

Installation Ceremony for Constituent Lodges

Revised by the Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of California

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The lodge must be opened virtually in accordance with Grand Master Weiss' instructions for stated and special meetings.

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- *Each officer being Installed may have the JEWEL of their office in their possession to place on at the appropriate moment.*
- *The Master must have a gavel and the Master's hat.*
- *Certificates of Proficiency must be in possession of the IO.*
- *The Holy Bible, Book of Constitutions (CMC) and book of By-Laws (either small blue book or actual Lodge By-Laws) will each be held up, opened and displayed by the M.C. as the I.O. refers to them. The working tools, as mentioned by the I.O., will be individually displayed by the M.C., using the right hand only and holding the tools from the top in a vertical position. The compass with the points up, and the square, will be held to appear as a number "7" to the M.C.*
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- *Brethren shall remain seated throughout proceedings.*
- *The Tilers Sword, the Marshals Baton, and the Deacons and Stewards rods are not to be used*
- *It is recommended that all be muted except for IO and MC, and incoming Master*

MC: Brethren and Friends, please welcome into the virtual lodge the Master and Installing Officers

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, are the Officers of this Lodge lately chosen, present and ready to be installed in their respective offices?

M.C. They are within the **virtual lodge**, Worshipful sir, and await your pleasure.

I.O. Brothers Master of Ceremonies, you will read the names and offices of the brethren present to be installed

MC reads the names and offices of brethren to be installed.

I.O. In accordance with the teachings of our Institution, it is our duty, before entering upon any great or important undertaking, to invoke the aid and blessing of God. Let us, therefore, Reverently unite with our Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

CHAPLAIN: Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe! We Reverently invoke Thy blessing at this time. Grant us Thine aid in our present undertaking, that all we may do shall be done with an eye single to Thy service and to the good of Freemasonry. May those who are now about to be invested with the government and conduct of this Lodge be endued with wisdom to instruct their Brethren in their duties, and may they be continually guided by the unerring counsel which Thou hast given in the Great Book of Nature and Revelation. May Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth always prevail among the members of this Lodge. May they be impressed with a comprehension of their duty to Thee and to each other, that this Lodge may be the means of lasting good in this community; and to Thee we shall ascribe all the honor and glory.

AMEN.

The American Flag shall be displayed in a respectful and appropriate manner.

I.O. Kindly repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Pledge is repeated and I.O. sounds gavel. M.C., addresses the I.O. and proceeds as follows:

M.C. Worshipful Sir, the Officers of this Lodge, lately chosen, are present and ready to be installed in their respective offices.

I.O. You will then present the Brother who has been appointed Tiler of this Lodge.

VC: The brother being installed Tiler is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____, who has been appointed Tiler of this Lodge.

I.O. Brother _____, you have been appointed Tiler of this Lodge, and you will now be invested with the jewel and implement of your office.

VC: Screen shows Tiler placing his jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tiler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass except such as are duly qualified, so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, and post a sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and man. You will now repair to your proper place.

VC: Screen shows Tiler bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Organist.

VC: The brother being installed Organist is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____, who has been appointed Organist of this Lodge.

I.O. Brother _____, you have been appointed Organist of this Lodge and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Organist placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The Lyre is the Jewel of your office, and as it is an emblem of music, it should continually remind us that as harmony is essential in the liberal art and science which it symbolizes, so should harmony continue to be the strength and support of all societies, especially of ours. Let Harmony prevail!

VC: Screen shows Organist bows, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Senior and Junior Stewards.

VC: The brothers being installed Stewards are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation Brothers _____ and _____ who have been appointed Senior and Junior Stewards of this Lodge.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been appointed Stewards of this Lodge and I will now instruct you in your duties. In olden times, your province was to superintend and provide for the Festivals of the Craft, to assist in the collection of dues and subscriptions, to keep an account of the expenses for refreshments, and to see that the tables were properly supplied and every Brother suitably provided for. In modern times, however, the provision for actual refreshment has diminished and your principal functions will now be to prepare Candidates for admission, and to perform those duties which Masonic custom has assigned to you on days of procession. Receive the jewels of your office together with the white rods.

VC: Screen shows Stewards placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. You will now repair to your respective places.

VC: Screen shows Senior and Junior Stewards bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Marshal.

VC: The brother being installed Marshal is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been appointed Marshal of this Lodge.

I.O. Brother _____, you have been appointed Marshal of this Lodge and you will now be invested with the jewel and symbol of your office.

VC: Screen shows Marshal placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The Baton is an emblem of command, and is sufficiently significant of your duties. You will, under the direction of the Master take charge of all processions of the Lodge, and you are enjoined that the proper performance of many of our ceremonies will depend upon the manner in which your duties are discharged. You will now take your proper place.

VC: Screen shows Marshal bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Senior and Junior Deacons.

VC: The brothers being installed Deacons are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____, who have been appointed Senior and Junior Deacons of this Lodge. This certificate vouches for the proficiency of the Senior Deacon.

M.C. removes certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been appointed Deacons of this Lodge, and you will now be invested with the jewels of your office.

VC: Screen shows Deacons placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. Those jewels indicate that it is your province to attend upon the Master and Wardens, and act as their proxies in the active duties of this Lodge.

It will be your especial duty, Brother Senior Deacon, to carry orders from the Worshipful Master in the East, to the Senior Warden in the West and elsewhere about the Lodge as required; attend to all alarms at the door of the preparation room, receive and conduct Candidates; introduce and accommodate visiting Brethren.

You, Brother Junior Deacon, to carry messages from the Senior Warden in the West to the Junior in the South, and elsewhere about the Lodge as directed; attend to all alarms at the door, and see the Lodge duly tiled.

Those rods, my Brothers, distinctive of your office, will now be entrusted to your care.

I.O. And now, believing from your past deportment in the Lodge, that your duties will be discharged with ability and zeal, I dismiss you to your respective places.

VC: Screen shows Senior and Junior Deacons bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Assistant Secretary.

VC: The brother being installed Assistant Secretary is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been appointed Assistant Secretary of this Lodge.

I.O. Brother _____, you have been appointed Assistant Secretary of this Lodge and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Assistant Secretary placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. My Brother, that single quill pen signifies that it is your duty to assist the Lodge Secretary in the discharge of the important duties of his office, and, in his absence or inability, to see them faithfully executed. You will now take your proper place.

VC: Screen shows Assistant Secretary bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Chaplain.

VC: The brother being installed Chaplain is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

- M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been appointed Chaplain of this Lodge.
- I.O. Worshipful Brother, that Holy Book, which adorns our Sacred Altar, is the Great Light in Masonry, and forever sheds its Benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. Teach us from its life giving precepts; invoke upon our labors the Blessing of that Divine Being whose infinite goodness it so fully reveals and unfolds to us; and guide us by its lessons of wisdom and truth, and you will have faithfully fulfilled your important trust. It is your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our Great Creator, and Reverently to "allure to brighter worlds and lead the way," and thus by elevating our thoughts, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of the Blessed in the realms of Life and Light eternal. It is fitting that an emblem of the Sacred volume should be the jewel of your office, and with it you will now be invested.

VC: Screen shows Chaplain placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. You will now take your proper place.

VC: Screen shows Chaplain bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Secretary-elect.

VC: The brother being installed Secretary-elect is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been elected Secretary of this Lodge.

I.O. Brother _____, you have been elected Secretary of this Lodge and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Secretary placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. I am persuaded that in your hands the Pens will make an enduring record, not only to your praise, but also to the welfare of this Lodge. It is your duty to observe the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master; keep a faithful record of all things proper to be written, transmit a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge when required; receive all monies from the Brethren, pay the same to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor. You will now take your proper place.

VC: Screen shows Secretary bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Treasurer-elect.

VC: The brother being installed Treasurer-elect is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been elected Treasurer of this Lodge.

I.O. Brother _____, you have been elected Treasurer of this Lodge, and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Treasurer placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The keys have a twofold significance. They are instruments to bind as well as to make loose; to make fast as well as to open. They will never, I am confident, be used by you in any other manner than that which the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Lodge shall direct. You are to receive all money from the Secretary, keep a just and accurate account thereof, and pay the same out, by order of the Worshipful Master, with the consent of the Lodge. You will now take your proper place.

VC: *Screen shows Treasurer bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen*

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Junior Warden-elect.

VC: *The brother being installed Junior Warden-elect is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed*

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been elected Junior Warden of this Lodge. This certificate vouches for his proficiency.

VC: *Screen shows M.C. removes certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency.*

I.O. Brother _____, you have been elected Junior Warden of this Lodge and you will now be invested with the jewel of your Station.

VC: *Screen shows Junior Warden placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds*

I.O. The Plumb, my Brother, admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations, to hold the scales of justice in equal poise, to observe the just medium between intemperance and pleasure, and to make our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of our duty.

To you is committed the superintendence of the Craft during the hours of refreshment; it is necessary therefore, that you should practice moderation and discretion in the indulgence of your own inclinations, and that you carefully observe that the means of refreshment are not converted to improper or excessive use.

Your regular and punctual attendance is particularly requested; and I have no doubt that you will faithfully execute the duty which you owe to your present appointment. Look well to the South!

VC: *Screen shows Junior Warden bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to IO on screen*

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Senior Warden-elect.

VC: *The brother being installed Senior Warden-elect is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed*

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been elected Senior Warden of this Lodge. He is of good morals, true and trusty, and possesses the Love and confidence of his Brethren. This certificate vouches for his proficiency.

M.C. *Removes certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency*

I.O. Brother _____, you have been elected Senior Warden of this Lodge, and you will now be invested with the jewel of your station.

VC: *Screen shows Senior Warden placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds*

I.O. The Level, my Brother, demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, that we partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and that although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren; for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be entitled to our

regard; because a time will come, and the wisest know not how soon, when all distinction save that of goodness shall cease; and death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, reduce us to the same state.

Your regular attendance on our Stated meetings is essential. In the absence of the Master, you are to govern the Lodge; in his presence, you are to assist him in the government of it. I firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry and attachment to the Lodge, for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. Look well to the West!

VC: *Screen shows Senior Warden bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to IO on screen*

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will now present the Brother who has been elected to discharge the important duties of Master of this Lodge.

VC: *The brother being installed Master-elect is shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed*

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I take pleasure in presenting to you, Brother _____, who has been duly elected to serve as Master of this Lodge.

VC: *Screen shows IO on screen as he continues*

I.O. Is it known that Brother _____ is well skilled in our ancient Craft? Is he zealous in his regard for the interests of our Order? And is he duly qualified to discharge the special duties of the Master's chair?

M.C. It is well known that he is all this, Worshipful Sir. This certificate vouching for his proficiency, is evidence that he is well skilled in our ancient Craft. I find him to be of good morals, True and Trusty, and as he is a lover of the Fraternity, I doubt not that he will discharge his duties with fidelity and with honor.

VC: *Screen shows M.C. removing certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency and proceeds*

I.O. Worshipful Sir, the Brethren of this Lodge, reposing confidence in your integrity, in your zealous regard for the interests of Masonry, and in your ability to discharge the duties of the Master's chair, have chosen you to occupy that honorable position during the ensuing year. Are you willing to accept this important trust?

MASTER-ELECT: I am.

VC: *Screen shows IO as he continues*

I.O. Then, my Brother, I shall most cheerfully proceed to install you in the dignified and honorable position to which the suffrage of your Brethren has called you; not doubting that the dignity of the Oriental chair will be well preserved in your keeping, and that the interest and welfare of this Lodge may be safely confided to your charge. Before commencing your investiture, however, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to those ancient charges and regulations which point out the duties of the Master of a Lodge, and which on no account are ever to be neglected or departed from. They are as follows:

You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

You agree to be a peaceable citizen, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decision of the supreme Legislature.

You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

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You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Masonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your Brethren, when convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

You agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.

You promise to respect genuine Brethren and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry.

You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Art.

You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed; and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons, that is not subversive of the principles and groundwork of Masonry.

You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry.

You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry on convenient occasions.

You admit that no new Lodge should be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge; and that no countenance should be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, - being contrary to the ancient charges of the Order.

You admit that no person can be regularly made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, any regular Lodge, without previous notice, and due inquiry into his character.

You agree that no visitors shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

These are among the Ancient charges and regulations of Free and Accepted Masons, and to these your assent must be freely given. Do you submit to these charges and promise to support these regulations, as Masters have done in all ages before you?

VC: Screen shows Master for his response, then returns to IO to continue.

MASTER-ELECT: I do.

I.O. Then, my Brother, in consequence of this assurance, and with full confidence in your capacity and zeal, I will now install you Master of _____ Lodge No. _____.

Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will invest him with the jewel of his station.

VC: Screen shows Master placing jewel on. Screen stays on Master as IO continues

I.O. The Square, my Brother, is an emblem of morality; and as it is the especial badge of the Master's office, it should constantly remind you that not only by precept, but by example, you should promote good morals among the Brethren, and thus endeavor to avert the shadow of any scandal or reproach against the Fraternity. Your former life has given evidence that this jewel will not be an unmeaning symbol in your hands, and I solemnly charge you to take good care that its luster be not dimmed through any act of yours.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying Book of Holy Writings, as IO continues

I now present to you the Book of Holy Writings. It is the great Light in Masonry, and should ever be the great law of the

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Brotherhood. It will guide you to all truth; it will direct you to eternal happiness; and an attentive regard to the divine precepts it contains will insure you success in the fulfillment of the duties you are now about to assume.

The working tools of our Craft will next be presented to you, that, as the Master Workman, you may instruct the Craftsmen in the various duties and virtues which they have been selected to illustrate.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the square, as IO continues.

The Square — teaches us well to regulate our every action and to let our conduct be governed by the principles of Morality and Virtue.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Compass, as IO continues.

The Compass — teaches us to limit our desires in every station, and never to suffer our passions or our prejudices to become the masters of our judgment.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Rule, as IO continues.

The Rule — directs the undeviating discharge of all our duties; that we should press forward in the straight path of right and truth without inclining to the one hand or the other; in all our doings having Eternity in view.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Plumb, as IO continues.

The Plumb — is an emblem of moral rectitude. It teaches us to avoid all dissimulation and to pursue that honest and upright course in life which will tend to our elevation in the higher realms of immortality.

There are still other important things which you will receive in charge:

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the book of Constitutions, as IO continues.

This book of Constitutions you are expected diligently to search, and from time to time to cause its contents to be read in your Lodge, that none may remain ignorant of the precepts it enjoins, or of the ordinances which it promulgates.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the By-Laws, as IO continues.

This book contains the By-Laws of your Lodge which it will be your especial duty to see carefully and punctually executed.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Charter, as IO continues.

And this is the Charter — under the authority of which your Lodge is held, and which you are carefully to preserve, and duly transmit to your successor in the Master's chair.

Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will conduct the Master to his station in the East.

VC: Screen shows Master bowing. Screen remains on Master as IO continues.

I.O. Worshipful Master, I congratulate you on your ascension to this time-honored seat. The duties incumbent upon you in your exalted station are fraught with grave responsibilities. Remember that the honor, reputation, and usefulness of your Lodge will materially depend upon the skill and assiduity with which you manage its concerns, and that the happiness of its members will be generally promoted in proportion to the watchful care with which you cherish the genuine principles of our Institution.

For a pattern of imitation, consider the great luminary of nature, which rising in the East, regularly diffuses light and luster to all within its circle. In like manner, it is your province to spread and communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of your

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Lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry; and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge those duties which they have been taught in it; and by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of this Institution; so that when a person is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows; one to whom distress may prefer its suit; one whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence. In short, by a diligent observance of the By-Laws of your Lodge, the Constitutions of Masonry, and above all, the Holy Scriptures, which are given as the rule and guide of your faith, you will be enabled to acquit yourself with the highest honors here and lay up a crown of rejoicing which shall continue when time shall be no more.

VC: Senior and Junior Wardens appear on screen when addressed by I.O. Senior and Junior Warden remain on screen as IO continues

I.O. Brothers Senior and Junior Warden. You are too well acquainted with the principles of Masonry to warrant any distrust that you will be found wanting in the discharge of your respective duties. Suffice it to say that what you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully imitate, and what in them may have appeared defective, you should yourselves avoid. You should be examples of discretion and propriety; for it is only by a due regard for our laws and regulations as shown in your conduct, that you can expect obedience to them from others. You are assiduously to assist the Master in the discharge of his trust; diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all whom he shall place under your care.

In absence of the Master you will succeed to higher duties; your acquirements must therefore be such as will insure proper instruction to the Craft. From the spirit which you have hitherto evinced, I entertain no doubt that your future conduct will be such as will merit the applause of your Brethren, and the testimony of a good conscience.

VC: Screen shows IO on screen as he continues

Brethren of _____ Lodge, No. ____, please rise. My Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution, that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so must others of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty.

The officers who have been chosen to govern your Lodge are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of the Institution to avoid exceeding the power with which they are entrusted; and you are of too generous disposition to envy their preferment. I therefore trust that you will have but one aim — to please one another and unite in the grand design of promoting happiness.

Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, so may it long continue. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons.

Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude, the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. And may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through this Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

VC: Screen shows IO on screen as he continues

I.O. Worshipful Master, it now remains for me to present to you the Gavel, the emblem of power. In the hands of the Master, it may be made the instrument of great good, or of greater evil.

VC: Screen shows IO symbolically delivering gavel to Master

VC: Screen shows Master symbolically receiving gavel from IO, as IO continues

With it the Master governs his Lodge; and the welfare and prosperity of your Lodge, in a great measure, depend upon its judicious use. In your hands, I am confident, it will be wielded for the best interests of your Brethren.

VC: Screen shows IO giving directions to MC

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will now make proclamation.

VC: Screen shows MC making proclamation

M.C. By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, I now proclaim the officers of _____ Lodge, No. _____ to be duly installed.

VC: Screen shows Master putting hat on.

VC: IO on screen as he continues

I.O. All the Brethren will, under the direction of the Master of Ceremonies, salute the Worshipful Master by the battery of three times three.

VC: MC on screen giving battery

M.C. Together Brethren.

Battery is given in unison.

VC: IO on screen as he continues

I.O. Worshipful Master, behold your Brethren! — Brethren, behold your Master!

I.O. raps gavel and Master continues.

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The American Flag shall be displayed in a respectful and appropriate manner.

I.O. Kindly repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Pledge is repeated and I.O. sounds gavel. M.C., addresses the I.O. and proceeds as follows:

M.C. Worshipful Sir, the Officers of these Lodges, lately chosen, are present and ready to be installed in their respective offices.

I.O. You will then present the Brothers who has been appointed Tilers of their respective Lodges.

VC: The two brothers being installed Tiler are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____, who has been appointed Tiler of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Brother _____ and _____, you have been appointed Tiler of your Lodges, and you will now be invested with the jewel and implement of your office.

VC: Screen shows the Tilers placing their jewels on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tiler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass except such as are duly qualified, so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, and post a sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and man. You will now repair to your proper place.

VC: Screen shows Tilers bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Organists.

VC: The brothers being installed Organist are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____, who has been appointed Organist of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been appointed Organist of your respective Lodges and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Organists placing their jewels on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The Lyre is the Jewel of your office, and as it is an emblem of music, it should continually remind us that as harmony is essential in the liberal art and science which it symbolizes, so should harmony continue to be the strength and support of all societies, especially of ours. Let Harmony prevail!

VC: Screen shows the Organists bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Senior and Junior Stewards.

VC: The brothers being installed Stewards are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation Brothers _____ and _____, _____ and _____ who have been appointed Senior and Junior Stewards of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, _____ and _____ you have been appointed Stewards of your respective Lodges and I will now instruct you in your duties. In olden times, your province was to superintend and provide for the

Festivals of the Craft, to assist in the collection of dues and subscriptions, to keep an account of the expenses for refreshments, and to see that the tables were properly supplied and every Brother suitably provided for. In modern times, however, the provision for actual refreshment has diminished and your principal functions will now be to prepare Candidates for admission, and to perform those duties which Masonic custom has assigned to you on days of procession. Receive the jewels of your office together with the white rods.

VC: Screen shows Stewards placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. You will now repair to your respective places.

VC: Screen shows Senior and Junior Stewards bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Marshals.

VC: The brothers being installed Marshal are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____ who has been appointed Marshal of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Brother _____ and _____, you have been appointed Marshal of your respective Lodges and you will now be invested with the jewel and symbol of your office.

VC: Screen shows Marshals placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The Baton is an emblem of command, and is sufficiently significant of your duties. You will, under the direction of the Master take charge of all processions of the Lodge, and you are enjoined that the proper performance of many of our ceremonies will depend upon the manner in which your duties are discharged. You will now take your proper places.

VC: Screen shows Marshals bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Senior and Junior Deacons.

VC: The brothers being installed Deacons are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____ who have been appointed Senior and Junior Deacons of _____ lodge, and Brothers _____ and _____ who have been appointed Senior and Junior Deacon of _____ Lodge. These certificates vouch for the proficiency of the Senior Deacons.

M.C. removes certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency

I.O. My Brothers, you have been appointed Deacons of your respective Lodges, and you will now be invested with the jewels of your office.

VC: Screen shows Deacons placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. Those jewels indicate that it is your province to attend upon the Master and Wardens, and act as their proxies in the active duties of this Lodge.

It will be your especial duty, Brother Senior Deacon, to carry orders from the Worshipful Master in the East, to the Senior Warden in the West and elsewhere about the Lodge as required; attend to all alarms at the door of the preparation room, receive and conduct Candidates; introduce and accommodate visiting Brethren.

You, Brother Junior Deacon, to carry messages from the Senior Warden in the West to the Junior in the South, and elsewhere about the Lodge as directed; attend to all alarms at the door, and see the Lodge duly tiled.

Those rods, my Brothers, distinctive of your office, will now be entrusted to your care.

I.O. And now, believing from your past deportment in the Lodge, that your duties will be discharged with ability and zeal, I dismiss you to your respective places.

VC: Screen shows Senior and Junior Deacons bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Assistant Secretary.

VC: The brothers being installed Assistant Secretary are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ and _____ who has been appointed Assistant Secretary of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been appointed Assistant Secretary of your respective Lodges and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Assistant Secretary placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. My Brothers, that single quill pen signifies that it is your duty to assist the Lodge Secretary in the discharge of the important duties of his office, and, in his absence or inability, to see them faithfully executed. You will now take your proper places.

VC: Screen shows both Assistant Secretaries bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Chaplains.

VC: The brother being installed Chaplain are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____ who has been appointed Chaplains of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Worshipful Brothers, that Holy Book, which adorns our Sacred Altar, is the Great Light in Masonry, and forever sheds its Benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons. Teach us from its life giving precepts; invoke upon our labors the Blessing of that Divine Being whose infinite goodness it so fully reveals and unfolds to us; and guide us by its lessons of wisdom and truth, and you will have faithfully fulfilled your important trust. It is your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our Great Creator, and Reverently to "allure to brighter worlds and lead the way," and thus by elevating our thoughts, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of the Blessed in the realms of Life and Light eternal. It is fitting that an emblem of the Sacred volume should be the jewel of your office, and with it you will now be invested.

VC: Screen shows Chaplains placing jewels on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. You will now take your proper places.

VC: Screen shows Chaplain bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Secretaries-elect.

VC: The two brothers being installed Secretary-elect are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____ who have been elected Secretary of their respective Lodge.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been elected Secretary of your respective Lodges and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Secretaries placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. I am persuaded that in your hands the Pens will make an enduring record, not only to your praise, but also to the welfare of this Lodge. It is your duty to observe the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master; keep a faithful record of all things proper to be written, transmit a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge when required; receive all monies from the Brethren, pay the same to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor. You will now take your proper places.

VC: Screen shows Secretaries bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Treasurers-elect.

VC: The brothers being installed Treasurers-elect are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____ who has been elected Treasurer of their respective Lodges.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been elected Treasurer of your respective Lodges, and you will now be invested with the jewel of your office.

VC: Screen shows Treasurers placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The keys have a twofold significance. They are instruments to bind as well as to make loose; to make fast as well as to open. They will never, I am confident, be used by you in any other manner than that which the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Lodge shall direct. You are to receive all money from the Secretary, keep a just and accurate account thereof, and pay the same out, by order of the Worshipful Master, with the consent of the Lodge. You will now take your proper places.

VC: Screen shows Treasurers bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to MC on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Junior Wardens-elect.

VC: The brothers being installed Junior Wardens-elect are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brother _____ who has been elected Junior Warden of this Lodge. This certificate vouches for his proficiency.

VC: Screen shows M.C. removes certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency.

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been elected Junior Warden of their respective Lodges and you will now be invested with the jewel of your Station.

VC: Screen shows Junior Wardens placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The Plumb, my Brothers, admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations, to hold the scales of justice in equal poise, to observe the just medium between intemperance and pleasure, and to make our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of our duty.

To you is committed the superintendence of the Craft during the hours of refreshment; it is necessary therefore, that you should practice moderation and discretion in the indulgence of your own inclinations, and that you carefully observe that the means of refreshment are not converted to improper or excessive use.

Your regular and punctual attendance is particularly requested; and I have no doubt that you will faithfully execute the duty which you owe to your present appointment. Look well to the South!

VC: Screen shows Junior Wardens bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to IO on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will present the Senior Wardens-elect.

VC: The brothers being installed Senior Warden-elect are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I present to you for installation, Brothers _____ and _____ who has been elected Senior Warden of their respective Lodges. They are of good morals, true and trusty, and possess the Love and confidence of his Brethren. This certifies vouch for their proficiency.

M.C. Removes certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency

I.O. Brothers _____ and _____, you have been elected Senior Warden of your respective Lodges, and you will now be invested with the jewel of your station.

VC: Screen shows Senior Wardens placing jewel on. Screen goes to IO who proceeds

I.O. The Level, my Brothers, demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, that we partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and that although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren; for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be entitled to our regard; because a time will come, and the wisest know not how soon, when all distinction save that of goodness shall cease; and death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, reduce us to the same state.

Your regular attendance on our Stated meetings is essential. In the absence of the Master, you are to govern the Lodge; in his presence, you are to assist him in the government of it. I firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry and attachment to the Lodge, for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust. Look well to the West!

VC: Screen shows Senior Wardens bowing, allow for applause, then goes back to IO on screen

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will now present the Brothers who has been elected to discharge the important duties of Master of their respective Lodges.

VC: The brothers being installed Masters-elect are shown on screen, then screen shows MC to proceed

M.C. Worshipful Sir, I take pleasure in presenting to you, Brothers _____ and _____, who has been duly elected to serve as Masters of their respective Lodges.

VC: Screen shows IO on screen as he continues

I.O. Is it known that these Brothers are well skilled in our ancient Craft? Are they zealous in his regard for the interests of our Order? And are they duly qualified to discharge the special duties of the Master's chair?

M.C. It is well known that they are all this, Worshipful Sir. These certificates vouching for their proficiency, is evidence that they are well skilled in our ancient Craft. I find them to be of good morals, True and Trusty, and as they are lovers of the Fraternity, I doubt not that they will discharge his duties with fidelity and with honor.

VC: Screen shows M.C. removing certificate from his pocket. I.O. shows that he possesses the certificate of proficiency and proceeds

I.O. Worshipful Sirs, the Brethren of your respective Lodges, reposing confidence in your integrity, in your zealous regard for the interests of Masonry, and in your ability to discharge the duties of the Master's chair, have chosen you to occupy that honorable position during the ensuing year. Are you willing to accept this important trust?

MASTERS-ELECT: I am.

VC: Screen shows IO as he continues

I.O. Then, my Brothers, I shall most cheerfully proceed to install you in the dignified and honorable position to which the suffrage of your Brethren has called you; not doubting that the dignity of the Oriental chair will be well preserved in your keeping, and that the interest and welfare of this Lodge may be safely confided to your charge. Before commencing your investiture, however, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to those ancient charges and regulations which point out the duties of the Master of a Lodge, and which on no account are ever to be neglected or departed from. They are as follows:

You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.

You agree to be a peaceable citizen, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decision of the supreme Legislature.

You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Masonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your Brethren, when convened, in every case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

You agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.

You promise to respect genuine Brethren and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry.

You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Art.

You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed; and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons, that is not subversive of the principles and groundwork of Masonry.

You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry.

You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry on convenient occasions.

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You admit that no new Lodge should be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge; and that no countenance should be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, - being contrary to the ancient charges of the Order.

You admit that no person can be regularly made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, any regular Lodge, without previous notice, and due inquiry into his character.

You agree that no visitors shall be received into your Lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

These are among the Ancient charges and regulations of Free and Accepted Masons, and to these your assent must be freely given. Do you submit to these charges and promise to support these regulations, as Masters have done in all ages before you?

VC: Screen shows Master for his response, then returns to IO to continue.

MASTERS-ELECT: I do.

I.O. Then, my Brothers, in consequence of this assurance, and with full confidence in your capacity and zeal, I will now install you Master of _____ Lodge No. ____ and Master of _____ Lodge No. ____.

Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will invest them with the jewel of his station.

VC: Screen shows Masters placing jewel on. Screen stays on Master as IO continues

I.O. The Square, my Brothers, is an emblem of morality; and as it is the especial badge of the Master's office, it should constantly remind you that not only by precept, but by example, you should promote good morals among the Brethren, and thus endeavor to avert the shadow of any scandal or reproach against the Fraternity. Your former life has given evidence that this jewel will not be an unmeaning symbol in your hands, and I solemnly charge you to take good care that its luster be not dimmed through any act of yours.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying Book of Holy Writings, as IO continues

I now present to you the Book of Holy Writings. It is the great Light in Masonry, and should ever be the great law of the Brotherhood. It will guide you to all truth; it will direct you to eternal happiness; and an attentive regard to the divine precepts it contains will insure you success in the fulfillment of the duties you are now about to assume.

The working tools of our Craft will next be presented to you, that, as the Master Workman, you may instruct the Craftsmen in the various duties and virtues which they have been selected to illustrate.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the square, as IO continues.

The Square — teaches us well to regulate our every action and to let our conduct be governed by the principles of Morality and Virtue.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Compass, as IO continues.

The Compass — teaches us to limit our desires in every station, and never to suffer our passions or our prejudices to become the masters of our judgment.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Rule, as IO continues.

The Rule — directs the undeviating discharge of all our duties; that we should press forward in the straight path of right and truth without inclining to the one hand or the other; in all our doings having Eternity in view.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Plumb, as IO continues.

The Plumb — is an emblem of moral rectitude. It teaches us to avoid all dissimulation and to pursue that honest and upright course in life which will tend to our elevation in the higher realms of immortality.

There are still other important things which you will receive in charge:

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the book of Constitutions, as IO continues.

This book of Constitutions you are expected diligently to search, and from time to time to cause its contents to be read in your Lodge, that none may remain ignorant of the precepts it enjoins, or of the ordinances which it promulgates.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the By-Laws, as IO continues.

This book contains the By-Laws of your Lodge which it will be your especial duty to see carefully and punctually executed.

VC: Screen shows MC displaying the Charters, as IO continues.

And this is the Charter — under the authority of which your Lodges are held, and which you are carefully to preserve, and duly transmit to your successors in the Master's chair.

Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will conduct the Masters to their stations in the East.

VC: Screen shows Masters bowing. Screen remains on Master as IO continues.

I.O. Worshipful Masters, I congratulate you on your ascension to this time-honored seat. The duties incumbent upon you in your exalted station are fraught with grave responsibilities. Remember that the honor, reputation, and usefulness of your Lodge will materially depend upon the skill and assiduity with which you manage its concerns, and that the happiness of its members will be generally promoted in proportion to the watchful care with which you cherish the genuine principles of our Institution.

For a pattern of imitation, consider the great luminary of nature, which rising in the East, regularly diffuses light and luster to all within its circle. In like manner, it is your province to spread and communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of your Lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry; and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge those duties which they have been taught in it; and by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of this Institution; so that when a person is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows; one to whom distress may prefer its suit; one whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence. In short, by a diligent observance of the By-Laws of your Lodge, the Constitutions of Masonry, and above all, the Holy Scriptures, which are given as the rule and guide of your faith, you will be enabled to acquit yourself with the highest honors here and lay up a crown of rejoicing which shall continue when time shall be no more.

VC. Both Senior and Junior Wardens appear on screen when addressed by I.O. Senior and Junior Warden remain on screen as IO continues

I.O. Brothers Senior and Junior Warden. You are too well acquainted with the principles of Masonry to warrant any distrust that you will be found wanting in the discharge of your respective duties. Suffice it to say that what you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully imitate, and what in them may have appeared defective, you should yourselves avoid. You should be examples of discretion and propriety; for it is only by a due regard for our laws and regulations as shown in your conduct, that you can expect obedience to them from others. You are assiduously to assist the Master in the discharge of his trust; diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all whom he shall place under your care.

In absence of the Master you will succeed to higher duties; your acquirements must therefore be such as will insure proper instruction to the Craft. From the spirit which you have hitherto evinced, I entertain no doubt that your future conduct will be such as will merit the applause of your Brethren, and the testimony of a good conscience.

VC: Screen shows IO on screen as he continues

Brethren of _____ Lodge, No. ____ and _____ Lodge No. _____, please rise. My Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution, that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so must others of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty.

The officers who have been chosen to govern your Lodge are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of the Institution to avoid exceeding the power with which they are entrusted; and you are of too generous disposition to envy their preferment. I therefore trust that you will have but one aim — to please one another and unite in the grand design of promoting happiness.

Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, so may it long continue. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons.

Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude, the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. And may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through this Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

VC: Screen shows IO on screen as he continues

I.O. Worshipful Masters, it now remains for me to present to you the Gavel, the emblem of power. In the hands of the Master, it may be made the instrument of great good, or of greater evil.

VC: Screen shows IO symbolically delivering gavel to Masters

VC: Screen shows Master symbolically receiving gavel from IO, as IO continues

With it the Master governs his Lodge; and the welfare and prosperity of your Lodge, in a great measure, depend upon its judicious use. In your hands, I am confident, it will be wielded for the best interests of your Brethren.

VC: Screen shows IO giving directions to MC

I.O. Brother Master of Ceremonies, you will now make proclamation.

VC: Screen shows MC making proclamation

M.C. By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, I now proclaim the officers of _____ Lodge, No. _____ and the officers of _____ Lodge, No. _____, to be duly installed.

VC: Screen shows Masters putting on their hats.

VC: IO on screen as he continues

I.O. All the Brethren will, under the direction of the Master of Ceremonies, salute the Worshipful Master by the battery of three times three.

VC: MC on screen giving battery

M.C. Together Brethren.

Battery is given in unison.

VC: IO on screen as he continues

I.O. Worshipful Masters, behold your Brethren! — Brethren, behold your Masters!

I.O. raps gavel and Master continues.