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of the
United States of America**

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Installed Sovereign Master

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The Officers of a Council of Installed Sovereign Masters are:

Venerable Installed Master, in the East;

Venerable Senior Warden, in the West

Venerable Chaplain, in the South

Venerable Director of Ceremonies, in the North.

Venerable Tyler may be employed, or the door may be locked from the inside.

Historical Background:

This degree was obtained from Scotland and is used in that country by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is used as their Installed Master degree for Masters of Craft Lodges. The password selected from the ritual for our ceremony is different than what is used in Craft Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Installing Master (*) Venerable. Brother Senior Warden, are all present Installed Sovereign Masters ?

Venerable Senior Warden (Rises) Venerable Installing Master, all present are Installed Sovereign Masters except the Candidate.

Installing Master (***) - All rise) No man should enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of the Most High. Venerable Brother. Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

Venerable Chaplin Vouchsafe Thine aid, Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, to this our solemn Rite, and grant that this worthy and distinguished Brother, who is about to be numbered amongst the Sovereigns of our Craft, may be endowed with wisdom to comprehend, judgment to define, and abilito enforce obedience to Thy Holy Law. Sanctify him with Thy Grace, strengthen him with Thy Power, and enrich his mind with true and genuine Knowledge, that he may the better enabled to enlighten the minds of his brethren; and sanctify this, our mansion, to the honor and glory of Thy Most Holy Name. Amen.

All- So Mote It Be.

Installing Master- I declare this Council of Installed Sovereign Masters duly opened. Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies, attend at the Pedestal.

(Done)

(* - All seated)

INVESTITURE

(Without ceremony, the Venerable Director of Ceremonies takes the Candidate by the right arm, presents him West of the Pedestal, facing East, and raps [***-**-*]).

Installing Master – Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies, whom have you there in charge ?

Venerable Director of Ceremonies Venerable Installed Master, I have the pleasure of presenting Venerable.Brother _____, who has been elected Sovereign Master of _____ Council No. _____, A.M.D., and now seeks to be invested with the degree of Installed Sovereign Master.

Installing Master- Venerable Brother. _____, is this of your own free will and accord ?

Master Elect Candidate. It is.

Installing Master- Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies, how are Installed Sovereign Masters proven?

Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies By the Perfect Ashlar, which is a stone of true die - a perfect cube - which can be tried and proven only by the Square and Compasses, and to us represents the mind of man in his declining years after a life well spent in acts of piety and virtue. A mind thus disciplined and matured cannot otherwise be tried and proven than by the Square of God's Word and the Compasses of his own self-convincing conscience.

Installing Master- Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies, has our Ven. Brother been thus proven

Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies He has, Venerable. Installing Master.

Installing Master - Then he is truly prepared to advance.

(*** - All rise – Installing Master descends from the East)

OBLIGATION

Installing Master - Ven. Brother, kneel at the base of the Pedestal, place both hands on the Volume of Sacred Law, say "I", pronounce your name in full and repeat after me:

I..... in the presence of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, and this venerable Council of Installed Sovereign Masters, sincerely promise that I will never reveal any of the secrets of this degree to anyone not properly entitled to receive them, as I now am. I promise this under no less a penalty than that of having my right hand struck off and slung over my left shoulder, there to wither and decay as an emblem of shame, and I would rather my tongue should cleve to the roof of my mouth than would I knowingly violate this, my vow as an Installed Sovereign Master. Amen.

Installing Master- As a token of your sincerity, you will seal the Volume of Sacred Law before you.

(Done)

Installing Master- Arise, duly and truly obligated Installed Sovereign Master.

(**Installing Master** Returns to East, seats all [*] –

Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies and Candidate remain West of Pedestal.)

LECTURE

The secrets of an Installed Sovereign Master originated in events which occurred after the completion of the Temple. These I will narrate in accordance with our traditions, supplemented by testimony from the Volume of Sacred Law.

When, through the mercy of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, the Temple at Jerusalem was completed by the wisdom of King Solomon, assisted by the strength of Hiram King of Tyre, and the beautifying skill of Hiram Abiff, the Sovereigns of the neighboring countries sent their ambassadors bearing precious gifts to the King, congratulating him upon the completion of his great and holy work; but there was one, the Sovereign of a more distant country, the Queen of Sheba, who would not be content to send an embassy, however splendid, but would go up to Jerusalem herself, so that her eyes might see the magnificent Temple, and her ears might hear the wisdom of King Solomon, whose fame had spread throughout the then known world.

The circumstances of the following visit are given in the 10th Chapter of the First Book of Kings, which I commend to your earnest perusal.

On a set day, the Queen of Sheba, attended by her brilliant and numerous retinue, went to view the buildings of the Temple. She was escorted by King Solomon, who, seeing his chief Master Mason Adoniram, standing aside modestly, and wishing to confer upon him the distinguished honor of presenting him to the Queen, beckoned him thus; (***Gesture with left hand beckoning him to advance***) but Adoniram, either misinterpreting the gesture, or from a humility which often accompanies true genius, hesitated to advance; the King beckoned him again, and yet a ***third time***. Adoniram thereupon approached the Illustrious Sovereign and his distinguished guest, and, making this obeisance (***right hand on heart and bow***) would have knelt at his royal Master's feet; but King Solomon, taking him by the hand, prevented him, and, raising him with the grip of a Most Excellent Master, said Rise, Giblum.

(Giblum is a Hebrew word signifying Stone Squarer, or Perfect Mason.)

When the royal party was about to retire, Adonirum saluted the King thus:
(Gesture with left hand beckoning to advance three times)

(Penal Sign, then right hand over heart and bow) in token of humility; hence is derived the Sign and Salute of an Installed Sovereign Master.

The Pass Word is *Sheba* and is given to the Venerable Senior Warden on entering a Council of Installed Sovereign Masters.

Installing Master- Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies, present our Venerable Brother to the East .

(Done)

(The **Installing Master** and **Director of Ceremonies** seat the Candidate as in the Past Master degree, after which the D.C. immediately returns to his station.)

Installing Master- Venerable Brother _____, I now declare you duly and truly installed as Sovereign Master of _____ Council No. _____, A.M.D., and call upon the brethren to salute you accordingly.

(All rise and give Sign and Salute)

CLOSING

Installing Master- (***) - All rise) Venerable Brethren, I now declare this Council of Installed Sovereign Masters duly closed, but before departing, let us attend prayer. Venerable. Brother Chaplain, lead our devotions.

PRAYER

Venerable Chaplin- Direct us, O Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life. Amen.

All So Mote It Be.

Installing Master- Venerable Brother Director of Ceremonies, attend at the Pedestal.

(Done)

Installing Master- Venerable. Brethren, we are at refreshment.

Installed Master of Saint Lawrence the Martyr

Chair Degree used Internationally to Recognize
Installed Sovereign Masters of the Allied Mason Degrees

Officers needed for Conferral

PM as Installing Master - in the East

PM as Director of Ceremonies - **Left of IM on floor**

PM as Chaplain - Chaplain's Station

PM as Inner Guard - Junior Deacon's station

Equipment needed:

Gavel

Pedestal

Holy Bible, Gridiron

Kneeling stool

2 extra chairs

Lodge arrangement:

Like a Craft Lodge (or Lodge of St. Lawrence the Martyr)

(A Lodge of St. Lawrence the Martyr must have been opened.)

(The Installing Master will invite a Past Master to act as Inner Guard. He should invite Past Masters, if available, to take the two Warden's chairs.)

INSTALLATION

Installing Master - Venerable Brother _____, you will present the Sovereign Master Elect.

Director of Ceremonies - (In the West, salutes the Installing Master and presents the Sovereign Master Elect.) Sovereign Master, I present Brother _____ who has been elected by the suffrages of his Brethren to rule over this the _____ Council of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, to receive at your hands the benefit of installation as Master of Saint. Lawrence, and thereby Sovereign Master of this Council, the better to qualify him for his high Office. We know him to be of great skill, true and trusty, and held in high esteem by his Brethren and Fellows.

Installing Master - I will attend to your presentation with pleasure, but will first ask our Brother certain questions, to which I trust he will give unequivocal replies.

(**Director of Ceremonies** resumes seat.)

Installed Master - Brother _____, have you been regularly elected to rule over this Council, having served for a full year as one of the Wardens of a regular Council?

Sovereign Master Elect- I have.

(If the Sovereign Grand Master has granted a dispensation, it must be read now.)

Installing Master - Do you agree to hold yourself in submission to the Constitutions of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, and to conform with the awards and resolutions of the Grand Council?

Sovereign Master Elect - I do.

Installing Master - Do you agree to promote the good of the Allied Masonic Degrees in general, and of this Council in particular, in so far as lies in your power and to the best of your ability?

Sovereign Master Elect - I do.

(**Director of Ceremonies** conducts **Sovereign Master Elect** to a seat.)

Installing Master - I must now ask all Brethren below the rank of Installed Master in the Degree of St. Lawrence to retire from the Lodge.

(Brethren leave without form.)

Installing Master - By virtue of the power in me vested, I declare this to be a duly opened Board of Installed Masters in the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr. (one knock, not repeated.)

(**Director of Ceremonies** conducts **Sovereign Master Elect** to kneeling stool in West.)

Installing Master - The Brethren will turn to the East and assume an attitude of prayer.

(All rise and turn to the East. **Sovereign Master Elect** kneels.)

PRAYER

Installing Master or Chaplain - Almighty Father and Great Disposer of All, vouchsafe Thy blessing on this our solemn rite, and grant that this Brother, who is about to be numbered among the Rulers of the Allied Masonic Degrees, may be endued with wisdom to comprehend, judgment to define and ability to enforce obedience to Thy most holy law. Sanctify him with Thy grace, strengthen him with Thy mighty power, and enrich his mind with genuine knowledge, that he may the better be enabled to enlighten the minds of his Brethren and to promote the honor and glory of Thy most holy Name.

All - So mote it be.

(All turn to former positions & remain standing. **Sovereign Master Elect** rises. **Director of Ceremonies** removes kneeling stool.)

Installing Master - You will now advance to the Altar.

(**Sovereign Master Elect** does so.)

Installing Master - You will kneel on both knees, place your right hand on the Volume of Sacred Law, state your name at length and repeat after me the Solemn Obligation of an Installed Master in the Degree of St.Lawrence.

OBLIGATION

I, _____, in the presence of the Great Disposer of All, do hereby agree to accept the office of Master of the Lodge of St.Lawrence and thereby the Sovereign Master of this the _____ Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and do engage myself to a faithful performance of the duties thereof to the best of my skill and ability.

I further promise never to divulge the secrets restricted to this Chair to anyone who is not duly qualified to receive them, either as an Installed Master of a Lodge of St.Lawrence, or as a candidate duly elected to rule over a Council of the Order and obligated in a Board of Installed Masters in the Degree of St.Lawrence. To all these points I pledge my honor as a man and a Mason.

Installing Master - As a pledge of your fidelity you will salute the Volume of Sacred Law once.

(Sovereign Master Elect does so.)

(**Director of Ceremonies** places two chairs East of the Altar, facing each other East and West. **Installing Master** leaves chair, takes **Sovereign Master Elect** by both hands, conducts him via South and seats him in chair facing East; IM sits opposite him facing West.)

Installing Master - When it became necessary for our predecessors of old to change their place of abode in search of work, a knowledge of this Degree was of great importance to them, as it enabled them to claim the needful amount of hospitality to prosecute their journey from place to place. As the means of travel in those days were much restricted, they were obligated to go on foot, or as they called it, "on tramp". At the close of day, when they were in need of rest after their exertions, they were accustomed to enter a roadside hostelry. Anxious to discover if any of their Brethren were present, they clenched the right hand and struck the right knee with the right elbow. The reply to this was given by clenching the left hand and striking the left knee with the left elbow.

(Both rise. **Installing Master** conducts **Sovereign Master Elect** with both hands to the East, **Installing Master** facing South, **Sovereign Master Elect** facing North.)

Installing Master - The Grip is given in this manner: **place your clenched right hand (knuckles down) on my open right hand: I cover this with my open left hand:** each then gives the Sign of Fidelity and says "**Hand and Heart**", signifying that your hand and heart are alike open to the wants of your Brethren.

The Salute of an Installed Master is given in this manner:

Extend the right hand clenched, then strike the left breast with the open right hand, and then, slightly bending the right knee, strike the front of the right knee with the right hand.

Installing Master - I now invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, the highest honor which the Lodge can bestow on any of its Brethren.

(**Installing Master** with Grip leads **Sovereign Master Elect** to the Chair.)

With the Grip and the words, "**Hand and Heart**", I now place you in the Chair of this Lodge of St. Lawrence the Martyr.

(**Installing Master** adopts Sign of Fidelity). May the Great Disposer of All have you in His holy keeping now and for ever.

I salute you as an Installed Master. (**Installing Master** gives Salute, hand, heart and thigh, once.)

I present to you this gavel, the symbol of authority.

You will now invest the Immediate Past Master.

(**Sovereign Master** does so extempore.)

Installing Master - Brethren, Venerable Brother _____ has been installed into the Chair of this Lodge of St. Lawrence, and has thereby become the Sovereign Master of the _____ Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and I call upon you to salute him as Installed Masters with five, taking time from me. (**The salute is hand, heart and thigh, five times.**)

Installing Master - *Sovereign Master*, will you now be pleased to declare this Board of Installed Masters closed.

Sovereign Master - I declare this Board of Installed Masters closed. (One knock, not repeated. All sit. **Director of Ceremonies** removes the two chairs from the East.)

Installing Master - Brother Inner Guard, admit the Brethren.

Inner Guard- opens door. Visitors enter first and are seated. Members of the Lodge line up in the North under the direction of **Director of Ceremonies**.)

Installing Master - Brethren, during your temporary absence Venerable Brother _____ has been regularly installed as Master of this Lodge of St. Lawrence, and I call upon you to pass round the Lodge and salute him. **DC** leads (Perambulation)

Installing Master - I now proclaim that Venerable Brother _____ has been regularly installed as Master of this Lodge of St. Lawrence, and thereby Sovereign Master of the _____ Council No. ____ of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, for the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been regularly elected and installed in his stead; and I call upon you to greet him as Brothers of St. Lawrence three times, taking the time from me (Or from Venerable Brother _____).

(**Installing Master** or **Director of Ceremonies**) conducts the greeting, which is clapping as the knocks of the degree three times [**** *].)

Installing Master - I exhibit to you the Warrant of the Council. I also present copies of the Constitutions of the Grand Council and of the Bylaws of this Council.

Installing Master - Brethren, be seated.

Installing Master - Sovereign Master, you will now appoint and invest your Officers.

Sovereign Master - (The Officers are asked to line up behind the Altar as their names are called.)

Sovereign Master - Each officer who has been called to office in this Council will attend me while I recite the obligation to which I invite your assent. I do hereby accept the office to which I have been elected or appointed, and do promise to fulfill the duties of that office faithfully and conscientiously, to the best of my skill and ability.

Sovereign Master - You will signify your assent by assuming the Sign of Fidelity and saying "I do".

(done)

Installing Master - In the name of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, I declare the officers of this Council legally and duly installed and invested. You may be seated.

(All resume seats.)

(The Lodge of St. Lawrence the Martyr may now be closed in due form.)

[Below Added: The following was not previously explained]

Installing Master - *Sovereign Master* our labors being ended, you have my command to close the Lodge. (knocks *** *)

Sovereign Master - In the name of St. Lawrence the Martyr, and by command of the **Installing Master**, I close this Lodge of St. Lawrence. (knocks *** *)

Director of Ceremonies - And it is closed accordingly. (knocks *** *)

Inner Guard repeat knocks *** *

Supreme Ruler

Installing and Commissioning

3rd Degree of the Order of the Secret Monitor (Order of David and Jonathan)

Officers Required:

Commissioning Officer
Past Supreme Ruler(s)
Installing Officer
Visiting Deacons
Director of Ceremonies
Chaplin
Guide

Lodge Arrangement / Equipment:

Stone Ezel (Altar) in center with Holy Bible Square & Compasses on it initially,
Pedestal in East.
3 Great Lights

The Officers are invested with sashes): [unless they are already wearing sashes of a higher grade] as follows:

Counselor,
Guide,
*Chaplain,
Treasurer,
Secretary,
Director of Ceremonies,
Visiting Deacons,
*Organist,
*Scroll Bearer,
Guarder,
Steward,
Sentinel
[*-optional].

OPENING

The Conclave having been duly opened, the **Supreme Ruler-elect** is presented to the presiding Officer by two Past Supreme Rulers who hold their drawn swords at the "carry", the Senior says:

Past Supreme Ruler - Worthy Installing Officer, we have the pleasure to present to you our worthy Bro. _____ the Supreme Ruler-elect of this Conclave in order that his Installation may be proceeded with according to our accustomed rites and ceremonies and also that he may receive his Commission as a Supreme Ruler within the Order.

Installing Officer- I willingly comply with your request, but it is my duty first to require replies to the questions I shall now proceed to put.

Installing Officer- Brother _____, have you been regularly inducted as a Brother of David and Jonathan in a properly warranted Conclave and duly admitted as a Prince of the Order ?

- (I have)

Installing Officer- Have you been duly elected to the office of Supreme Ruler at a regular meeting of the Conclave and after due notice given to the Officers and Brethren thereof ?

- (I have)

Installing Officer -Have you also served the office of Counselor or Guide for the space of a full year in a regularly warranted Conclave ?

- (I have)

Installing Officer Brother Past Supreme Ruler, is our brother well skilled in the ritual of the first and second degrees, and sufficiently acquainted with the landmarks and constitutions of the Order ?

Past Supreme Ruler - We are satisfied on these points Supreme Ruler.

Installing Officer. - Thus assured, I will now request the Supreme Ruler-elect to testify before the brethren here assembled, his acceptance of the duties of his Office.

(The two PSRs drop back a pace, leaving the Candidate standing before the I.O., stepping forward again later for the Obligation.)

Installing Officer - Bro. Supreme Ruler-elect, are you generally conversant with the qualifications necessary in every Brother who accepts the office of a Ruler, and are you willing to undertake the duties thereof, and to be installed as the Supreme Ruler of this worthy and worshipful Conclave ?

- (I am)

Installing Officer - Then I will direct your careful attention to our Bro. Guide while he reads those pledges, to which your full assent is required. You will signify your compliance by the Secret Monitor sign of approval after each clause.

(The Secret Monitor sign of approval is given by raising the clenched right hand with the forefinger extended pointing upwards, at about the shoulder level.)

Guide - Do you solemnly promise, on the honour of a Brother of David and Jonathan, and of a Supreme Ruler-elect:-

I. That you will do all in your power to promote the good of the Order in general, and of this Conclave in particular, and that, on all proper occasions, you will be ready to give and receive instruction and advice, more particularly with respect to the Grand Council of the Order, whose authority you hereby acknowledge and submit to ? **(sign)**

II. That you will, to the utmost of your power, enforce and reserve strict compliance with the Constitutions and Regulations of the Order and the by-laws of you Conclave; and that you will, on all occasions, insist upon the performance of the ceremonies in accordance with the authorized ritual, as sanctioned by the Grand Council, and with due and proper decorum ? **(sign)**

III. That you will duly impress upon the Brethren, who may be appointed to the office of Visiting Deacon in your Conclave, the great importance of that office, and

will strictly charge them upon their fidelity to the Order that they do faithfully discharge the duties of their office ? **(sign)**

IV. That you will not confer, nor assist in conferring, the first degree of the Order of the Secret Monitor, except in a regular Conclave and in the presence and with the assistance of at least four other members of the Conclave, or in the special manner provided by the Constitutions and Regulations ? **(sign)**

V. That you will not confer, nor assist in conferring, the second or third degree of the Order, except strictly under the conditions and limitations imposed by the Grand Council of the Order ? **(sign)**

VI. That you will not acknowledge, nor hold any intercourse with, any Conclave of a Constitution not recognized by this Grand Council, and that you will repudiate and discountenance all irregular Conclaves ? **(sign)**

VII. That you will not admit to your Conclave any visitor unless he be properly vouched for, or after strict examination, and then only if he be a regularly inducted Brother of the Order ? **(sign)**

VIII. That you will pay due respect to the Grand Supreme Ruler and his Deputies for the time being, and that you will resign your chair to him or them severally, or to a regularly authorized representative, whenever he or they shall visit your Conclave ? **(sign)**

IX. That you will duly bind your successor as Supreme Ruler of this Conclave, or cause him to be bound, to a strict observance of these same rules to which you have now assented ? **(sign)**

Installing Officer - You will now advance to the Ezel, kneel on both knees, place your left hand upon the Volume of Sacred Law, the right upraised with the forefinger pointing to the sky and take a solemn Obligation with respect to your duties as Supreme Ruler of this Conclave.

(Installing Officer. gavels *, the Brethren stand to order with the Sign of Fidelity.)**

(During the Obligation, the **Past Supreme Rulers** should face each other on either side of the **Supreme Ruler-elect** and cross their swords over his head. The swords

being held in the right hand no attempt should be made by them to put up the Sign of Fidelity.)

OBLIGATION

Installing Officer - Repeat your name at length, and say after me.

I, _____, in the presence of the Almighty Friend of all friends, and before this Conclave of Brothers of David and Jonathan regularly held, assembled, and properly dedicated, do hereby agree to accept the office of Supreme Ruler and the commission of a Supreme Ruler within the Order and promise that the duties thereby devolving upon me, I will faithfully, zealously and impartially discharge, to the best of my skill and ability, until the next regular period of election within this Conclave, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in my stead.

I further solemnly promise, that at no time during my ruler ship, will I permit or suffer any innovation in the established ritual of the Order or the administration of any rite or ceremony other than such as may be authorized by the Grand Council of the Order. All these points I solemnly pledge myself to observe, upon the fidelity of a Brother of David and Jonathan and evince my sincerity by sealing this my solemn Obligation with my lips upon the Volume of Sacred Law.

(Supreme Ruler-elect does so)

(After the *Supreme Ruler-elect* has saluted the Volume of Sacred Law the two (Past Supreme Rulers) sheath their swords and then say:

Past Supreme Rulers - Rise duly obligated Supreme Ruler-elect.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *(Installing Officer will call upon all Brethren who are not Installed Supreme Rulers to retire.)*

(The **Director of Ceremonies** should see that such Brethren retire; tile the Conclave; move the 3 Great Lights to the pedestal of the Supreme Ruler; **place the Presents on top of the Stone Ezel** (Altar); remove the chairs of the 1st and 3rd V.D.s and place the kneeling stool on the edge of the Holy Ground between the Ezel and the Supreme Ruler.)

Installing Officer - (Gavels *) *I now declare this a duly constituted Convocation of Supreme Rulers in the Order open, and I appoint W.Bro. _____ as Chaplain.*

(**Installing Officer.** invites the **Director of Ceremonies.** to continue to act for the ceremony and to depute a Past Supreme Ruler to act as Guarder until a new Guarder is appointed.)

Installing Officer - Brother Supreme Rulers, our worthy Brother _____ having been duly elected to the office of Supreme Ruler of this Conclave and having before the Brethren signified his willingness to accept that office, and pledged his fidelity to abide by, support, and uphold the rules and regulations thereto appertaining, I, by the authority in me vested, shall now with your assistance, proceed to install him as the Ruler of this Conclave and shall then ask that he may be commissioned as a Supreme Ruler within our Order.

Installing Officer - (To SR-Elect) You will now kneel in front of the Ezel and be attentive to a portion of the sacred writings appointed to be read at this stage of the ceremony.

Chaplin. - (Reads 1st Chronicles 9:1-3) Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. And moreover in times past even when Saul was King, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel, and the Lord thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be Ruler over my people Israel. Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the King to Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

Installing Officer - (SR-Elect remains kneeling) *The Brethren will now turn to the East and assume the attitude of prayer.*

Let us pray. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, blessed be His Holy name for ever and ever. We humbly beseech Thee, O Grand Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to look down upon our sacred Rite, and to endow this our Brother with strength and fortitude to abide by the solemn Obligation he is now about to take; assist him with Thy might, prevent him by Thy grace, and enrich him with Thy knowledge, so that he may rule this Conclave with wisdom, and exhibit to all who are placed under his authority a bright example of honor and true friendship - to the Glory of Thy Holy Name. So Mote It Be.

Installing Officer - Brother _____, are you prepared to take upon yourself one of the most solemn Obligations of Freemasonry, the infraction of which will forfeit one of your senses, to keep inviolate the secrets of this the 3§ of our Order ?

(Supreme Ruler-Elect) – (I am.)

Installing Officer - Then you will rise and advance to the Pedestal and remembering that you are calling upon the Holy Name of your Maker, place your right hand upon the Volume of Sacred Law and with your left pressed firmly upon your Closed Eyes thus take a solemn Obligation with respect to the secrets belonging to a Supreme Ruler.

OBLIGATION

(Installing Officer Gavels *)

Installing Officer Repeat after me - I _____ in the presence of the God of Abraham, the Father of His people, and of Moses the Leader of His people and of this solemn Convocation of Supreme Rulers in the Order of the Secret Monitor duly constituted and regularly convened, do hereby and hereon most solemnly promise and swear, that I will keep inviolate the secrets and mysteries of this degree now entrusted to my care, and communicate them to none, unless it be to a duly Installed Ruler in the Order, or to a Brother regularly elected or designated as Ruler of a Conclave and so acknowledged in my presence, by two or more Rulers in the Order, at a meeting of Rulers regularly convened for that purpose.

All these points I solemnly swear to observe, under the penalty of being struck blind that I may never be able to see the light of the sun, to gaze upon the face of a brother or to perceive his warning sign. So help me the Most High and preserve me faithful in this my solemn Obligation of a Supreme Ruler in the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan.

Installing Officer - As a pledge perpetually binding you to fidelity you will seal this Obligation with your lips four times upon the Volume of Sacred Law.

(Installing Officer.O. Leaving the chair says -) I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office, and the sash of Supreme Ruler of this Conclave. (no robe)

(Leads him to the chair) I also form with you the living **Magen David** and with this sign place you in the seat of authority, and whisper into your ear the word of a Supreme Ruler, which is **Shaddai** which means **Jehovah**.

The **due guard** of the degree is given by **pressing the left hand firmly over the closed eyes**. This alludes to the penalty of the Obligation wherein you solemnly swore under the penalty of being struck blind that you may never be able to see the light of the sun, to gaze upon the face of a brother or to perceive his warning sign.

I now communicate to you the **sign of a Supreme Ruler in our Order**, which is given by placing the hands side by side with the first two fingers of the right hand overlapping the first two of the left hand, thumbs under the palms of the opposite hands, the third and fourth fingers together at an angle from the first two, thus forming as nearly as possible a letter "w" and represents **Schin**, the first letter of the Hebrew word **Shaddai**.

It was in this position that Aaron placed his hands when he blessed the Children of Israel, as I now bless you. May the Most High grant you health for many years to come, to share with us the blessings of pure and unselfish friendship and communion, and when in the fullness of time He shall in His mercy call you to that land from whose bourne no traveller returns, may you leave behind you the imperishable inheritance of a good name, as did our Grand Supreme Ruler Abram Oveni.

(Installing Officer salutes the Supreme Ruler)

(The *Past Supreme Rulers* form a semi-circle and salute the Supreme Ruler four times accompanied by the appropriate words "Attah. Gibor. Leolam. Adonai.")

Installing Officer - I now declare this Convocation of Supreme Rulers closed.

(Installing Officer requests Director Ceremonies to admit the Princes and to form them in a line in the North.)

Installing Officer - Princes, you will pass before our newly installed Supreme Ruler and salute him as Princes of the Order.

(The *Director of Ceremonies* leads the procession. He and each Prince gives the due guard of the Order in passing the Supreme Ruler with the words **Semper Fidelis**.)

Installing Officer - Princes, I now proclaim our Bro. _____ the duly installed Supreme Ruler of this Conclave until the next regular period of election within the Conclave and until a successor shall have been regularly elected and installed in his stead. I now call upon him to appoint and invest the Officers necessary for this degree.

Director of Ceremonies - Princes be seated.

(The *Director of Ceremonies*, addressing the *Supreme Ruler*. asks him to invest the Immediate Past Supreme Ruler as Jonathan and then to appoint and invest

1. Abishai
2. Adino
3. Eleazar
4. Shammah.)

Installing Officer - To your regularly elected and installed Supreme Ruler _____ you, the Officers and the Princes of this Conclave, owe allegiance, honor and fealty, and I feel assured, it will be your pleasure, as well as your duty, to render him your best individual and collective support, during the term of his office. As Supreme Ruler of this Conclave he will have many privileges and responsibilities, not the least of which will be judiciously to husband the resources of the Conclave so that no distressed brother may apply in vain for sympathy or relief, and no perplexed brother may lack discreet direction and guidance. In all these matters, I am convinced your Supreme Ruler will command your fullest confidence, and he in turn will rule you worthily and well.

Installing Officer - I must now request him to leave for a few moments the exalted position in which your suffrages have placed him, in order that our distinguished Bro. _____, by the power vested in him by the Grand Supreme Ruler as a Commissioning Officer, may confer upon our newly Installed Brother the wider jurisdiction of a Supreme Ruler within our Order, and empower him to bear a more extended sway over all the brethren of the inferior degrees throughout the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America.

(The Supreme Ruler steps down and is conducted by the Inner Guide to kneeling stool in the South East facing East. The Director of Ceremonies calls the Princes to order and waits upon the Commissioning Officer escorting him to his position, presenting oil and napkin and be prepared to offer him his own sword if necessary.)

Commissioning Officer - (Anoints him with oil, saying:) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brethren. In the name of David and Jonathan I anoint you Supreme Ruler within our Order.

(With the sword gives the accolade on the left shoulder, saying:)

Take authority to execute the office of Supreme Ruler within our Order, thus committed unto you, to rule Conclaves, to induct candidates, to admit Princes, and to install a Brother duly elected or designated as Supreme Ruler in any Conclave.

(Invests him with a purple robe with gold facings, saying:)

I now invest you with this robe of a Supreme Ruler within our Order; the color is purple, an emblem of imperial dignity, and I exhort you to wear it worthily.

(Hands him a sword or a bow saying:)

I present you with this _____ (Whichever it is) as an emblem of power: wield it boldly but discreetly: be faithful to your God, your Country, and your Order.

(The Com.O. takes him by the hand and says:)

Rise Supreme Ruler within the Order.

(The *Director Ceremonies* calls upon the **Princes**) to form a circle around the **Magen David** and the **Commissioning Officer**. conducts S.R. (Supreme Ruler) to the circle.)

Chaplin. - (Reads I Chronicles 16:2,3) And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord. And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

(The **Commissioning Officer** hands the plate of bread and meat), to the **Commissioning Officer**. who gives it to the **Supreme Ruler** telling him to offer it to each one in the circle, moving clockwise, offering it first to the **Commissioning Officer** When he returns, the **Commissioning Officer** should take the plate, offer it to the **Supreme Ruler** for him to partake, and return it to the **Director of Ceremonies**

(The **Director of Ceremonies** then brings the Cup of Wine), which is handed round in the same manner.

The following Anthem is read or sung during the distribution of the Presents.

Chaplin: Chant or Anthem

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard; even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.

(After completion of the distribution the **Commissioning Officer** exclaims):

Commissioning Officer - This is the Supper of King David, Melaoveh, Malkah.

(The **Director of Ceremonies** should call on the Princes to form two lines facing each other in the North, having previously arranged for those with swords to go to the East end of the lines. He will marshal the Princes [while the Com.O. leads the S.R. to the West] and give the order for drawing swords and forming the Arch. The Com.O. then conducts the S.R. between the two ranks and under the Arch to the throne.)

Installing Officer - I now declare this assembly of Princes closed.

Director of Ceremonies - Princes, be seated.

(The 3 Great Lights are restored to their place on the Ezel, the chairs of the **Visting Deacons** replaced by the **Director of Ceremonies** and the **Installing Officer** orders the Brethren of the 1§ to be readmitted. The **Director of Ceremonies** meets the brethren at the door and forms them in a line in the North. If insufficient Brethren, **Director of Ceremonies** should call on a few Princes.)

Instructions: *(The **Director of Ceremonies** should call on the Princes to form two lines facing each other in the North, having previously arranged for those with swords to go to the East end of the lines).* He will marshal the Princes [while the

Commissioning Officer leads the **Supreme Ruler** to the West] and give the order for drawing swords and forming the Arch. The **Commissioning Officer**.. then conducts the *Supreme Ruler* between the two ranks and under the Arch to the throne.)

Installing Officer - Brethren, you will proceed round the Conclave and salute the Supreme Ruler as Secret Monitors in passing.

(Director of Ceremonies leads the procession. Salute only is given): When this is done the I.O. standing in the South-East says:

Installing Officer - Brethren, I now proclaim Bro. _____ Supreme Ruler of the _____ Conclave numbered _____ on the books of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America, until the next regular period of election within this Conclave, and until a successor shall have been duly installed in his stead, and I call upon you to greet him with three **(Sign of Point, Draw, Pierce)**, taking the time from the **Director of Ceremonies**.

Supreme Ruler - Brethren, be seated.

(The Installing Officer goes up to the pedestal and says:)

Installing Officer - Supreme Ruler, I now present to you the Warrant of this Conclave: distinguished Brethren have treasured it as a sacred trust, and as you receive it pure and unsullied, so I am convinced you will transmit it to your successor, I also hand you an official copy of the ritual of this third degree, which you must carefully study. I likewise present to you the Constitutions and Regulations of the Order, and the By-Laws of your Conclave. From a perusal of these you will find guidance and help in all cases of difficulty and doubt that may arise within your Conclave. You will now proceed to appoint and invest the Officers chosen to assist you in governing the Conclave during the ensuing year.

(The Officers are invested with sashes): [unless they are already wearing sashes of a higher grade] as follows:

Counselor, Guide,

*Chaplain,

Treasurer,

Secretary,

Director of Ceremonies,

Visiting Deacons,

*Organist,
*Scroll Bearer,
Guarder,
Steward,
Sentinel
[*-optional].

*(The **Installing Officer** then proceeds to a position between the 2nd and 4th (Visiting Deacons) facing the Supreme Ruler. and says:*

Installing Officer- Supreme Ruler, now that you have undertaken the important duties of a Ruler in our Order, let me point out to you that as in other degrees in Freemasonry so in this our brotherhood of David and Jonathan the Volume of Sacred Law (goes up to Ezel) the square and compasses represent the three Great Lights whose uses have been taught in those degrees, and whose teachings this degree will continue and develop. Let the pathetic incident upon which our Order is founded ever remind you that its Principles are those imparted in the Sacred Volume, and let the conduct of our great exemplar David to Jonathan his brother, teach you to regulate your life upon the principles of the square and guide your actions within the compasses of disinterested and friendly generosity to all.

May the God of David and Jonathan grant you strength and wisdom to rule your Conclave wisely and well, and may peace and prosperity attend you and the Conclave during your term of office, so that when you shall cease to occupy the chair of Supreme Ruler, the remembrance of your presidency may ever be recalled with pleasure by the Brethren, and by yourself with the approval of a good conscience.

(The Installing Officer directs the Visiting Deacons to stand, and the new **Supreme Ruler** says:)

Supreme Ruler - Brother Visiting Deacons, as the peculiar foundation of this Order is to give friendly monition and warning to its members in time of danger, and to afford support and assistance to them in time of sorrow and distress, you, as officers specially appointed to fulfill that duty, are strictly enjoined to search out and warn any Brother who may be exposed to danger, secret or apparent, and to visit and console those who may have fallen into adverse circumstances, or who, in any other way, may stand in need of fraternal help and consolation. Your faithful performance of these duties during the term for which you are appointed will enhance the reputation of this Conclave and will evince your qualification for

higher posts - while failure therein will entail discredit, alike upon yourselves, and upon our Order.

(The Installing Officer directs all Officers to stand and the Supreme Ruler) continues:

Supreme Ruler - Brother Officers in the two degrees, from the zeal you have already displayed in subordinate positions, I feel assured that you may be relied upon to discharge with fidelity the important duties attached to your several offices, and that your future conduct will fully justify my confidence and trust in conferring these appointments upon you.

Installing Officer - Brethren, be seated.

Installing Officer - I now declare this assembly of Princes closed.

Worshipful Commander Noah of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

Officers Required:

3 Past Commanders Noah (Unless under special dispensation)

Materials Required:

Salt

Gavel

Altar

Volume of Sacred Law

Scottish Commander Noah Apron

Scottish Commander Noah Collar & Jewel

or

Scottish Commander Noah Jewel

(This Degree can be conferred only upon the Brothers elected to preside over Council of Allied Masonic Degrees as Sovereign Master, or upon Past Sovereign Masters of Councils of the Allied Masonic Degrees).

The Lodge is opened in usual form

Past Commander Noah- (Presenting the Worshipful Commander Noah – Elect.)
I present to you, Brother , the Worshipful Commander Noah – Elect of this Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, to receive at your hands the honor of Installation.

Installing Commander Noah- Brother And Companion , I congratulate you on the honor conferred on me by the Brethren, and have much pleasure in complying with the request now made. Before proceeding, however, to install you as Worshipful Commander Noah of this Lodge, it is necessary that I enquire if you are ready and willing to accept the office of Commander, and to discharge the duties thereof to the best of your ability with integrity and zeal?

Worshipful Commander Noah Elect - I am.

Do you promise that, neither in the capacity of Commander, nor at any time while the Lodge may be under your direction, will you permit any deviation from the established landmarks, regulations, and ceremonial adopted by the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees?

Worshipful Commander Noah Elect - I do.

Installing Commander Noah- All Companions below the rank of Commander Noah will now retire.

(There must be at least three Installed Commanders Noah present, unless a Dispensation to work with a less number has been obtained.)

Installing Commander Noah- Worshipful Commanders, I declare this duly constituted Lodge of Worshipful Commander Noah of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

(Gavel- One knock.)

Installing Commander Noah- Brother And Companion. . . . , are you prepared and willing to take a solemn Obligation Never to reveal the secrets restricted to the rank and office of Worshipful Commander Noah of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners?

Worshipful Commander Noah – Elect. I am.

OBLIGATION

Installing Commander Noah- Then you will advance to the Altar, kneel on kneeling block, place both hands on the Volume of Sacred Law, and say after me:-

I, A..... B....., in the presence of the Most High, and of this Board of Installed Commanders Noah, do hereby accept the office of Commander Noah of this Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, and pledge myself to a faithful discharge of the duties thereof until the next annual election, and until a successor shall have been elected or appointed and installed in my stead, and I further solemnly promise never to reveal

the secrets restricted to the Commander's Chair, that is to say, that I will never divulge them to any individual whomsoever without the consent in writing, or in the presence of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees, of the United States of America or his Depute, or a Past Grand Sovereign Master, unless it be to a Brother Royal Ark Mariner duly qualified and elected or appointed to that office, or an Installed Sovereign Master of a Council of Allied Master and then only in a duly constituted Board of Installed Commanders Noah. All this I solemnly promise to observe truly and faithfully. So help me Almighty God, and keep me steadfast in the due performance of the same.

Installing Commander Noah- You will seal this Obligation by saluting the Volume of Sacred Law once.

(The Worshipful Commander Noah is now raised, and stands in front of the Altar.)

Installing Commander Noah- When the wild Arab of the desert has tasted salt with his guest, that guest is sacred to him, even if his hands be red with the blood of the father or son of his host. Let us in the same manner seal our vow of fidelity in this degree.

(All present take a pinch of salt, and placing it on the tongue repeat the following after the **Installing Commander Noah-**)

Installing Commander Noah- With this salt I confirm my vow, and whenever any of my Brother Commanders Noah, who have tasted this salt of inviolate faith, or any one on their behalf, shall call upon me to aid them in distress, need, or danger, and with the mark of the, this solemn pledge shall be redeemed.

Installing Commander Noah- Brother. . . . , I now acknowledge you as a duly obligated Commander N. in the degree of Royal Ark Mariner, and shall proceed to instruct you in the secrets thereof.

The Sign is given thus: Hands elevated above head, fingers and hands meeting, thus forming a complete rainbow.

The Grip is thus: Clasp hands as in the elevation of a Candidate; release them; point down then up with the index finger, indicating that the Antediluvians slipped their hold, yet Noah, by faith in the Great Commander of the Universe, was preserved from the overwhelming waters.

The Password is: Apo Bateria. Place of Descent.

The Word is: *Ararat. Holy Ground*

I now invest you with the badge of an Installed Commander Noah, and with the Collar and Jewel of your office, and place you in the Chair of this Lodge, and may the Most High endow you with wisdom to discharge the duties of your office aright.

LECTURE

We read in the Volume of Sacred Law that God commanded Noah to make an Ark of gopher wood, instructing him how to fashion it. Noah took 100 years to build it. He was 500 years old when he commenced the work, and consequently was 600 years old when it was finished. When he entered into the Ark he took with him his wife, his three sons and their wives, and two and two of all flesh wherein is the breath of life, as God had commanded him. His father Lamech having died a short time before at the age of 777 years, there were no other ancient Patriarchs at the time of the flood with the exception of Methuselah, who attained the age of 969 years, and as no mention is made in Holy Writ of his death, he is supposed to have perished in the flood. Enoch, the son of Jared the sixth in descent from Adam, who had been instructed in the history of Mankind since the Creation, and also in the Arts and Sciences as known at that time, perceiving that that knowledge was likely to be lost in the general destruction foretold by Adam, and being desirous of preserving that knowledge for future generations, made two pillars, one of brass and the other of brick, and wrote thereon in hieroglyphics a description thereof. Tradition informs us that this knowledge thus preserved and transmitted was afterwards providentially discovered, and applied to the benefit of mankind.

Installing Commander Noah- Bro, having now been regularly installed in the Chair of Commander Noah, I now call upon you to salute him as an Installed Commander Noah.

Installing Commander Noah-) I now declare this Board of Installed Commanders Noah closed.

(knocks one.)

(The Brethren below the rank of *Commander Noah* are now admitted.)

Installing Commander Noah- I now proclaim Brother. . . . duly installed as *Worshipful Commander Noah Elect* of this Royal Ark Mariner Lodge held within the Council, No. . . . on the roll of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America

Other Office-Bearers installed and invested.

The Lodge is thereafter closed.

Ritual No.3

Regalia Annex Addition

June 2001

- 1. Past / Commander Noah, Apron & Breast Jewel (PCN)**
- 2. Installed / Past Master St. Lawrence the Mrtyr (PMStLMtr)**
- 3. Past / Supreme Ruler Order Secret Monitor Neck Jewel & Sash (PSR)**
- 4. Past / Sovereign Master AMD, Apron & Neck Jewel (PSM)**
- 5. Past / Sovereign Master AMD wearing the Entitlements of his Office**
 - **PSM Apron & Neck Jewel**
 - **PSR Neck Jewel**
 - **PCN Breast Jewel (Scottish Version)**
 - **PMStLMtr Breast Jewel (French Version)**
- 6. Sash Enlargement: Supreme Ruler Order Secret Monitor**



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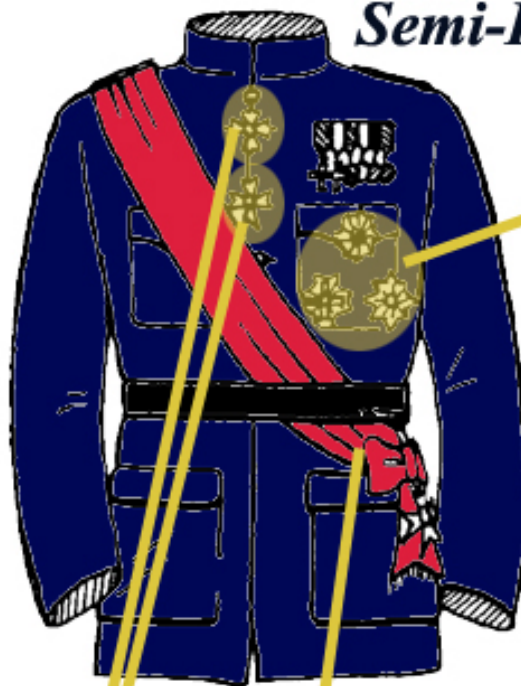


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Semi-Formal



Star of Orders (Max of 3)

- 1 - Directly over Heart
- 2- Sr. Order Top, Lower Order Directly Below
- 3- Star in Triangle formation (shown) Sr Order Top

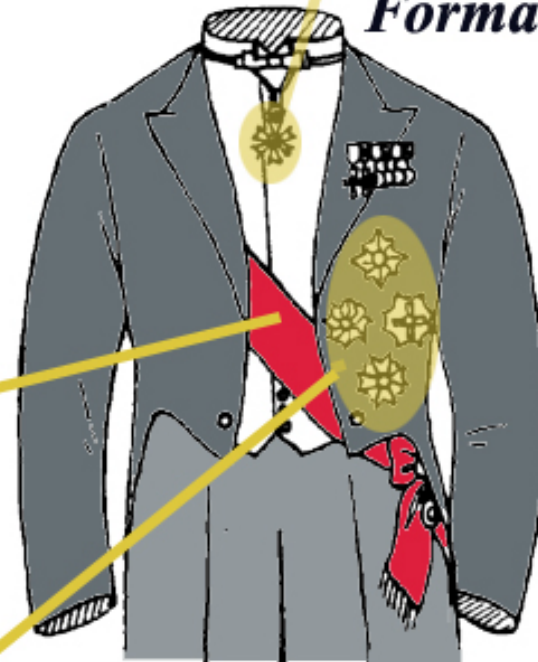
Highest Order / Award Neck Jewel

Highest Order / Award Neck Jewels

(Max of 3 Depending on Coat)

Highest Order/Award Recieved -Sash

Formal



Star of Orders (Max of 4)

- 1 - Directly over Heart
- 2- Sr. Order Top, Lower Order Directly Below
- 3- Star in Triangle formation Sr Order Top
- 4- Diamond formation Lowest Order Bottom

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