

IMPORTANT:

Innovation in the work is not allowed. Masonry is no Mason's private property and by the same token no Mason should impose his private notions upon anything pertaining to the adopted work.

This Instruction will no doubt make our Installation Ceremonies more impressive and uniform if correctly followed

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

- WM - Brethren, this lodge is convened for the purpose of installing the elected and appointed officers for the ensuing Masonic year.
- WM - Before this Lodge is called from labor to refreshment, the officers to be installed will retire and prepare themselves for the ceremony of installation. The present officers will also retire, after surrendering their jewels to the Assistant Master of Ceremonies, in the North-East corner of the pavement, then give their aprons to their successors at the ante room.
- WM - We have invited ("*requested*" if member) MW/RW/VW/WB..... to be our Installing Officer, MW/RW/VW/WB..... as Master of Ceremonies, and MW/RW/VW/WB..... as Assistant Master of Ceremonies, who are all authorized by the Grand Lodge.
- WM - (*Rises, raps – xxx*) (*turn over gavel to I.O.*) Receive this gavel, symbol of authority and with it proceed to install the new set of officers. (*Outgoing Master removes and leaves hat, I.O. puts on hat*)
- I.O. - (*Raps – x to seat the lodge.*)

(All outgoing officers step down from their stations starting from the Senior Warden to the Tyler and proceed to line up at the north side of the lodge facing east. They form 1 line in front of AMC, facing East. Upon AMC's cue, form 2 lines, still facing East. Upon AMC's cue, face inward.

The Worshipful Master will step down last, pass between the 2 lines of officers. As the Master passes in front of officer, officer will bow.

The Master will be the first one to surrender his jewel to the Assistant Master of Ceremonies at the North-East Corner of the pavement.

Immediately after the Master has surrendered his jewel to AMC, the officers

will face East, form 1 line, and surrender their jewel one by one followed by the rest of the officers.

The Worshipful Master will then proceed to South-West corner of the pavement by way of the east, bow or signs to the I.O., then upon reaching the South-West corner face the East.

Other outgoing officers will also follow after the Master has surrendered his jewel. Other outgoing officers will proceed to south-west corner of the pavement, by way of the east, bow or sign to I.O., then proceeds to the South-West corner, shakes the hand of the Outgoing Master, and exit the Lodge. After the last outgoing officer shakes the hand of the Master and exits, outgoing Master then exits the lodge.)

I.O. - The brethren may consider themselves free from restraint until the sound of the gavel in the East. (Raps - x)

(The Master of Ceremonies proceeds to the JW Station to put up the column, while the Assistant Master of Ceremonies proceeds to the SW Station to put down the column.)

(After procession is formed, The Master of Ceremonies together with the Assistant Master of Ceremonies enters the Lodge. The Assistant Master of Ceremonies proceeds to the SW station facing East, while the Master of Ceremonies proceeds to the JW Station facing North.)

I.O. - (Raps - x)

(The Master of Ceremonies puts down the JW Column, while the Assistant Master of Ceremonies puts up the SW Column. The Master of Ceremonies proceeds west side of the altar facing East. The Assistant Master of Ceremonies proceed to the North-East of the lodge facing South. Remain standing)

I.O. - MW/RW/ VW/WB M.C., are the officers of this lodge, lately chosen, present and ready to be installed in their respective offices?

M.C. - (Sign or bow.) They are without, MW/RW/VW/WB Installing Officer, and await your pleasure.

I.O. - You will then conduct them to the seats prepared for them.

(MUSIC)

(M.C. sign or bow and retire by way of the south. Enters with officers in

the order as formed and proceed to the seats in the manner as stated in the instruction given in this book I.O. seats them.)

M.C - (*Goes to Altar, sign or bow.*) MW/ RW/ VW / WB Installing Officer, the officers of this Lodge, lately chosen, are present and ready to be installed in their respective offices.

I.O - (*Rises*) Brethren, the first lesson taught us in Freemasonry is that before entering upon any great or important undertaking we should first invoke the blessings of God (*Removes Hat*). MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will, therefore, cause the officers to kneel on their right knees and lead us in prayer.

(Raps - xxx)

M.C - (*Kneeling at the West side of Altar.*)

PRAYER

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven, whose wisdom and goodness manifest themselves in all the works of creation, with filial love and reverence, we invoke Thy blessings upon Thy children here assembled and Thy grace to consecrate the labors we have met to perform. We commend to Thy special care and guidance these officers lately chosen, into whose hands we are about to repose the government of this Lodge. Endue them with a just appreciation of the responsibilities they are about to assume. May they be ever mindful that a Father's care is always over them and that Thine All-Seeing Eye is ever upon them.

Bless and prosper our beloved fraternity. May it be known and honored among the institutions of the land as one whose foundations is laid upon the enduring principle of Truth. Direct our footsteps in ways of pleasantness and paths of peace, and grant that all our acts may reflect honor upon Thy Holy Name. Amen.

I.O. - (*Put on hat and raps -x, then say*) You will then present to me the brother who has been elected to discharge the important duties of Master of this Lodge.

M.C - (*Conducts Master in front of the East by way of North. Sign or bow.*) MW/VW/WB Sir, I take great pleasure in presenting to you Bro, who has been elected by this Lodge to be its Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

I.O. - (*Rise*) Is it known that Bro 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. - (*sign or bow.*) It is well-known that he is all these MW/RW/VW/WB Sir. This Certificate, vouching for his proficiency in the ritual of our Order, is evidence that he is well skilled in our Ancient Craft. (*presents Certificate*) (*M.C. pass by at the back of the WM in square*) I find him to be of good moral, 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.

I.O. - Worshipful Sir, the brethren of this Lodge, reposing confidence in your integrity, in your zealous regard for the interests of Masonry, and 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 - (*Sign or bow.*) I am

I.O. - You will then face your brethren of the Lodge. (*Master faces West while the M.C. goes behind the Master faces west.*) brethren of Lodge No....., you now behold before you, Bro....., who has been duly elected to serve this Lodge as Worshipful Master, and who is now about to be installed. If any of you have any reason to urge why he should not be installed, you will now make it known or forever after hold your peace.

(Pause)

IN CASE THERE IS AN OBJECTION

I.O. - Your objection is duly noted. You should write formally to the Grand Lodge and appropriate action shall be taken. Meantime, we shall proceed with the Ceremony of Installation. (raps - x)

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I.O. - My Brother, you will face the East. (*Master faces East while the M.C. goes behind the Master faces East.*) Worshipful Brother, hearing no objection, I shall most cheerfully proceed to install you in the dignified and honorable position to which the suffrages of your brethren have 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. You will be conducted before the Altar.

(M.C. conducts Master by way of South to the West side of the Altar, facing East remain standing, then M.C. goes to the North pavement facing South.)

I.O. - The Ancient Charges and Regulations are as follows:

- I. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
- II. You agree to be a peaceable citizen, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
- III. You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decision of the Supreme Legislature.
- IV. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.
- V. 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.
- VI. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.
- VII. You agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your Lodge.
- VIII. You promise to respect genuine Brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry.
- IX. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the Art.
- X. 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.
- XI. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry.

- XII. 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 occasion.
- XIII. 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.
- XIV. 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.
- XV. 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.

I.O. - These are among the regulations of Free and Accepted Masons, and to these your assent must be freely given.

(Both I.O. and Master raise their right hand as in oath taking.)

I.O. - Do you submit to these charges and promise to support these regulations, as Masters have done in all ages before you.

Master - I do.

I.O. - Then my brother, in consequence of this assurance and with full confidence in your capacity and zeal, kneel now on both knees, place both hands upon the Holy Bible, (or VSL), Square and Compasses, to take the solemn vow of your office.

(I.O. remains standing in the East. Does not call up Lodge.)

I.O. - Repeat after me:

“I do solemnly and sincerely vow that I will maintain, support and enforce the Constitution, Edicts, Laws and Regulations of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines and the By-Laws of my Lodge and will faithfully perform to the best of my ability, all the duties of the office to which I have been elected. So, help me (*uncovers*) God. Amen.”

OPTIONAL – (*Rap -xxx*) (*remove hat*) *Playing of "The Lord's Prayer" or any solemn and appropriate music after the obligation. (wear hat) (Raps – x)*

I.O. - Arise, my brother.

I will now install you as Worshipful Master of Lodge No..... MW/VW/RW/WB M.C., reconduct him in front of the East. (*M.C. reconducts him in front of East by way of the North*)

I.O. - I now invest you with this jewel of your eminent station, the Square.

(Note: Where it is convenient for the I. O. to place the jewel on the elected officials he should do so, but where the platform is elevated and it is awkward for him to come down, the I.O. should hand the jewel to the M.C.)

I.O. - The Square, my brother, is an emblem of morality; and as it is the special 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 that 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.

- I now present you the Book of Holy Writings. (*I.O. presents it.*) 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 ensure success in the fulfillment of the duties you are now about to assume. The working tools of our Craft will next be given you that, as the master workman, you may instruct the Craftsmen in the various duties and virtues which they have been selected to illustrate.
- The Square (*M.C. presents it*) teaches us well to regulate our every action, and to let our conduct be governed by the principles of Morality and Virtue.
- The Compasses (*M.C. presents it*) teach us to limit our desires in every station, and never to suffer our passions or our prejudices to become the masters of our judgment.
- The Rule (*M.C. presents it*) 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 to the other; in all our doings having Eternity in view.

- The Plumb-line (*M.C. presents it*) 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.
- That Book of Constitutions (*M.C. presents it*) 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.
- That Book (*M.C. presents it*) contains the By-Laws of your Lodge, which it will be your special duty to see carefully and punctually executed.
- And that (*Points to it*) 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.

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will conduct the Master to his station in the East.

(M.C. conducts him to East by way of South, West and North. He bows to M.C. and M.C. bows to him. Master sits down. Then M.C. proceeds to the west side of the Altar by way of North, facing east)

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present the Senior- Warden elect.

(M.C. conducts SW in front of the East by way of North.)

M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I now present to you for installation Bro....., who has been duly elected to serve as 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 of a portion of the Lectures and Rituals of the First and Second Degrees. (*Presents Certificate.*)

I.O. - Bro, you have been duly elected Senior Warden of this Lodge, and I now invest (*I.O. invests*) you with the distinctive badge of your Honorable station, the Level.

- This Level 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 a 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, reduces us to the same state.

I.O. - My brother, you heard the Master give his assent to support and defend the Ancient charges and regulations of Free and Accepted Masons. Do you also make the same pledges and promises, fully understanding the same?

S.W - *(Sign or bow.)* I do.

I.O. - Then, MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., conduct him to the Altar and place him as a Master Mason to take the solemn vow of his office. *(M.C. conducts SW to the Altar by way of South and instructs him to do as directed by I.O)*

I.O. - *(Remains standing in the East. Does not call up Lodge)* My brother, you will repeat your vow of office after me:

“I do solemnly and sincerely vow that I will maintain, support and enforce the Constitution, Edicts, Laws and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines and the By-Laws of my Lodge, and will faithfully perform to the best of my ability, all the duties of my office and that of the Worshipful Master in his absence. So, help me *(uncovers)* God. Amen.”

I.O. - Arise, my Brother.

- Your regular attendance at your stated meetings is essentially necessary. 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. *(M.C. conducts him to his station by way of North. Bow to each other. SW sit down, M.C. proceed to the Altar by way of South)*

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will next present the Junior Warden-elect.

(M.C. conducts JW in front of the East, by way of North.)

M.C. - *(Sign or bow.)* MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I now present to you for installation Bro....., who has been duly elected by this Lodge to serve as Junior Warden for the ensuing year. This Certificate vouches for his proficiency of a portion of the Lecture and Ritual of the First Degree. *(Presents Certificate.)*

I.O. - Bro....., you have been elected Junior Warden of this Lodge, and I now invest you with this badge of your high position, the Plumb.

- The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations, to hold the scale 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, therefore indispensably necessary that you should not only be temperate and discreet in the indulgence of your own inclinations, but that you should carefully observe that none of the Craft be suffered to convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess.

I.O. - My Brother, you heard the Master give his assent to support and defend the ancient charges and regulations of Free and Accepted Masons. Do you also make the same pledges and promises, fully understanding the same?

J.W. - *(Sign or bow.)* I do.

I.O. - Then, MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., conduct him to the Altar, and place him as a Master Mason to take the solemn vow of his office. *(M.C. conducts JW to the Altar by way of South and places him as directed by I.O.)*

I.O. - *(Remains standing in the East. Does not call up Lodge)* My Brother, you will repeat your vow of office after me.

“I do solemnly and sincerely vow that I will maintain, support and enforce the Constitution, Edicts, Laws, and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines and the By-Laws of my Lodge and will faithfully perform to the best of my ability all the duties of my office and that of the Worshipful Master in his absence. So, help me *(uncovers)* God. Amen.”

I.O. - Arise, my Brother.

- Your regular and punctual attendance at all your meetings 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. *(M.C. conducts him directly to his station. Bow to each other. SW sit down, M.C. proceed directly to the Altar)*

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will next present the Treasurer-elect. *(M.C. conducts Treasurer in front of the East by way of North.)*

- M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I take pleasure in presenting to you Bro....., who has been elected Treasurer of this Lodge.
- I.O. - Bro..... you have been elected Treasurer of this Lodge, and I now invest you with the badge of your office, the keys.
- The Keys, forming the jewel of your station, have a two-fold 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 moneys 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 be conducted to your proper place in the Lodge.
(*M.C. conducts him by way of South. Bow to each other. M.C. proceed to the Altar by way of the North.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will next present the Secretary-elect (*M.C. conducts Secretary in front of the East by way of North.*)
- M.C. - (*Sign or bow*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I take pleasure in presenting to you Bro....., who has been elected Secretary of this Lodge for the ensuing year.
- I.O. - Bro....., you have been elected Secretary of this Lodge, and I will now invest you with the badge of your office, the Pens.
- In investing you with your official jewel, the Pens, I am persuaded that they will make an endearing 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, to keep a faithful record of all things proper to be written, transmit monthly a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge as required by our Laws, receive all moneys from the Brethren, pay the same to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefore. You will now be conducted to your place in the Lodge. (*M.C. conducts him to his place by way of North Bow to each other. M.C. proceed to the Altar by way of the South*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will present to me the brother who has been elected Auditor of the Lodge. (*M.C. conducts Auditor in front of the East by way of North.*)
- M.C. - (*Sign or bow*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I am pleased to introduce to you WB.....who has been elected by this lodge as Auditor for the ensuing Masonic Year.

- I.O. - Worshipful Brother, you have been elected as Auditor of this Lodge for the ensuing Masonic Year and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, the Crossed Key and Pen, which is to signify to you that you should ever be vigilant that the funds and other properties of the lodge entrusted to the Treasurer and to the Secretary are duly accounted for and properly safeguarded.
- You will now be conducted to your proper place in the lodge. (*M.C. conducts him by way of the North directly to his station at the right of the Treasurer behind the Senior Deacon's station.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C. you will present to me the brother who has been elected Harmony Officer of this lodge. (*M.C. conducts Harmony Officer in front of the East by way of North.*)
- M.C. - (*Sign or bow*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I am pleased to introduce to you WB..... who has been elected by this lodge as Harmony Officer for the ensuing Masonic year.
- I.O. - WByou have been elected Harmony Officer of this Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, the Olive branch over the Book of Constitutions, which is to signify to you that you should ever be attentive in supporting the Worshipful Master in maintaining peace and harmony of the Lodge, within the bounds of our laws and regulations. Ever remembering that Harmony is the strength and support of all societies especially of ours.
- You will now be conducted to your proper place in the lodge. (*M.C. conducts him by way of the South to his station at the left of the Secretary behind the Marshal.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C. you will now present our worthy Chaplain for installation. (*M.C. conducts Chaplain before the Altar.*)
- M.C. - (*Sign or bow*). MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I have the pleasure to present to you Bro....., who has been appointed Chaplain of this Lodge.
- I.O. - Reverend and Worshipful Brother: That Holy Book (*M.C. presents it*) which is the chart and textbook of your sacred calling, is also 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 blessings of that (*uncovers*) Divine Being whose infinite goodness it so fully reveals and unfolds to us, and warms us by its lessons of wisdom and truth; and you would have faithfully performed your sacred functions and fulfilled your important trust. It is your duty to perform those solemn services which we should constantly render to our (*uncovers*) Great Creator, and which when offered by one

whose holy profession is to “allure to brighter worlds and lead the way” may, 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.

- (*M.C. invests him with jewel.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now conduct our Chaplain to his place in the Lodge. (*M.C. conducts him directly to his place in the North. Bow to each other.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present the Brother who has been appointed Marshal of this Lodge. (*M.C. conducts Marshal before the Altar.*)
- M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I take pleasure in presenting to you Bro....., who has been appointed Marshal of this Lodge.
- I.O. - Bro....., you have been appointed Marshal of this Lodge, and you will now be presented with the jewel and symbol of your office. (*M.C. presents them.*)
- 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, as the proper performance of many ceremonies will depend upon the manner in which your duties are discharged, you are enjoined to be most careful in their performance. You will now take your proper place. (*Right turn and conducts him to his place in the South, bow to each other.*)
- I. O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present the brethren who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Senior and Junior Deacons. (*M.C. conducts Deacons before the Altar.*)
- M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I have the pleasure to present to you for installation, Brothersand who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Senior and Junior Deacons, respectively.
- I.O. - Brothers - and.....you have been appointed Deacons of this Lodge, and you will now receive the jewels of your office. (*M.C. invests them.*)
- They indicate that it is your province to attend upon the Master and Wardens, and to act as their proxies, in the active duties of this Lodge. It will be your special duty, Bro. 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, Bro. Junior Deacon, to carry messages from the Senior Warden in the West to the Junior Warden in the South, and elsewhere about the Lodge as directed, attend to all alarms at the door; and see that the Lodge is duly tyled.
 - Those Rods, my brothers, distinctive of your office, will now be entrusted to your care; (*M.C. gives them*) and 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. (*Right turn and conducts them to their seats, by way of South-West and North in single file with M.C. In front followed by SD and JD. After JD takes place put rod in stand, remain standing, then M.C. takes SD's left arm and proceeds to his place, put rod in stand, the M.C. bows to the JD and SD.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present to me for installation the brethren who have been appointed Almoner, Orator, Lecturer and Historian. (*M.C. conducts them before the Altar.*)
- M.C. - (*Signs or Bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I have the pleasure to present to you for installation, Brothers....., who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Almoner, Orator, Lecturer and Historian.
- I.O. - Brethren, we most cordially congratulate you on your selection and appointment to the various offices in this Lodge into which you are now about to be installed. Your well-known knowledge of Masonic Law and precedent, your familiarity with the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts of this Lodge, and your acknowledged uprightness of character and integrity of purpose, supersede the necessity of placing you under any special obligation concerning the duties which you are about to assume. There is no other human institution which requires of its votaries a more faithful and conscientious discharge of duties other than does the Masonic Fraternity. Therefore, it is expected that you will at no time lose sight of the great and underlying principles of our institution; that you will discharge the duties with credit to yourselves and honor to the Fraternity; and we pledge you the active assistance and sympathy of your brethren of this Lodge. Go forth, therefore, into the discharge of these duties, and we doubt not that the result will prove the wisdom of your selection.
- (*Omit this if no jewels are available.*) You will now be invested with the jewels of your office. (*M.C. invests them.*)
- I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C. conduct the brethren to their several places in the

Lodge. (*M.C. conducts them to their places in the North in single file.*)

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present the brethren who are to serve this Lodge as Stewards. (*M.C. conducts them before the Altar.*)

M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I take pleasure in presenting to you, Brothers.....and, who have been appointed to serve this Lodge as Stewards for the ensuing Masonic year.

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 later times, however, the provision of actual refreshment in Lodges has generally ceased, and your 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, and repair to your respective places (*M.C. invests them. Then M.C. conducts them directly to their seats in the South. Bow to each other.*)

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present the brother who has been appointed Organist of this Lodge. (*M.C. conducts, him before the Altar.*)

M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I take pleasure in presenting to you Bro....., who has been appointed Organist of this Lodge.

I.O. - Bro....., you have been appointed Organist of this Lodge, and it affords me great pleasure to direct the M.C. to invest you with the jewel of your office. (*M.C. invests him.*)

- It is your duty to preside at the organ at the opening and closing, and other ceremonials of the Lodge. May the delightful labors of your position impress more deeply upon the minds and hearts of your Brethren, that harmony is as essential for the strength and beauty of our noble Brotherhood, as it is for excellence in the art and science in which you so greatly excel.

- You will now be conducted to your proper place in the Lodge. (*Conducts him directly to his seat near the organ/ technical booth. Bow to M.C.*)

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C., you will now present the Brother who has been appointed tyler of this Lodge. (*M.C. conducts him before the Altar.*)

M.C. - (*Sign or bow.*) MW/RW/VW/WB I.O., I now present to you, Bro, who has been appointed Tyler of this Lodge.

I.O. - Bro, you have been appointed Tyler of this Lodge and you will now be presented with the jewel and implement of your office. (*M.C. presents them.*)

- As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tyler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or re-pass but such as are duly qualified, so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch to 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 (*uncovers*) God and man. You will now repair to your proper place. (*Right turn, goes to the ante room then Bow to each other.*)

- (*M.C. proceed to the north side of the lodge. Designated brethren remove all chairs at the same time.*)

I.O. - Worshipful Master, (*rises.*) 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 great moral 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.

- Brother Senior and Junior Wardens, (*rise*) 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 praise-worthy 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 own conduct, that you can expect obedience to them from others.
- You are assiduously to assist the Master in the discharges of his trust; diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all whom he shall place under your care.
- In the 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.
- Brethren of Lodge No..... will now rise. 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 a 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 disinterested 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.
- Worshipful Master, it now remains for me to present to you the gavel, (*hands it and places the gavel in his left breast in square*) the emblem of power. In the hands of the Master, it may be made the instrument of great good, or of greater evil. 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. (*I.O. removes hat. Master puts his hat on.*)

I.O. - Wearing your hat demonstrates the authority of your position and distinguishes the brother occupying the Oriental Chair from the rest of the brethren, who shall remain uncovered.

I.O. - Master, behold your brethren, Brethren, behold your Master.

- The Brethren of Lodge No. (**optional** - as well as all the visiting brethren herein who choose to do so,) will, under the direction of the Master of Ceremonies, form in procession and salute their Worshipful Master in due and ancient (*Public*) form. (*I.O, sits down.*)

(After Procession)

WM - [Rap - xxx]

I.O. - MW/RW/VW/WB M.C.: You will now make Proclamation.

M.C. - (*Goes west of the Altar facing east. Stretches forth right hand over Great Lights.*) By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, I do now proclaim the Officers of.....Lodge No..... duly installed. (*I.O. guides the Worshipful Master to seat the Lodge.*)

W.M.- (*sit down and raps - x*)