRITERION OF MORAL RECTITUDE, TO AVOID DISSIMULATION IN CONVERSATION AND ACTION, AND TO DIRECT OUR STEPS IN THE PATH WHICH LEADS TO IMMORTALITY.

THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, OR CODE, YOU ARE TO SEARCH AT ALL TIMES. CAUSE IT TO BE READ IN YOUR LODGE, THAT NONE MAY PRETEND IGNORANCE OF THE EXCELLENT PRECEPTS IT ENJOINS.

I ALSO PRESENT YOU WITH THE BY-LAWS OF YOUR LODGE, WHICH YOU ARE TO SEE CAREFULLY AND PUNCTUALLY EXECUTED.

BROTHER _____, BEFORE PRESENTING YOU WITH THE CHARTER OF YOUR LODGE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ASSUME A SOLEMN OBLIGATION PERTAINING TO YOUR SPECIFIC DUTIES AS MASTER. PLEASE KNEEL AT THE ALTAR, PLACE YOUR HANDS UPON THE VOLUME OF SACRED LAW, SAY "I", PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME IN FULL, AND REPEAT THE FOLLOWING AFTER ME:

(Phrase divisions provided as a guideline)

_____ OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD / IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD AND THESE WITNESSES HERE ASSEMBLED / DO AGREE TO PERFORM MY DUTIES AS / MASTER OF THIS LODGE AND FAITHFULLY / ZEALOUSLY / AND IMPARTIALLY ADMINISTER / TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND ABILITY / THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THAT OFFICE.

FURTHER, I DO PROMISE AND SWEAR / I WILL NOT PERMIT OR SUFFER ANY DEVIATION / FROM THE ESTABLISHED LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER/ BUT WILL STRICTLY ADHERE TO AND ABIDE BY/ THE BY-LAWS OF THIS LODGE / THE CODE OF THE AMERICAN CANADIAN GRAND LODGE / AND THE RULES / REGULATIONS / EDICTS AND DECREES / ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY./ I FURTHER AFFIRM I WILL UPHOLD, MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT / PURE AND UNSULLIED / THE PRINCIPLES AND TENETS OF THE CRAFT. / SO HELP ME GOD, AND MAY I BE GRANTED THE STEADFASTNESS TO PERFORM THE SAME.

PLEASE RISE, MY BROTHER, AND REMAIN AT THE ALTAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE CHARGE TO THE MASTER.

(Marshal assists the Master-elect to rise; Installing Officer returns to the East and continues, addressing the Master-elect...)

INSTALLATION CHARGE TO THE MASTER

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, HAVING BEEN CHOSEN TO PRESIDE OVER THIS LODGE, YOU CANNOT BE INSENSIBLE TO THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH DEVOLVE UPON YOU. THE HONOR, REPUTATION, AND USEFULNESS OF YOUR LODGE WILL MATERIALLY DEPEND UPON THE SKILL AND ABILITY WITH WHICH YOU MANAGE ITS CONCERNS. AS MASTER OF THIS LODGE IT IS YOUR ESPECIAL DUTY TO ATTEND TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ITS CEREMONIES. PRESERVE THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY NOW COMMITTED TO YOUR CARE, AND PERMIT NO INNOVATION IN ITS PRINCIPLES OR RITES.

ON ALL SUITABLE OCCASIONS REMIND THE BRETHREN THAT MASONRY IS FOUNDED UPON THE GREAT MORAL PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE VOLUME OF SACRED LAW, PRINCIPLES WE ACCEPT AS THE RULE AND GUIDE FOR OUR FAITH AND PRACTICE. EXHORT THEM TO GOVERN THEMSELVES BY THESE PRINCIPLES WITH THE WORLD AT LARGE AS WELL AS WITH EACH OTHER. TEACH THEM TO REVERE THE THREE GREAT LIGHTS, THE EXPLANATION OF WHICH MUST BE FAMILIAR TO YOUR MIND AND WHICH INCLUDE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DUTIES INCULCATED IN OUR ORDER, THAT THEY MAY FULLY COMPREHEND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOLY BIBLE, THE PERFECT SQUARE, AND THE EXTENDED COMPASSES.

THE GREAT OBJECT OF FREEMASONRY IS TO INCULCATE SOUND MORALITY; TO MAKE MEN HONEST AND UPRIGHT, TRUE TO THEIR GOD AND FAITHFUL TO THEIR

COUNTRY; AND TO UNITE THEM BY THE STRONG BONDS OF CHARITY, FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE. IT IS THE DESIGN OF FREEMASONRY TO CREATE FRIENDSHIP; MAKE PROVISION FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR AND DISTRESSED BRETHREN; PROTECT THE WIDOW AND THE ORPHAN; INCULCATE REVERENCE FOR ALMIGHTY GOD, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF THOSE SOCIAL VIRTUES WHICH DIGNIFY AND ADORN HUMAN NATURE AND RENDER MANKIND PEACEFUL AND HAPPY. YOU WILL THEREFORE PERCEIVE IT IS NECESSARY THAT GREAT CARE BE TAKEN IN THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS, LEST BY THE INTRODUCTION OF BAD MATERIALS THE INSTITUTION SHOULD BE CORRUPTED. IT SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY BORNE IN MIND THAT THE RESPECTABILITY AND USEFULNESS OF A LODGE IS DETERMINED NOT BY THE NUMBER, BUT RATHER BY THE CHARACTER OF ITS MEMBERS.

THE DOORS OF THE LODGE SHOULD THEREFORE BE CLOSED AGAINST THE IDLE, THE PROFLIGATE, THE INTEMPERATE AND LICENTIOUS. IF, UNFORTUNATELY, UNWORTHY MEMBERS SHOULD GAIN ADMITTANCE, IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO EXERCISE THE PROPER DISCIPLINE TO CORRECT ABUSES, AND RESTRAIN THE REFRACTORY. UNRULY MEMBERS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ORDER, AND THE FIRST RISINGS OF VICE SUPPRESSED. AND WHEN KIND AND AFFECTIONATE ADMONITIONS FAIL, THE UNWORTHY SHOULD BE REMOVED AS A BLIGHT UPON OUR HONORABLE INSTITUTION.

TO PRESERVE THE PURITY OF OUR FRATERNITY AND MAINTAIN UNIMPAIRED ITS ANCIENT RITES AND CEREMONIES, INSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY. THE MYSTERIES OF FREEMASONRY ARE TO BE UNFOLDED, AND THE MORAL DUTIES IMPRESSED. THE MINDS OF THE BRETHREN ARE TO BE ENLARGED AND INFORMED. REMIND THEM FREQUENTLY OF THE DUTIES THEY OWE TO ALMIGHTY GOD, THE GIVER OF EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT. ENCOURAGE AND MOTIVATE THEM TO BE GOOD MEN AND TRUE; SOBER; INDUSTRIOUS; CHARITABLE; UPRIGHT IN THEIR DEALINGS; FRIENDLY IN THEIR SOCIAL INTERCOURSE. AND TO LIVE IN LOVE AND PEACE, WITH CONSCIENCES VOID OF OFFENSE, AND WITH CHARACTERS UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD. THUS TAUGHT, AND THUS ACTING, THEY WILL CONVINCED MANKIND OF THE VALUE OF OUR INSTITUTION.

(Installing Officer then requests the Marshal to conduct the Master to the East; taking him by the left arm, the Marshal proceeds along the north side, conducting him to the Installing Officer, who then continues...)

MY BROTHER, IT NOW GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CHARTER OF YOUR LODGE. YOU ARE HEREWITH CHARGED TO CAREFULLY PRESERVE THE SAME, AND TO DULY TRANSMIT IT TO YOUR SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE. REMEMBER THAT IT IS ONLY BY THE AUTHORITY OF THIS CHARTER THAT THIS LODGE IS HELD. PRESERVE IT WELL!

(Installing Officer is now assisted by the retiring Master, or the Marshal if the Installing Officer is the outgoing Master. Installing Officer takes the Master by the left hand and upper arm; Marshal or outgoing Master does the same with the right, and they slowly, solemnly seat him in the chair. There should be no attempt to hold the Brother by a Masonic grip.)

MY BROTHER, YOU WILL NOW BE SOLEMNLY INDUCTED INTO THE SYMBOLIC ORIENTAL CHAIR OF KING SOLOMON, AS HAVE BEEN ALL BRETHREN WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE YOU.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, YOU ARE NOW INVESTED WITH THE MASTER'S JEWEL OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY. IT REMAINS THE PROPERTY OF THE LODGE, BUT IT IS TO BE IN YOUR POSSESSION DURING YOUR TENURE.. AND MAY NOT BE WORN BY ANY OTHER BROTHER. YOU ARE TO WEAR IT AT ALL TIMES WHEN PRESIDING THEREIN OR WHEN ATTENDING ANY OTHER LODGE WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION, AND AT THE EXPIRATION OF YOUR TERM OF OFFICE, YOU ARE CHARGED TO TRANSFER IT TO YOUR LAWFUL SUCCESSOR. SHOULD YOU DEPART BEFORE YOUR TERM EXPIRES, YOU ARE FURTHER CHARGED TO ENSURE THE JEWEL IS PLACED IN THE SAFE CUSTODY OF THE LODGE, WHERE IT SHALL REMAIN UNTIL PRESENTED TO YOUR LAWFULLY INSTALLED SUCCESSOR. WEAR IT WITH HONOR AND DIGNITY, AND GRACE IT WITH INTEGRITY, AS SO MANY HAVE DONE WHO HAVE SERVED BEFORE YOU. (THE RETIRING MASTER OR INSTALLING OFFICER PRESENTS THE JEWEL).

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, I NOW PRESENT YOU WITH A FURTHER DISTINCTION OF YOUR OFFICE. AS KING SOLOMON'S CROWN WAS AN EMBLEM OF ROYAL DIGNITY AND A SYMBOL OF HIS AUTHORITY, SYMBOLICALLY IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND YOUR DUTY TO BE COVERED WHEN PRESIDING OVER YOUR LODGE. (PLACES HAT ON MASTER'S HEAD)

I ALSO PRESENT YOU WITH THE GAVEL OF AUTHORITY, WHICH YOU ARE CHARGED TO USE WITH WISDOM, DISCRETION, AND FIRMNESS. WHEN USED WISELY, IT WILL PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF YOUR LODGE AND OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY, AND WILL ENDEAR YOU TO YOUR BRETHREN. IF USED INDISCRIMINATELY, OR WITH PASSION, ITS MISUSE WILL REFLECT NOT ONLY UPON YOU AND YOUR LODGE, BUT THE FRATERNITY IN GENERAL. THAT CHOICE, my BROTHER (PLACES GAVEL IN MASTER'S HAND) NOW LIES WITHIN YOUR GRASP. *(The Master then raps three times with the gavel. All Brethren rise, and the Installing Officer, sweeping his left arm in an arc, continues....)*

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BEHOLD YOUR BRETHREN!

(and then, stepping back pointing to the Master.....)

BRETHREN, BEHOLD YOUR MASTER! JOIN ME IN RENDERING PUBLIC GRAND HONORS TO YOUR NEW MASTER!

(The Master then seats everyone with one rap of the gavel and, after making any brief comment he desires at this time, rises, returns the gavel to the Installing Officer, and requesting him to continue with the ceremonies, seats himself to the right of the East.)

(The Marshal, without further instruction in each instance, conducts each officer, in turn, to the altar, presenting each by stating only the name and office to which elected or appointed. The Installing Officer continues..)

THE SENIOR WARDEN

BROTHER _____ YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED SENIOR WARDEN OF THIS LODGE, AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

THE LEVEL TEACHES WE ARE DESCENDED FROM THE SAME STOCK, PARTAKE OF THE SAME NATURE.. AND SHARE THE SAME HOPES; "THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF ONE COMMON FATHER, HEIRS TO THE SAME INFIRMITIES, AND EXPOSED TO THE SAME

VICISSITUDES". IT ALSO REMINDS US THAT ALTHOUGH DISTINCTIONS AMONG MEN ARE NECESSARY TO PRESERVE SUBORDINATION, NO EMINENCE OF STATION SHOULD MAKE US FORGET WE ARE BRETHREN, AND IN THE LODGE AND IN OUR MASONIC ASSOCIATIONS, WE ARE ON THE LEVEL. THIS IMPLEMENT TEACHES US A TIME WILL COME -AND THE WISEST KNOWS NOT HOW SOON- WHEN ALL DISTINCTIONS BUT THAT OF GOODNESS SHALL CEASE, AND DEATH, THE GRAND LEVELLER OF ALL HUMAN GREATNESS, WILL REDUCE US TO THE SAME STATE.

YOUR REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT THE STATED AND OTHER MEETINGS OF THE LODGE IS NECESSARY. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MASTER YOU ARE TO GOVERN THE LODGE AND, IN HIS PRESENCE, ASSIST HIM IN THE GOVERNMENT OF IT. HENCE YOU WILL PERCEIVE NECESSITY OF PREPARING YOURSELF FOR THOSE IMPORTANT DUTIES WHICH MAY DEVOLVE UPON YOU. LOOK WELL TO THE WEST! (*MARSHAL PROMPTS SENIOR WARDEN TO MAKE AN ABOUT-FACE, FACING THE WEST*) ... AND GUARD WITH SCRUPULOUS CARE THAT PILLAR NOW COMMITTED TO YOUR CHARGE.

(Marshal conducts Senior Warden to his station, where he remains standing.)

THE JUNIOR WARDEN

BROTHER YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED JUNIOR WARDEN OF THIS LODGE, AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

THE PLUMB ADMONISHES US TO WALK UPRIGHTLY IN OUR SEVERAL STATIONS; TO DO UNTO OTHERS AS WE WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO US; REMEMBERING ALWAYS TO OBSERVE THE JUST MEDIUM BETWEEN INTEMPERANCE AND PLEASURE, AND TO MAKE OUR PASSIONS AND PREJUDICES COINCIDE WITH THE LINE OF OUR DUTY.

IN THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THE MASTER AND SENIOR WARDEN, UPON YOU DEVOLVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LODGE. AS JUNIOR WARDEN YOUR PRIMARY COMMITMENT IS THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF THE CRAFT DURING THE HOURS OF REFRESHMENT. YOU ARE THEREFORE CHARGED TO EXERCISE TEMPERANCE AND DISCRETION IN THE INDULGENCE OF YOUR OWN INCLINATIONS, AND CAREFULLY OBSERVE THAT NONE OF THE CRAFT CONVERT THE PURPOSES OF REFRESHMENT INTO INTEMPERANCE OR EXCESS. LOOK WELL TO THE SOUTH! (*J.W. FACES SOUTH*) GUARD WITH VIGILANCE THE PILLAR COMMITTED TO YOUR CHARGE, THAT NOTHING MAY DISTURB THE HARMONY OF THE LODGE OR MAR ITS BEAUTY.

(JW Is conducted to his station, where he remains standing)

(The Installing Officer then addresses both Wardens who, after the Installing Officer renders the following Charge, seat themselves.)

BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDEN, TO YOU ARE COMMITTED THE PILLARS OF STRENGTH AND BEAUTY. IT SHALL BE YOUR DUTY TO SET BEFORE THE BRETHREN WHO SURROUND THOSE PILLARS THE CORN OF NOURISHMENT, THE WINE OF REFRESHMENT, AND THE OIL OF JOY, IN THOSE EXCELLENT MORAL LESSONS OUR ORDER INCULCATES. BEAR IN MIND THAT IN YOUR OWN PERSON YOU MUST GIVE EVIDENCE YOU ARE GOVERNED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER; FOR IT IS ONLY BY PERSONAL EXAMPLE IN YOUR OWN LIFE AND CONDUCT THAT YOU CAN JUSTIFIABLY EXPECT OBEDIENCE IN OTHERS. PERFORM THE DUTIES OF YOUR RESPECTIVE STATIONS WELL, "AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE WIDOW AND THE FATHERLESS WILL REST UPON YOU", THE PRAYERS OF THE CHILDREN OF SORROW

WILL CHEER YOUR DYING HOURS, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE FROM YOUR ALMIGHTY FATHER AN INCORRUPTIBLE AND UNDEFINED INHERITANCE THAT FADETH NOT AWAY. (THE WARDENS NOW ARE SEATED.)

THE TREASURER

BROTHER _____, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TREASURER OF THIS LODGE AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO RECEIVE ALL MONIES DUE THE LODGE FROM THE HANDS OF THE SECRETARY, KEEP A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE SAME, AND PAY IT OUT BY ORDER OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND THE CONSENT OF THE LODGE. YOUR OWN HONOR AND THE CONFIDENCE THE BRETHREN REPOSE IN YOU WILL AROUSE YOU TO A FAITHFULNESS IN DISCHARGING THE DUTIES OF YOUR OFFICE WHICH ITS IMPORTANT NATURE DEMANDS.

(Marshall conducts him to his place)

THE SECRETARY

BROTHER YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED SECRETARY OF THIS LODGE AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY HAS ALWAYS BEEN OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE IN A LODGE. THE MULTIPLICITY OF MATTERS COMMITTED TO YOUR CARE, AND THE ABILITIES AND LEARNING NECESSARY TO PROPERLY ADMINISTER THOSE AFFAIRS, REQUIRE SINCERE DEVOTION AND DEDICATION. ALL TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE MUST BE DULY RECORDED BY YOU IN PROPER FORM. ALL PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, APPEALS, AS WELL AS OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE LODGE, MUST PASS THROUGH YOUR HANDS. IN MANY INSTANCES WRITTEN DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR LODGE, SUCH AS WARRANTS, CERTIFICATES, DUES CARDS, AND MINUTES, ARE NOT CONSIDERED AUTHENTIC WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE ATTESTATION AND SEAL IMPRESSION BY THE SECRETARY, AS REQUIRED BY OUR LAWS.

YOU ARE NOW ENTRUSTED WITH THE LODGE SEAL, AND YOU ALONE ARE AUTHORIZED TO AFFIX IT TO LODGE INSTRUMENTS, EXCEPT IN SUCH INSTANCES WHEN YOUR ABSENCE REQUIRES THE MASTER TO APPOINT A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT. YOU ARE CHARGED TO PERFORM YOUR DUTIES WITH THE REGULARITY, DILIGENCE AND ZEAL ONE MUST EXPECT OF A BROTHER OCCUPYING SO VITAL A POSITION IN THE LODGE; ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR DUTIES AND OFFICE THROUGH DILIGENT STUDY OF THE APPLICABLE LAWS OF THIS JURISDICTION, INCLUDING THE BYLAWS OF YOUR LODGE. YOUR LOVE FOR THE CRAFT AND YOUR ATTACHMENT TO THE LODGE WILL BE BEST REFLECTED IN THE SELFLESS PERFORMANCE OF YOUR DUTIES, AND WILL CERTAINLY ENDEAR YOU TO YOUR BRETHREN AND MERIT THE ESTEEM OF YOUR LODGE.

(Secretary is conducted to his place)

THE CHAPLAIN

BROTHER YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED CHAPLAIN OF THE LODGE AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

AS CHAPLAIN, IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO PERFORM THOSE SOLEMN SERVICES WHICH WE SHOULD CONSTANTLY RENDER TO OUR INFINITE CREATOR, BY WHATEVER NAME HE MAY BE KNOWN TO EACH. IN LEADING THE CRAFT IN THESE DEVOTIONS, BEAR IN MIND THAT THE PRINCIPLES AND PRECEPTS OF FREEMASONRY ARE IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY, WHICH ENLIGHTEN LIFE, AND ILLUMINATE LOVE. AND WHILE MASONRY IS NOT A RELIGION, IT IS ESSENTIALLY RELIGIOUS. IN ALL HER LAWS AND TEACHINGS SHE STANDS FOR WHATEVER IS GOOD -A CLOUD BY DAY AND A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT- POINTING THE WAY TO A GLORIOUS IMMORTALITY. MAY THE BRETHREN OF YOUR LODGE, THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS, LEARN MORE OF THAT GOSPEL OF LOVE, WHICH LEADS MEN TO LIGHT AND LIFE EVERLASTING BY DRAWING THEM CLOSER TO THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

(Chaplain is conducted to his place)

THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR DEACONS
(Both Officers to be presented at the same time)

BROTHER _____, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE AS SENIOR DEACON OF THIS LODGE, AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO CARRY ORDERS FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER IN THE EAST TO THE SENIOR WARDEN IN THE WEST, AND ELSEWHERE ABOUT THE LODGE AS HE MAY DIRECT; TO WELCOME AND PROPERLY ACCOMMODATE VISITING BRETHREN; AND TO RECEIVE AND CONDUCT CANDIDATES.

BROTHER _____, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE AS JUNIOR DEACON OF THIS LODGE, AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO CARRY MESSAGES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN IN THE WEST TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN IN THE SOUTH AND ELSEWHERE ABOUT THE LODGE AS HE MAY DIRECT AND TO SEE THAT THE LODGE IS DULY TILED.

BRETHREN, THE JEWELS AND BADGES WITH WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INVESTED, AND THE STAFFS YOU WILL FIND IN YOUR RESPECTIVE PLACES, ARE TO BE BORNE BY YOU IN PERFORMING EVERY OFFICIAL DUTY OF YOUR OFFICE. I NOW COMMIT AND ENTRUST THEM TO YOUR CARE, IN FULL CONFIDENCE OF YOUR VIGILANCE AND ATTENTION.

(Both are conducted to their places)

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES
(If two, both are presented together)

BROTHER (BROTHERS) _____, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE (SENIOR AND JUNIOR) MASTER(S) OF CEREMONIES OF THIS LODGE, AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

BROTHER (BRETHREN), THE OFFICE TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED IS ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE LODGE. IT SHALL BE YOUR DUTY TO ASSIST THE SENIOR DEACON IN THE PREPARATION AND INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES, AS WELL AS ASSIST OTHER OFFICERS WITH THEIR DUTIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE LODGE.

YOUR REGULAR AND EARLY ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE LODGE IS ESSENTIAL, AND WILL BEST ATTEST TO YOUR INTEREST AND ATTACHMENT TO THE LODGE.

(Both are conducted to their places)

THE MARSHAL

BROTHER _____, YOU HAVE- BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE AS MARSHAL OF THIS LODGE AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE BATON, THE ENSIGN OF YOUR AUTHORITY.

IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO HAVE CHARGE OF, AND CONDUCT, THE PROCESSIONS OF THE LODGE, ASSISTING THE SENIOR DEACON WHENEVER THAT OFFICER MAY REQUIRE YOUR SERVICES. BEAR IN MIND THAT ON ALL SUCH OCCASIONS THE GOOD ORDER THAT MAY BE DISPLAYED WILL MAINLY DEPEND UPON YOUR ZEAL, KNOWLEDGE, AND DISCRETION.

(Marshal is conducted to his place)

THE STEWARD(S)

(If two, both are presented together)

BROTHER (BROTHERS) _____, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE AS (SENIOR AND JUNIOR) STEWARD(S) OF THIS LODGE AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR (RESPECTIVE) OFFICE.

THE PARTICULAR DUTIES OF YOUR OFFICE ARE TO ENSURE THAT THE TABLES ARE PROPERLY FURNISHED AT REFRESHMENT, AND TO ENSURE THAT BRETHREN AND GUESTS ARE SUITABLY PROVIDED FOR; IN ADDITION, YOU WILL FREQUENTLY BE CALLED UPON TO ASSIST THE DEACONS AND OTHER OFFICERS IN PERFORMING THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES.

THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE, AND THE STAFF YOU WILL FIND IN YOUR PLACE, ARE TO BE BORNE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF EVERY OFFICIAL DUTY, AND ARE NOW ENTRUSTED TO YOUR CARE. YOUR REGULAR AND EARLY AM-ATTENDANCE-, SO ESSENTIAL TO THE CONDUCT OF LODGE MEETINGS, WILL BEST REFLECT YOUR ZEAL AND ATTACHMENT TO THE LODGE.

(Steward(s) now conducted to proper place(s))

THE TILER

BROTHER YOU HAVE- BEEN APPOINTED TILER OF THIS LODGE AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL AND THE IMPLEMENT OF YOUR OFFICE.

THE TILER'S SWORD, THE IMPLEMENT OF YOUR OFFICE, IS PLACED IN YOUR HANDS TO ENABLE YOU TO EFFECTUALLY GUARD AGAINST THE APPROACH OF "COWANS AND EAVESDROPPERS" AND TO ENABLE YOU TO SUFFER NONE TO PASS OR RE-PASS BUT SUCH AS ARE DULY QUALIFIED AND HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER. THE SWORD SHOULD MORALLY SERVE AS A CONSTANT ADMONITION TO US TO SET A GUARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO OUR THOUGHTS, A WATCH AT OUR LIPS, AND TO POST A SENTINEL AT THE AVENUE OF OUR ACTIONS,

THEREBY PREVENTING EVERY UNWORTHY THOUGHT, WORD, OR DEED. TO FACILITATE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF BRETHREN AND THE PROPER INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS, YOUR REGULAR, EARLY AND PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL, AND WILL AFFORD THE- BEST PROOF OF YOUR APPRECIATION AND LOVE FOR THE ORDER.

(Tiler is conducted to his place; if Installation is open, he may be seated just inside the door of the Lodge.)

(Installing Marshal then places himself west of the altar; Installing Officer then requests Brethren only to rise, gavelling three times, and continues with the Charge to the Brethren ...)

INSTALLATION CHARGE TO THE BRETHREN OF THE LODGE

BRETHREN OF THE LODGE, SUCH IS THE NATURE OF OUR CONSTITUTION THAT SOME MUST OF NECESSITY RULE AND GOVERN, OTHERS MUST SUBMIT AND OBEY. THE OFFICERS YOU HAVE CHOSEN HAVE NOW BEEN SOLEMNLY INSTALLED, AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE RULES OF PROPRIETY OF OUR INSTITUTION, AND THE LAWS OF OUR JURISDICTION, TO AVOID EXCEEDING THE POWERS WITH WHICH THEY ARE ENTRUSTED. HOWEVER, THE HARMONY OF THE LODGE WILL MATERIALLY DEPEND UPON THE GOOD ORDER EACH OF YOU PRESERVES IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS, AND THE COURTESY AND FORBEARANCE YOU OBSERVE TOWARD EACH OTHER IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

AS YOU SHALL ANSWER AT THE GREAT DAY, I CHARGE YOU NOW TO “WALK WORTHY OF THAT HONORABLE VOCATION BY WHICH YOU ARE CALLED”, AND TO SUFFER NO FAULTS OR IMPERFECTIONS ON YOUR PART TO TARNISH THE LUSTER OF YOUR JEWELS, OR BRING DISCREDIT UPON THE CRAFT. RECOMMEND MASONRY TO THE WORLD BY THE RECTITUDE OF YOUR CONDUCT. TO THIS END, MAKE YOURSELVES INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH ALL ITS PRINCIPLES AND OBLIGATIONS, AND PRACTICE IN YOUR DAILY LIVES ALL ITS DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TEACHINGS.

DIVEST YOURSELVES, BRETHREN, OF THAT COLDNESS AND APATHY SO FATAL TO YOUR BEST INTERESTS; SHUN THOSE AFFECTIONS AND GROVELLING PASSIONS SO UNWORTHY OF A SOUL THAT CLAIMS AFFINITY WITH THE “SONS OF LIGHT”, AND PUT FORTH ALL YOUR ENERGIES TO GRASP WHATEVER IS NOBLE OR ELEVATING IN THOUGHT, AND WHATEVER CAN REVEAL NEW AND SUBLIME IDEAS PERTAINING TO OUR LOFTY DESTINY.

GUARD AGAINST DISSENSION AMONG YOURSELVES. PERMIT NO ROOT OF BITTERNESS TO SPRING UP TO TROUBLE YOU. USE ALL YOUR EXERTIONS TO PRESERVE YOUR LODGE PURE, AND PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF VICE OR ERROR IN THEIR THOUSAND FORMS. AND IF AN INDIVIDUAL BROTHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE OCCASIONAL INFLUENCE OF UNHOLY FEELINGS AND, IN THE FRAILITY OF MORTALITY, WANDER INTO FORBIDDEN PATHS, SEEK THE WANDERER OUT. BRING HIM BACK TO THE FOLD AND SHOW HIM THE SUPERIOR LOVELINESS OF VIRTUE.

FINALLY, BRETHREN, BE OF ONE MIND; LIVE IN PEACE. LET NOTHING DISTURB THAT PURE, WARM, AND HOLY LOVE OUR RITUAL ENJOINS. BY FOLLOWING THESE INJUNCTIONS YOUR LODGE WILL FLOURISH, AND THE TENETS OF OUR ANCIENT

PROFESSION WILL BE TRANSMITTED UNIMPAIRED, THROUGH YOUR LODGE, FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

INSTALLING CHAPLAIN:

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, FROM WHOM COMETH EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT, SEND DOWN UPON THY SERVANTS HERE ASSEMBLED THE HEALTHFUL SPIRIT OF THY GRACE, THAT THEY MAY TRULY PLEASE THEE IN ALL THEIR DOINGS. GRANT, O LORD, POWER OF MIND AND GREAT UNDERSTANDING UNTO THOSE WHO HAVE THIS DAY BEEN CLOTHED WITH AUTHORITY TO PRESIDE OVER AND DIRECT THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LODGE. REPLENISH THEM WITH THE TRUTH OF THY DOCTRINE, AND ADORN THEM WITH HUMILITY OF LIFE, THAT BOTH BY WORD AND EXAMPLE THEY MAY FAITHFULLY SERVE THEE, TO THE GLORY OF THY HOLY NAME AND TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF OUR BELOVED INSTITUTION.

AMEN.

RESPONSE: - SO MOTE IT BE.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

I NOW DECLARE THE OFFICERS OF LODGE No. ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE AMERICAN CANADIAN GRAND LODGE, WITHIN THE UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY, DULY INSTALLED. BROTHER MARSHAL, YOU WILL MAKE SUCH PROCLAMATION.

INSTALLING MARSHAL:

I NOW PROCLAIM THE OFFICERS OF _____ LODGE No. _____, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED OMISSIONS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE AMERICAN CANADIAN GRAND LODGE, WITHIN THE UNITED GRAND LODGES OF GERMANY, DULY INSTALLED.

(Installing Officer now seats the Lodge with one gavel rap, and after thanking the Brethren of the Lodge for the privilege of serving as the Installing Officer (if not the retiring Master) and congratulating the newly installed officers, he then returns the gavel to the Master, and takes the seat vacated by the Master, who reassumes his station in the East. The Master should then express his thanks to the Installation 'Team', and if he has prepared a brief Address for the occasion, may deliver it prior to requesting ladies and other guests to retire from the Lodge, requesting members of the Lodge to remain for the purpose of calling the Lodge back to labor, reading and approving the minutes, and closing in due form, as required by our laws.