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INTRODUCTORY,

At the annual session of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, held in the city of New York, September, 1877, Illustrious Charles T. McClenachan, presented manuscript copies of the Forms and Ceremonials contained in this volume, of which he was the author and compiler, and the same were accepted by the Supreme Council. The MSS. was referred to the Committee on Rituals, with instructions to revise, print, and distribute the same at least thirty days prior to the next annual session of the Supreme Council, at Milwaukee in September, 1878

The following volume is a faithful production in print of the manuscript as submitted by Ill. C. T. McClenachan. The Committee have not ventured to make any alteration whatever, except changing in one instance, the order in which these forms are named in the proceedings of the Supreme Council, (page 52, 1877,) and the printing of No. 2, "Ceremonial preceding Installation of Lodge of Perfection," in a separate pamphlet, which for obvious reasons the Committee thought proper.

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For the Com on Rituals.

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INAUGURATION AND CONSTITUTION

— OF A —

Lodge of Perfection

INTRODUCTORY.

THE Lodge room is arranged as for a ceremony of reception; the interlaced triangle over the throne is not lighted, and the pedestal is covered. In front of the East, seats are placed sufficient to accommodate the officers of a Consistory, and not less than twelve in number.

The Ceremonies herein arranged are for Inauguration by the officers of a Consistory. The symbolic lights are arranged, but not lighted. The Altar of Incense prepared, but not lighted, stands between the Altar of Obligation and the East. The Brazen Laver with water and a bunch of Hyssop is in the West between the Altar of Obligation and the West. Five Prince of Jer.: sashes and aprons for G.: M.: of Cer., and four Chief officers of the Lodge, must be in readiness.

Three vessels of gold—one containing wheat, another wine, and another oil—should be placed on the Altar of Incense.

CEREMONY.

The Lodge under Dispensation will open a Communication in ample form.

The Gr. Capt, of the Guard will form the Consistory in a procession in an adjoining apartment, in the following order:

Grand Tyler.

Gr. Master of Cer.	Gr. Hospitaller.
Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Sec'y. and K. of the Seals.
Gr. Minister of State.	Gr. Chancellor.
2d. Lieut. Com.	1st. Lieut. Com.

Grand Standard Bearer.

Com. -in-Chief.

Ill. Com. -in-Chief.— Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, please inform the Thrice Potent Grand Master of the Lodge that we are ready to proceed with the ceremony of Inauguration.

Gr. M. of C.— (*Knocks at the door* 3, 5, 7, 9.)

C. of G.— (*From within* 3, 5, 7, 9.) Thrice Potent Grand Master, there is an alarm at the door.

T. P. G. M.— Ascertain the cause of that alarm, brother Captain of the Guard.

C. of G.— (*1, Opens the door.*) What is the cause of this alarm?

G. M. of C.— It is the Grand Master of Ceremonies of _____ Consistory in and for _____, who requests admittance for the purpose of communicating the orders of the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, to the Thrice Potent Grand Master, Officers, and Members of _____ Lodge of Perfection, No.—

(*C. of G. closes the door.*)

C. of G.— Thrice Potent Grand Master, it is etc., etc.

T. P. G. M.— (*3, All rise*) Brother Captain of the Guard, admit the Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Consistory,

subsequent to the Brethren being placed in position. (*C. of the G. opens door, G. M. of C. enters, approaches the Altar, comes to a salute.*)

G. M. of C.— Thrice Potent Grand Master, Officers, and Members of _____ Lodge of Perfection, No.—, I am directed by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory to inform you that he is now ready to proceed with the ceremony of Inauguration and Constitution of your Lodge.

T. P. G. M.— Illustrious Brother, be pleased to convey to the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief assurances of our profound regard, and inform him that we are ready to obey any orders he may be pleased to transmit to us. (*G. M. of C. salutes, retires, and when in position.*)

G. M. of C.— Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the Thrice Potent Grand Master of _____ Lodge of Perfection, No.—, is pleased to convey to you the assurances of his profound regard, and requests me to say that he is ready to obey any order you may be pleased to transmit to him.

Ill. Com. -in-Chief.— Illustrious Brethren, the Thrice Potent Grand Master is prepared to receive us; let us proceed to perform the duty for which we are assembled.

G. C. of G.— Forward, Illustrious Brethren. (*The procession moves to the door, and the Gr. M. of C. 3, 5, 7, 9.*)

C. of G.— (*From within, 3, 5, 7, 9.*) Thrice Potent Grand Master, there is an alarm at the entrance.

T. P. G. M.— Ascertain the cause of this alarm, brother Captain of the Guard.

C. of G.— (*1, opens the door.*) What is the cause of this alarm?

Gr. M. of C.— It is the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Members of the Consistory.

C. of G.— (*Close the door.*) Thrice Potent Grand Master, it is etc., etc.

T. P. G. M.— Captain of the Guard, you will form the Arch of Steel. Brother Captain of the Guard, let the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Officers, and Members of the Consistory be admitted.

(*The procession enters, and is received with Grand Honors, passes*

under the Arch of Steel, and proceeds to the Altar. It then halts, opens ranks, and the Ill. Com. in-Chief, with the S. Bearer and C. of G. on his right and left, followed by the other Officers, proceed to the Altar and halt.)

T. P. G. M.—Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, in the name of this Lodge of Perfection, I welcome you and those who attend you among us, more especially as you bring Letters of Constitution from the Supreme Council, authorizing us to continue our labors as a Lodge of Perfection, and at the same time to inaugurate and install its officers, whose zeal for the interest of the order has gained us that favor.

Ill. Com. in-Chief.—Thrice Potent Grand Master, permit me to return thanks for this fraternal reception, the Supreme Council knowing your zeal and devotion for our Ancient and Accepted Rite have favorably considered your request and have caused Letters of Constitution to issue, empowering you to assemble as a legal Lodge, and to discharge the duties of our Rite in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the order and the regulations of the Supreme Council, and we now propose to inaugurate your Lodge and to install its officers.

(The T. P. G. M. descends from the throne, presents the Ill. Com. in-Chief with the gavel, conducts him to the East, and stands on his left.)

Ill. C. in-C.—The officers of the Consistory will approach the east and be seated. Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will now conduct to their appropriate stations in the Lodge, the officers of the Consistory, and let the officers of the Lodge (commencing with the Captain of the Guard), yield up their stations respectively, and place their regalia upon the Altar of Incense; after which you will conduct them to their seats in front of the east, vacated by their superior officers.

(The G. M. of Cer. now conducts each officer of the Consistory—commencing with the G. C. of G.—to his relative station in the Lodge; and the officer yielding his station, to the Altar, where he deposits his regalia, and then to the vacant seat in front of the throne; the seat in the center being left vacant for the T. P. G. M. of the Lodge.)

Ill. C. in-C.—Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies,

conduct now the Thrice Potent Grand Master (after he shall have laid aside his regalia) to his proper seat among his officers.

Ill. C. in-Chief.—Illustrious Grand Chancellor, you will now read the Letters of Constitution. (*G. Chan. reads.*)

Ill. C. in-Chief.—Perfect and Sublime Brethren of _____ Lodge of Perfection, No.—, you have heard read your Letters of Constitution; do you accept them, and do you now desire that your Lodge shall be inaugurated?

Omnes.—We do.

ADDRESS.

Ill. Com. in-Chief.—Perfect and Sublime Brethren, the step which you now take is a serious and important one; heretofore you were only temporarily organized, but when you shall have been inaugurated and installed under these Letters of Constitution, you become a permanent body; and if you should so conduct yourselves as to cause them to be taken away, you will incur great reproach, and prove yourselves unworthy Masons. It will become the duty of each and every member of the Lodge to labor unceasingly for its success.

The work of the Lodge must not be confined to the mere ceremony of opening and closing and conferring of degrees, but should be devoted to mutual instruction, to the cultivation of the social feelings, and of brotherly kindness, and to the practice of earnest beneficence and charity.

Morally, the work of a Lodge of Perfection extends far beyond mutual relief and assistance; the field of its exertion is not included within the four walls of a Lodge, nor limited by the circle of the brethren; it is society, the country, the world.

Intellectually, its work is not confined to dry and lifeless formulas or trivial interpretation, but includes the profoundest philosophical instruction in regard to the great mysteries of God and nature.

If these, my brethren, are your views of the works and purposes of Masonry, kneel with us, and let us beseech our Father who is in Heaven, to prosper this work and bless all our labors with success.

(The triple triangle, and the lights east, west and north remain extinguished. All kneel and the following prayer is recited.)

PRAYER.

Great Architect of the Universe, Creator and Preserver of the world, teach us our duties as Masons and as men! Incline our hearts and strengthen our hands to perform them, and make our work, faithfully done, effectual to the benefit of our order, of society, of our country, and of universal humanity.

Give us wisdom to judge what is proper and becoming for us to do, and may this Lodge which we are now about to inaugurate and consecrate, be and continue an active and efficient instrument in relieving human suffering, dispelling ignorance, eradicating error, and promoting the happiness of men. Amen!

Omnes. So mote it be.

(All rise and are seated.)

Ill. C. in-Chief.—Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will cause the members of the Lodge of Perfection to assemble round the Altar of Incense to take the oath of fealty and allegiance.

(The members assemble in due form.)

Ill. C. in-Chief.—(3, all rise.

He descends from the throne, passes inside the triangle to the Altar, lights the Incense, and says:)

Brethren of the Lodge of Perfection will now kneel on the right knee and repeat after me the vow of *Fealty* and *Allegiance*.

VOW.

In the presence of our Heavenly Father, by this holy Altar erected to him, by the Incense which now ascends therefrom, in token of our Gratitude and adoration, and calling on these Illustrious Brethren now present as witnesses, I do solemnly vow to be faithful and loyal to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, to ever maintain its honor and independence, support its regular and constituted authorities, and zealously endeavor to propagate its principles, enlarge its borders, and increase its influence.

That I will be loyal and faithful to my country, and its government and laws, and to the great cause of oppressed and suffering humanity.

That I will labor to disseminate truth and knowledge among men, to eradicate error and dispel ignorance, and to make Masonry efficient to enlighten and enfranchise men.

That I will be loyal and faithful and bear true fealty and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Mas. Jurisdiction of the United States of America; and that this day shall crown my alliance.

That I will hold no Masonic communication whatever, as a Mason of said Rite, with any Masonic body or Mason pretending to be subject to any Masonic authority of said Rite in said jurisdiction, other than said Supreme Council, of which the Illustrious Brother _____ is now the Sovereign Grand Commander. So help me God. (1)

Ill. C. in-Chief.—Rise, my brethren, and form in a semi-circle on the west of the Altar.

Illustrious Brethren, officers and members of the Consistory, advance and form a semi-circle on the east of the Altar. Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer, advance the Banner of the Order to the Altar.

(G. S. B. advances.)

Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, bring hither the bread and wine.

My Brethren: I eat of this bread and drink of this wine in solemn pledge of good faith and brotherhood, and should I ever desert a worthy brother in his need, prove disloyal to the Banner of the Order, or allow it by my treachery to come to dishonor, may I be so despised that my brethren in the wide world shall hold it a disgrace to eat or drink with me, and even the beggar and the leper shun me as dishonored.

(Each Brother as he partakes says:)

I do so eat and drink.

Ill. C. in-C.—Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, bring forth the Wheat, the Wine, and the Oil.

(G. M. of C. hands the Golden Vessel containing Wheat to the Ill. C. in-C.; the vessel containing Wine to the First Lieut.; and the vessel containing Oil to the Second Lieut.)

Ill. C. in-C. goes to the East.

First Lieut. to the West.

Second Lieut. to the South.)

Second Lieut.—(sprinkling OIL upon the floor.) In the name of our Father which art in Heaven I consecrate this Lodge of Perfection to peace, harmony and union; may it ever pour oil on the waters of strife, and persuade men no longer to hate their brethren.

First Lieut.—(sprinkling WINE upon the floor.) In the name of the order of Free Masonry and of our Ancient Accepted Rite, I consecrate this Lodge of Perfection to charity, beneficence, and good deeds; may it ever labor to assist the needy, console the suffering, and cheer with the wine of contentment the disconsolate.

Ill. C. in-C.—(sprinkling WHEAT upon the floor.) In the name of the Ancient Accepted Rite of Free Masonry, I consecrate this Lodge of Perfection to truth and the diffusion of knowledge among men; may it ever labor unweariedly in the great cause, and may every seed it sows generate like the wheat, and produce fruit in one season.

*Ill. C. in-C.—*The Lodge is dark, my brethren, like the world before Masonry arose; let it be lighted by the sacred numbers.

(C. of G. lights the three lights in the North.)

*Ill. C. in-Chief.—*Join me, my brethren, by the sacred number 3.

Omnes.—(Battery ! ! !

Second Lieut. in the South lights the five lights in front of him.)

*Ill. Com. in-C.—*Join me, my brethren, by the sacred number 5.

Omnes.—(Battery

First Lieut. in the West lights the seven lights in front of him.)

*Ill. C. in-C.—*Join me, my brethren, by the sacred number 7.

Omnes.—(Battery

M. of C. lights the nine lights in the East.)

*Ill. C. in C.—*Join me, my brethren, by three times three.

Omnes.—(Battery . . . — . . . — . . .

Ill. Com. in-Chief now leaves the throne, goes to the pedestal, and uncovering it, says :)

*Ill. C. in-C.—*My brethren, the one great Light of Masonry is still wanting in your Lodge. Let the Holy and Ineffable Name appear and shine.

(G. M. of C. lights the triple triangle.)

The one great Light, the great Ineffable Name of God shines in the East of this Lodge, and completes the sacred numbers. Let us adore the Deity and worship in silence.

(Three signs of Profecion.)

ODE.

When darkness brooded o'er the deep,
When Nature lay enchained — asleep,
Or in sad silence roll'd,
'Twas by the *Word* the day-star glowed,
And light and life together flowed,
Upon the blushing world.

CHORUS.

All living struck their untuned lays,
And echo first awoke in praise.

Ere the great Architect on high,
Had fix'd in radiant Masonry,
The Iris Arch so bright;
Our craft by wise mysterious laws,
Had passed the word — had sealed the cause
Which Masons still unite.

CHORUS.

While the broad Earth shall eastward turn,
Our Lamp of Truth shall lambent burn.

As that bright Arch still glads our eyes,
And decorates the scowling skies,
The pledge of Heaven to earth,

So may our Temple rise to bless
The Widow and the Fatherless,
And shelter wand'ring worth.

CHORUS.

As Hagar's prayer was heard on high,
The exile here shall cease to sigh.

Wine, Corn and Oil, we've pour'd before
The Mason's hope — the tassel'd floor;
Let brethren breathe — Amen!
Meek Charity attends with Love;
While Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, prove
The Pillars of our Fane.

CHORUS.

Bless thou the work, our Master dread,
Who hath the Earth's foundations laid.
(Ill. Com. in-Chief then makes the following.)

PROCLAMATION.

To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the name and under the auspices of the Sup. Council of Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl. of the 33d and last degree for the North. Mas. Jur. of the U. S. A. ———, and by virtue of the powers in me vested as (position of installing officer,) I do constitute and form these brethren into a regular Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient Accepted Rite, to be known and distinguished as ——— Lodge of Perfection, No.—.

I do hereby empower it, henceforward, to meet as a regular Lodge of Perfection, duly constituted and inaugurated in conformity to the laws and usages of the Ancient Accepted Rite. And may the Great Architect of the Universe prosper, direct, and counsel it in all its doings. AMEN!

Omnes. — So mote it be!

Ill. Com. in-Chief. — (1 — All are seated.)

INSTALLATION.

— OF —

OFFICERS OF A LODGE OF PERFECTION.

INTRODUCTORY.

A LODGE of Perfection is opened in either full or ample form.

The following eight officers of a Consistory are desirable for conducting the Ceremony.

Com. in-Chief.

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| First Lieut. Com. | Second Lieut. Com. |
| Minister of State. | Grand Chancellor. |
| Grand Treasurer. | Grand Secretary. |
| G. Master of Cer. | |

The Com. in-Chief will be seated on the Throne, the other members or officers of the Consistory will be seated in the form of an arc west of the Altar, facing the East, as designated in the accompanying plan.

All the officers of a Lodge of Perfection are elective. (Const. 1877, Art. 56.)

The officers-elect will be seated together on the north and south sides of the Hall, equally divided.

The Symbolic Lights will be turned down.

C. of Guards and Guards in uniform at the entrance.

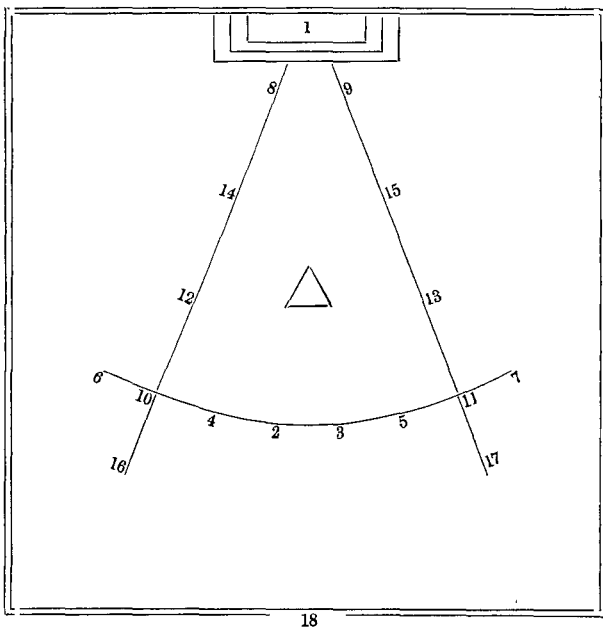
OFFICERS AND THEIR STATIONS.

The Officers of a Lodge of Perfection, as they are installed, will be conducted by the G. Master of Ceremonies, when instructed so to do, to their several stations as designated in the following figure by numbers, as are those of the consistory:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2. First Lieut. Com.: | 3. Second Lieut. Com.: |
| 4. Min. of State. | 5. Grand Chancellor. |
| 6. Grand Treasurer. | 7. Grand Secretary. |
| 8. Deputy G. Master. | 9. T. Potent G. Master. |
| 10. V. Sen. G. Warden, | 11. V. Jun. G. Warden. |
| 12. Grand Mast. of Cer.: | 13. Grand Orator. |
| 14. Grand Treasurer. | 15. Grand Secretary. |
| 16. Grand Hospitaller. | 17. G. Cap. of Guard. |
| | 18. Grand Tyler. |

Seats will be stationed for the above Officers as represented in

THE PLAN.



CEREMONIAL OF INSTALLATION.

(The officers of the Consistory in proper regalia, jewels, etc., will take their seats as represented in the plan. Officers-elect north and south arise.)

Com.:-in-Chief.—Brethren of ——— Lodge of Perfection, these are the officers whom you have elected. Look upon them; and do you, Ill. Brethren, Officers of the Consistory, the same; and if any one present has an objection to offer why any one of them shall not be installed, let him now prefer it, or else forever after hold his peace.

(Objections under the Constitution only can be entertained)

Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, present the Thrice Potent Grand Master-elect in the East, near the Altar of Obligation.

My Brother, your brethren have been pleased to elect you to the office of Thrice Potent Grand Master of ——— Lodge of Perfection. Before your investiture it is necessary you should signify your assent to the Ancient Charges and Regulations which define the duty of a G. Master of a Lodge of Perfection. Listen, therefore, and respond.

First.—You agree to be impartial and upright, and to obey, in every point, the moral laws of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and not to engage in any plot or conspiracy against government; but to submit peacefully to the will of the majority; and to act with honor and generosity toward all men.

Second.—You agree to hold in veneration the ancient landmarks and great principles of our Order; to respect and obey the authorities of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the decision and awards of your brethren in any case where the constitution or principles of the Order require it.

Third.—You promise to avoid disputes and quarrels; to be modest in your behavior and carriage; courteous to all men, and faithful to your Lodge and brethren; and careful to refrain from intemperance and excess.

Fourth.—You promise hospitably to treat and courteously to

receive all brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all who seek to disturb the peace and harmony of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Fifth.—You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the essential and fundamental principles of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Sixth.—You promise to attend regularly the Meetings of your Lodge, and to instruct and counsel the brethren; that you will faithfully and punctually perform all your duties as Grand Master while serving as such, and that you will never open or close your Lodge without giving a lecture, or, some portion thereof, for the instruction of the brethren.

Seventh.—You admit that no new Lodge of Perfection can be formed without permission of the Supreme Council, and that no countenance should be given to an irregular Lodge, or to any person initiated therein.

Eighth.—You admit that no person can be regularly allowed to receive any degree in a Lodge of Perfection, or admitted a member of the same, without previous notice and due inquiry into his character, nor unless he be a Master Mason in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Ninth.—You agree that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination and proof of his title to be so received, unless he is personally known as a Grand Elect, Perfect, and Sublime Master Mason, to some member of your Body.

These are the regulations of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Do you submit to them, and promise to support the same, as Ineffable Masons have done in all ages before you?

T. P. G. M.—I do.

CHARGE.

III. Com.-in-Chief.—My Brother, your ready assent to the charges and regulations of the Order justify the confidence which your brethren have reposed in you, and authorizes me to proceed

with your installation. You cannot have advanced to the degree which you have obtained in our Rite without becoming acquainted with the requisites necessary to constitute an efficient Master of a Lodge of Perfection, with the duties that devolve upon the position, and of the serious responsibility which he incurs.

The honor, reputation, and usefulness of your Lodge will chiefly depend upon the mode in which you discharge the duties of your office. If you should be satisfied with merely knowing by rote the formulas, the phrases, and ceremonies of the work, and with that, you may maintain good order and conduct the work with regularity, but you will soon observe zeal overcome by indifference, punctuality by inattention, interest by lassitude, and activity by stagnant immobility.

You cannot satisfy your promise—never to open and close your Lodge without giving a lecture, or some portion thereof, for the instruction of the brethren—by asking a few trivial questions of routine. It would be absurd to require of you to take a solemn obligation to do that; and a sad matter if Masonry would so cheapen its oaths.

Whenever your Lodge is closed, and an evening has passed away without your having given the brethren some new and useful information, you will have failed in your duty.

Think not that the field of Masonic learning has been so often reaped and gleaned that there is nothing left for you to gather. Its history has never yet been written. Its symbols are only in part understood. Its philosophy is a vast region almost wholly unexplored. You are to arouse the indolent, encourage the desponding, and incite the unreflecting brethren to do something, the influences whereof shall be felt beyond the limits of the Lodge, something for society, something for humanity. Admonish them of the duty that rests upon them; so to act and behave as to bring no discredit or reproach upon the Rite. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge the duties taught in it, and by their forbearance, frankness, discretion, equity, and profound regard for truth and honor, to convince all who know them of the excellence of our Institution.

I hope your example will remain as the best and brightest of lessons for your successors, to show them in what way to walk, and how to act; to deserve well of the Order, to be entitled to its gratitude, and to win for themselves honor and reputation.

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the T. P. Grand Master to his station in front of the Throne, at my left hand and then present the Deputy Grand Master-elect

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY G. MASTER.

My Brother, your Brethren have been pleased to elect you Deputy G. Master of this Lodge of Perfection, to take the place of the Thrice Potent in case of his absence. The duties, which in that case you are to perform, are known to you, and need not be repeated.

When he is present you are to assist him with your counsel and advice in maintaining the dignity and authority of his office, and the peace and harmony of the Lodge, and perform such other duties as are laid down in the ritual. I congratulate you on being thought worthy by your brethren of this honorable position, and earnestly hope that you may give them no reason to regret the choice they have made.

Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Deputy G. Master to his station in front of the Throne at my right hand, and then present the Senior Grand Warden-elect.

CHARGE TO THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

My Brother, your Brethren have been pleased to elect you Senior Grand Warden of this Lodge of Perfection. In the absence of the Thrice Potent and his Deputy, you are to govern the Lodge and perform the duties of his office; and in that case you are bound by all the pledges and promises he has made, and you will consider all that has been said to him as addressed equally to you. When he is present you are to assist him and second all his efforts. Your acquaintance with the history, symbols, and philosophy of our Rite, should be as extensive as his, therefore you should prepare yourself

as never to be taken unawares when called to the performance of any duty.

I firmly rely on your knowledge, your zeal for the Order, and your attachment for your Lodge, for the faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust.

Ill. Brother Gr. Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Sen. Grand Warden to his station in the West toward the North, and then present the Junior Gr. Warden elect.

CHARGE TO THE JUNIOR GR. WARDEN.

My Brother, you have been elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden of this Lodge of Perfection.

You may be called upon to fill the place of the Senior Grand Warden, or even that of the Grand Master or his Deputy, and in such case the promises they have respectively made, become yours. You should therefore be as fully instructed, and your office demands of you the same diligent study and thoughtful care.

Your regular and punctual attendance is required by our laws, and it is expected you will faithfully discharge the duties attached to that responsible office. Ill. Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Jun. G. Warden to his station in the West toward the South, and then present the Grand Orator elect.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND ORATOR.

My Brother, you have been elected Gr. Orator of this Lodge of Perfection. It will be your duty to pronounce a discourse to the Neophyte at every reception and to the Lodge if required. It may also of right call upon you to read an essay or lecture upon the history, philosophy, doctrine, or symbolism of the Rite. It is therefore indispensable that you should make yourself familiar with those subjects, so that you may be able to instruct and enlighten the brethren. Trust that the duties of your office will be so performed that your

name will be hereafter identified with the prosperity of the Lodge and mentioned with honor and respect by all who love our Order.

Ill. : Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Grand Orator to his station in the South and then present the Grand Treasurer-elect.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

My Brother, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Lodge of Perfection. It is your duty to receive all moneys from the Secretary, make due entry of the same, and pay them out on the order of the Lodge, rendering account thereof at the proper season. These duties are responsible and important, and your faithful performance of them will entitle you to the good opinion and gratitude of your brethren.

Ill. : Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Grand Treasurer to his station in the North, and then present the Grand Secretary-elect.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

My Brother, you have been elected Grand Secretary of this Lodge of Perfection. It is your duty to record the proceedings of the Lodge, to receive all moneys due the same, and to pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

I earnestly hope that you will so perform its duties as to merit the esteem and applause of your brethren.

Ill. : Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Grand Secretary to his station in the South, and then present the Grand Master of Ceremonies-elect.

CHARGE to the GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

My Brother, you have been elected Grand Master of Ceremonies of this Lodge of Perfection. It will be your duty to examine, prepare, introduce, and accompany all candidates; to arrange all processions and act as Marshal thereof.

I trust you will perform them to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Master and the Lodge.

Ill. : Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Grand Master of Cer. : to his station in the North, and then present the Captain of the Guard-elect.

CHARGE TO THE G. : CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

My Brother, you have been elected Grand Captain of the Guard of this Lodge of Perfection. You are to guard well the entrance of the same, to cause all summons to be served, and to obey such orders of the Grand Master as he may communicate to you; and I do not doubt but that you will perform your duties faithfully, and keep due watch over the entrance into the Sanctuary.

Ill. : Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the G. : Capt. of the Guard to his station in the South-west, and then present the Grand Hospitaler-elect.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND HOSPITALER.

My Brother, you have been elected Grand Hospitaler of this Lodge of Perfection. It is our earnest wish that you may so administer the affairs of your office, that when you lay it down, the exchequer of the Lodge may overflow with the thanks of the widows and the gratitude of orphans.

Ill. : Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, conduct the Grand Hospitaller to his station in the North-west, and then present the Grand Tyler.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TYLER.

My Brother, you have been elected Grand Tyler of this Lodge of Perfection. Receive this sword, and after you shall have taken the oath of office, you will repair to your station and guard well the approach to the entrance to the Lodge, that no cowan overhear us, and no imposter intrude himself among us.

Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will now place the officers of the Lodge of Perfection at the Altar, in due form to take the oath of office.

(G. : M. : of C. : places them in a semi-circle, facing the East Master in the center.)

Ill. : C. :-in-Chief.—(I I I I)—Attention, Brethren of the Consistory and Lodge, and witness the oath of office.

OATH.

You and each of you do, in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe, and with these brethren as witnesses, solemnly and sincerely swear, that you will support the Constitutions, Regulations, Statutes, and Institutes of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Statutes of the Supreme Council, as the fundamental law of said Rite. That you will faithfully and impartially perform each, to the best and utmost of his skill and ability, the duties of the office to which he has been elected in this Lodge of Perfection. So help you God.

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Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will now invest the officers of the Lodge with their appropriate regalia and conduct

them (except the Thrice Potent Grand Master,) to their stations, commencing with the Grand Tyler.

(The officers being so placed,)

Thrice Potent, your officers are at their respective stations and nothing remains but for you to assume yours, be pleased to do so.

I present to you, my Brother, the *Jewel* of your Station, and call your attention to the position of your Officers in conjunction with the Officers of the Consistory, with the Holy Lights in the center.

The *Crown* upon your Jewel is the symbol of the Royal Origin of these degrees, hence the authority you hold, and the Supreme power to inaugurate and install. The *Compasses* extended to Ninety degrees, denotes the extensive knowledge of the Officers to instruct the G. Elect. The *Sun*, representing the Great Lights, that our actions should be open as the full blaze of the great luminary, and our Charity as diffusive as its rays.

This jewel should make you attentive to your duties and cause you to walk so as to adorn your station,

Keep within your own breast, as did Solomon, that Science, Honor, and Virtue made companionship with Kings, while the Egyptian King forgot not that Intellect and Learning were the great Kings of Thought.

Receive, my Brother, the *warrant* of your Lodge. May this body continue and prosper, and may its name be ever honored among men.

Receive now this *Scepter*, symbol of authority, in order that you may assume the government of your Lodge, and rule it with urbanity, impartiality, and firmness.

ANOINTMENT.

Com. :-in-Chief—Kneel, T. : P. : G. : Master.

The Com. :-in-Chief, taking a small golden vessel containing perfume oil, pours a few drops upon the master's head, saying:

As Zadok the priest, and Nathan the Prophet, anointed Solomon, King over Israel, the trumpets blew.

(A few notes on the trumpets by the Heralds.)

And they cried aloud, saying, "God save King Solomon!"

(The Officers of the Consistory exclaim. "God save King Solomon!")

And then they descended toward him, and led him up, and seated him upon the Throne. "For he shall be King in my stead and I have appointed him to be Ruler over Israel and over Judah."

(As these words are repeated, the Com.:.-in-Chief descends, takes the

T.: P.: G.: Master by the hand, and conducts him to the Throne.

The Com.:.-in-Chief then standing on the lower step, makes the following

PROCLAMATION.

(I I I)

Com.:.-in-Chief.—To the glory of the G. O. A. of the Universe in the name and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33d and last degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. of America, and by virtue of the authority on me conferred, I declare and proclaim the Officers of ——— Lodge of Perfection, duly installed and prepared to enter upon their labors.

Brethren of the Consistory, unite with me in congratulating the Thrice Potent G. Master, and this Lodge.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

— OF A —

COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE Installing Officer must be of a higher Grade than the 16th, or, may be a Past G. Master of a Council. His four Companions are a Representative G. H. Priest, Senior and Junior Wardens and a G. Master of Ceremonies; also,

A Grand M. of Entrances, and four Knights of the E. or Sword, in full costume with Javelins.

Two Heralds with trumpets from which are suspended banners with the Coats of Arms of the House of Judah and Benjamin. All flourishes, alarms and Batteries are given by the Heralds.

The Battery four and one, representing Z. and his four accompanying Knights must be sustained through all Ceremonies of a Council.

ESSENTIAL PROPERTIES,

Altar; four Great Lights and Cross-swords on the Altar. Five lights or wax candles on the Altar, One Yellow on the Apex which is toward the East, and four green, two on the base and one either side of the G. Lights. Book of the Constitutions, Warrant, full set of Jewels, five P. of Jerusalem sashes of Aurora color, for the first five Officers-elect, and the Sceptered Hand of Justice, Number of Lights, eighty-five. For convenience in the following, the Title of Illustrious Commander is applied to the Installing Officer.

CEREMONY.

The Princes and those entitled to be present being convened the Installing Officer, accompanied by four Princes or those of higher rank, will present himself at the Main entrance of the Council Chamber, and there be received by a G. Master of Entrances and four Knights in full costume with javelins, who will form an escort (preceded by two Heralds in Costume) of the Installing Officer and his Companions.

The Heralds as they approach the East will separate and remain one on each side of the dais on the lower step facing the West, resting the bowl of the trumpet on the side of the Body.

The G. M. of Entrances as his Knights approach the East will open ranks and facing inwards form the Arch under which the Installing Officer and Companions pass, the Heralds giving a flourish of trumpets.

The G. M. of E. and Knights will retire to their Station at the inner entrance. The Installing Officer and one Companion who is to be the G. Master of Ceremonies will remain in the East, the other three together proceeding to the Seats of the High Priests and two Wardens.

The Heralds call to attention by one trumpet-note, when the M. of E. and his Knights proceed to examine that all present are so entitled; which having been performed he will announce from his Station in the West.

G. M. of E.—Illustrious Commander, all present are P. of Jerusalem. (G. Lights and cross-swords displayed.
(*The Heralds sound four and one.*)

MUSIC.

ANTHEM.

Go forth to the Mount, bring the Olive branch home,
And rejoice, for the day of our freedom is come!
From that time when the Moon upon Ajalon's vale,
Looking motionless down, saw the kings of the earth
In the presence of God's mighty champion grow pale,
Oh, never had Judah an hour of such mirth.

Go forth, etc.

Bring myrtle, bring palm, bring the boughs of each tree
That is worthy to wave o'er the tents of the free.
From that day when the footsteps of Israel shone
With a light not their own, through Jordan's deep tide;
Whose waters shrunk back as the Ark glided on,
Oh, never had Judah an hour of such pride!

Go forth, etc.

PRAYER.

To Thee, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,—this assemblage humbly bows, and implores thy benediction on the Services they are about to assume and the responsibilities they shall undertake in the great cause of humanity. Without Thee, without thy ruling

and directing power, granted in thy loving kindness, their efforts must be in vain. As suppliants, they approach thy throne, knowing that where even two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt be in their midst, so they now crave thy blessing upon these Brethren, and upon their humble and holy purpose.

Brethren.—So mote it be!

(*The G. . Mast. of Cer. . then advances to the center of the lower step of the platform and makes the following:*)

PROCLAMATION.

G. . M. . of Cer. .—I hereby proclaim, in the name of the Supreme Council of Sov. . G. . Inspectors General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, to the Brethren of all Grades here assembled, that the officers of ——— Council of Princes of Jerusalem of the City of ——— for the ensuing year, are now about to be inducted into Office and installed.

(*The G. . Mast. . of Cer. . then retires to the West of the Altar facing the East.*)

Inst. . Off. .—*G. . Master of Ceremonies* have you examined the Most Eq. . T. . P. . Grand Master named in the Warrant, (Grand Elect,) and can you avouch for his skill and ability, to direct the Hand of Justice in this Council?

G. . M. . of Cer. .—I have, and do avouch for him as skillful and capable of directing the works.

Inst. . Off. .—Then let the

SOVEREIGN P. . Gr. . MASTER-(ELECT)

be presented before the Altar of Obligation for installation.

G. . M. . of Cer. .—Ill. . Commander, I present the worthy and Valorous Brother ——— ——— duly elected Sov. . Prince *G. . Master of this Council of Princes of Jerusalem for installation*

I have witnessed his fervor, zeal and constancy, his good conduct and morals, and find him possessed of the requisite skill and capacity for the duties of his Station.

Inst. . Off. .—Valorous Prince, I must require your consent to the following pledges;

First.—Do you promise strictly to observe the rules enforcing discipline and good order, and to strive to lead an irreproachable life?

Second.—That you will be just and equitable in all your ministrations?

Third.—That you will put away every kind of party spirit, hatred and envy towards your brethren and never combat with them, or give to or accept a challenge from one of them?

Fourth.—That you will never swerve from, nor permit any of your brethren to swerve from or violate, the general or particular laws of Sublime, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry; and that you will never advise or direct any Brother in any thing that relates to our illustrious Order, except in conformity with said rules and with the truth?

Fifth.—That you will advocate the principles and sustain the glory of our illustrious Order in its fullest extent, whenever it becomes necessary?

Sixth.—That you will acknowledge the Authority and submit to the Ordinances and Decrees of the Supreme Council, by whom this Council in which you have been chosen to act, has been constituted?

Seventh.—Do you submit to these Charges, and promise on the faith and honor of a Knight and Prince of Masonry, to observe them?

(*The G. . Master Elect having assented.*)

Most Eq. . Prince, with the greatest pleasure, I now salute you as Sov. . P. . G. . Master of ——— Council of Princes of Jerusalem, placing the most implicit reliance in your zeal, fidelity, skill and capacity for the exalted station to which the partiality of your brethren has elevated you.

I confide to your charge the *Warrant* of this Council, also the *Book of Constitutions*, and Decrees of the Supreme Council for your guidance. You are the representative of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, an ancient member of the Craft, denominated in the old Con-

stitutions and Rituals, as the Prince and General Master Mason to the Jews. Emulate his virtues.

Receive the *Hand of Justice*, in token of that justice you and the Prince, are bound to exercise. As presiding officer of your Council the *Mallet* is also committed to your hands.

Princes, arise and let due honors be paid to your G.: Master (*All !!! —!*, *Heralds with trumpets*) the G.: Master is escorted by the G.: M.: of Cer.: under an Arch of Steel, to the East. As he ascends which the trumpets flourish. Upon greeting the Installation Officer, the G.: Master will be seated at his right,—the brethren are then seated.

Inst.: Off.: Grand Mast.: of Ceremonies, present the

GRAND HIGH PRIEST-ELECT

before the Altar.

G.: M.: of Cer.:—*Ill.:* Com.: I present the zealous and Valorous ———— duly elected G.: H.: Priest of this Council of P.: of Jerusalem, for installation.

Inst.: Off.:—It is with unfeigned pleasure, I greet one who has received that confidence of his Prince Companions as to place him where he is to become their ecclesiastical instructor and adviser.

In the remote ages of antiquity, as indeed in more modern times, learned men devoted to ecclesiastical matters, participated in the Councils of nations, and when it is considered that the ancient mysteries, now known by the name of Free Masonic, were sustained and protected by civil government, we can readily account for the religious character of the ritual that obtained in those mysteries which were indubitably improved by religious ceremonials and obligations. You, my brother are the representative of Joshua, son of Jozadak, an ancient Israelitish Pontiff of Jehovah. May the zeal, fervor, constancy, and success which characterized his labors, attend you in the discharge of your functions. Among many things it will be your duty to perform all religious solemnities in this Council and on all public occasions, when required. Receive the insignia of your office, the Crozier, and worthily preside in the absence of the Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

Your official jewel (a circle inclosing a delta,) which I now pre-

sent to you, through the Gr.: Master of Ceremonies, it is needless to remind you, symbolizes the eternity of that Deity whose we are, whom we are bound to serve.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies will conduct you to the rostrum at your station in the West; the Officer there seated yielding the same.

(The G.: M.: of Cer.: does so.)

Grand M.: of Ceremonies, present the

SENIOR G.: WARDEN-ELECT

before the Altar.

G.: M.: of C.:—*Ill.:* Commander, I present the worthy and Valorous Brother ———— duly elected Senior Grand Warden of this Council of Princes of Jerusalem for Installation.

Inst.: Off.:—My Brother, to you as a Prince well versed in the usages of Symbolic and Ineffable Masonry, your duties as First or Most Enlightened Senior Grand Warden, are well known. I doubt not your willingness and ability to discharge them with honor and fidelity. You occupy the position of Strength and Power. As Senah, a Prince of the House and Lion of Judah, receive the Pillar of Strength and protecting shield, the jewel of your office.

You will be conducted by the Grand M.: of Ceremonies, to your Station on the left of the Grand High Priest, the Officer there seated yielding the same.

(The S.: Grand Warden is so conducted.)

Grand Master of Ceremonies, present the

JUNIOR Gr.: WARDEN-ELECT

before the Altar.

G.: M.: of C.:—*Ill.:* Commander, I present the worthy and Valorous Brother ———— duly elected Junior Grand Warden of this Council of Princes of Jerusalem for installation.

Inst.: Off.:—As Second or Most Enlightened Junior G.: Warden, you are, my Brother, the assistant and supporter of your Senior. Your counsel and labors and those of your Senior, are to be used in the working and ordinary business of your Council. You represent Mordecai, Prince of Benjamin. Let me impress upon

you, in the symbolic yet glorious work of re-edification, to be the staunch coadjutor of your Senior Companion.

Accept the jewel of your office; it is a Compasses, resting on a segment of a circle, intending to ever remind you of the Measure of Eternal Peace:—and may He who stood upon the Circle of the Earth and set a Compass on the face of the deep be with thee and bless thee.

You will now be conducted by the Grand M.: of Ceremonies to your station on the right of the Grand High Priest; the Officers there seated, yielding the same.

(The Junior G.: Warden is so conducted.)

Grand Master of Ceremonies present the

G.: Secretary and Keeper of the Seals-Elect

before the Altar

G.: M.: of C.:—Ill.: Commander, I present the Valorous Prince _____ duly elected G.: Secretary and Keeper of the Seals of this Council of Princes of Jerusalem, for installation.

Inst.: Off.:—Most Valorous P.:, by virtue of your office, the duties of corresponding and recording secretary devolve upon you. You are also to receive all petitions and take charge of the seals of this Council and of its minutes of proceedings, and discharge all those duties set forth in the constitutions and laws pertaining to the Secretary as the representative of Esdras, Prince of the Law, receive the Balance in equipoise, the emblem of Justice.

The G.: M.: of C.: will conduct you to your Station in the South, on the left of the G.: Master.

(The K.: of S.: is so conducted.)

G.: M.: of C.:, present the

G.: TREASURER-ELECT

before the Altar.

G.: M.: of C.:—Ill.: Com.:, I present the Valorous P.: _____ duly elected G.: Treasurer of this Council of P.: of Jerusalem, for installation.

Inst.: Off.:—Most Valorous P.:, it is your duty to keep in trust all the funds, securities and vouchers of this Council. Our

secret treasures are also committed to your charge; as the representative of Ananias, Prince of the Temple, receive the Jewel, a Galleogram and Vase, designating the unbounded treasure for the Temple; this is the symbol of your care, in our mystic edifice.

The G.: M.: of C.: will conduct you to your station in the North, on the right of the G.: Master.

(The G.: V.: is so conducted.)

G.: M.: of C.: present the

M.: OF CER.: -ELECT

before the Altar.

G.: M.: of C.:—Ill.: Com.:, I present P.: _____ duly elected M.: of Cer.: of this Council of P.: of Jerusalem for installation.

Inst.: Off.:—Valorous P.:, it is your province to attend your associate officers in the works and labors of this Council and to perform such other services as Masonic custom has prescribed in welcoming visiting Princes, seeing they and the members of this Council, are properly clothed, the properties duly disposed and diligences conducted in their perilous travels.

As the representative of Solamiel, P.: of the workmen, I instruct you through the G.: M.: of Cer.: with the Trowel and Plumb, the proper symbol for the conductor of the works.

The G.: M.: of C.: will conduct you to your Station in the North.

(The M.: of C.: is so conducted.)

G.: M.: of C.: present the

G.: HOSPITALER-ELECT

before the Altar.

G.: M.: of C.:—Ill.: Com.:, I present P.: _____ duly elected G.: Hospitaler of this Council of P.: of Jerusalem for installation.

Inst.: Off.:—Valorous P.: It is your pleasing duty to keep watchful care over the poor of the Council and be its Almoner, dispensing charity, encouraging the disheartened, by kindness giving

strength to the weak, always mindful of the widow and the orphan and in taking charge of the voluntary contributions of your companions, expending the same under the advice and counsel of the Sov. : Master. I invest you, through the G. : M. : of Cer. : with the Caduces of Mercury, that, like him, you may be swift in emergency and potent in relief.

The G. : M. : of C. : will conduct you to your Station in the South.

(The G. : Hosp. : is so conducted.)

G. : M. : of C. : present the

G. : M. : OF ENTRANCES-ELECT

before the Altar.

G. : M. : of C. :—Ill. : Com. : I present P. : ————
duly elected G. : M. : of En. : of this Council of P. : of Jerusalem
for installation.

Inst. : Off. :— Valorous P. : your appropriate Station is near the inner door of the Council Chamber, to receive reports from the Guards without, announce all applicants for admission, and to discharge the other duties Masonic usage requires from a P. : of the Guards, whom you represent as Nehemiah. I invest you through the G. : M. : of Cer. : with the Jewel of your Office, a Spear, symbolizing you are the Guardian of Secresy. You will repair to your Station, and assume command of the Guards.

G. : M. : of C. : present the

G. : TYLER-ELECT

before the Altar.

G. : M. : of C. :—Ill. : Com. : I present P. : ————
duly elected the G. : Tyler of this Council of P. : of Jerusalem for
installation.

Inst. : Off. :— Valorous Bro. : immemorial usage has fixed your duties, which relate to the admission of members and visitors. They are well known to you. We rely upon your fidelity and discretion to discharge them properly. Receive the Flaming Sword the emblem of Vengeance, use it discreetly, but faithfully. Retire to your Station and duty.

Inst. : Off. :— The Officers of the Council will assemble about the Altar forming a Delta, the apex toward the East occupied by the Sov. : P. : Grand Master. (!!!)

The Valorous Princes of the Council will surround their Officers, forming the circle of Eternity, facing the Altar.

The Gr. : Master of Entrances will station his Knights North, South, East and West of the Valorous Princes facing outward to the points of the compass respectively.

Officers, kneel facing the East!

Valorous Princes, form the roof of Steel!

Knights, Guard!

Officers, assume your Oath, and Val. : Princes be you witnesses.

OATH.

You, and each of you, do, in the presence of the G. : Architect of the Universe, and with these brethren as witnesses, solemnly and sincerely swear, that you will support the Constitution, Institutes, Statutes, and Regulations of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Constitutions and regulations of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, as the fundamental law of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

That you will faithfully and impartially perform each to the best and utmost of his skill and ability, the duties of the Office to which he has been elected in this Council of Princes of Jerusalem. So help you God!

(Each answers, "I do.")

Knights, Recover! to posts, march!

Valorous Princes, Recover! be seated!

Officers, Arise! to your stations!

Inst. : Off. :— Ill. : G. : M. : of Ceremonies discharge your final duty.

(The M. : of C. : approaches the center of the lower step of the platform, and makes the following)

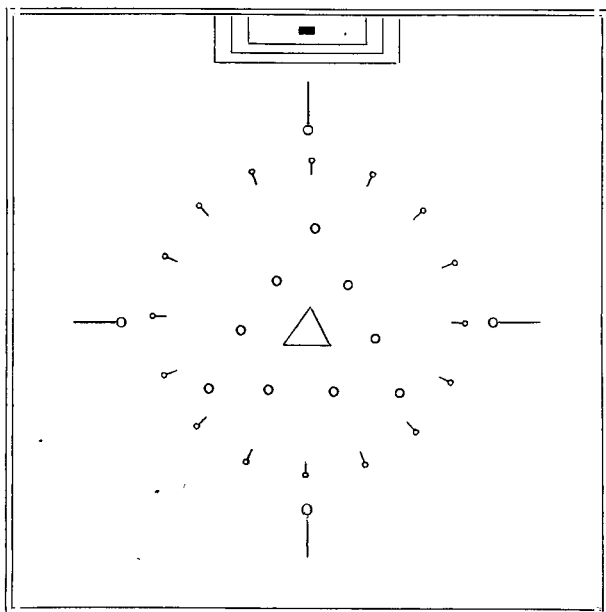
PROCLAMATION.

To the glory of the G.: A.: of the U.: in the name and under the auspices of the Sup.: Council of Sov.: G.: E. General of the 33°, and by the power in me vested as the Representative, I proclaim the Officers of _____ Council of Princes of Jerusalem of the City of _____, District of _____ to be duly installed, and the Council legally prepared to proceed with its labors.

(The Heralds sound four and one, the G.: Lights are displayed and the entrances thrown open.)

THE PLAN

WHEN TAKING THE OATH.



CONSTITUTION AND DEDICATION

— OF A —

COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE following brief Ceremony of Constitution may be public.

The Hall proper should be arranged as laid down in the succeeding Ceremony of Installation of Officers of a Council. The Princes and Brethren are convened at some appropriate place adjacent to the Council Chamber of the Princes of Jerusalem, when a procession is formed, and moves in the following order, preceded by two Heralds with trumpets and bannerets:

1. Tyler, with drawn sword.
2. Two Masters of Ceremony, with insignia, Caduces.
3. Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and M.: Masons.
4. Four Brethren, carrying the Ark of the Covenant.
5. First Light, carried by a Brother.
6. Three Master Masons.
7. Second Light, carried by a Brother.
8. Three Master Masons.

9. Third Light, carried by a Brother.
10. Three Master Masons.
11. A Key, borne by a Secret Master.
12. Seven Secret Masters, as Levites.
13. Four Perfect Masters, abreast, the first bears the Cube Stone, the fourth an Urn.
14. An Intimate Secretary.
15. Seven Provosts and Judges
16. Five Intendants of the Buildings.
17. Nine Elect of Nine.
18. Fifteen Elect of Fifteen.
19. Twelve Sublime Knights Elected.
20. Three Grand Master Architects.
21. Nine Brethren of the Royal Arch of Enoch.
22. Twenty-seven G.: E.: P.: and S.: Masons.
23. Fourth Great Light, carried by a G.: E.: P.: and S.: Mason.
24. Seven Knights of the East or Sword.
25. Five Princes of Jerusalem.
26. Brethren of Lodges of Perfection.
27. Members of Councils of P.: of Jerusalem.
28. Officers of the C.: of P.: of Jer.: to be installed.
29. Constituting and Installing Officers.
30. Dignitaries of the Supreme Council, &c.

(Banner of the Supreme Council.)

In the above order, the Heralds giving a flourish on the trumpets,—the procession arrives at the Council Hall, where the following Anthem is sung until the procession has thrice passed around the Hall.

ANTHEM.

“Let there be Light”—the Almighty spoke,
 Refulgent streams from chaos broke
 To illumine the rising Earth.

Well pleased the Great Jehovah stood,
 The Power Supreme pronounced it good,
 And gave the planets birth.
 In choral numbers Masons join
 To bless and praise this Light divine.

Parent of Light, accept our praise
 Who shed'st on us thy brightest rays,
 The Light that fills our mind.
 By choice selected, Lo! we stand
 By friendship joined a social band
 That love, that aid, mankind.
 In choral numbers Masons join
 To bless and praise this Light divine

The Brethren having halted, the Ark of the Covenant is deposited in the East between the Altar and the Throne; the four Great Lights and two swords with points toward the West are deposited upon the Altar, while the insignia, implements and symbols borne in the procession (without confusion) will be deposited upon green-covered side tables. The Altar of Incense is in the Southeast.

The Brethren, still standing, then join in singing the following brief Anthem.

ANTHEM.

To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
 All praise, all gratitude be given,
 Who deigned the human soul to raise
 By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.
 Sound aloud Jehovah's praise,
 Him the Dome, the Temple raise.

As the closing lines of the above are sung the Masters of Cer-

emonies will cause the ranks of the procession to be opened, the Constituting and Installing Officers and the Dignitaries of the Supreme Council may pass through the same to the East. The Chief Officiating Officer, called Illustrious Commander, ascending the Throne and directing the Heralds, who are stationed one on either side of the East on the lowermost step, to sound a "res."

All are then seated.

The Ill. : Commander rising will here deliver a pertinent address, in which may be judiciously embodied the following :

ADDRESS.

Ill. : Com. :— Every good, Ineffable and Sublime Mason uses, as he is solemnly bound to do, the utmost caution to prevent the secrets of this important branch of Masonry from being unlawfully obtained, and all the checks and restrictions, which wisdom and experience have suggested, are used to prevent these degrees from falling into improper hands, and being conferred without the sanction of lawful and constitutional authority.

In respect to this, as well as all other moral and social duties, Sublime Freemasonry has its rewards and punishments, its obligations and vows, as well as its fundamental laws and regulations, which every honest and true brother is willing to be governed and abide by; and neither in this regard, nor in any other, can they be broken with impunity.

The mystic mysteries of religion and science which formed the foundation upon which the superstructure of Ineffable Masonry has been erected, covered so large a field of investigation and study, and involved so many abstruse and critical points, that unless they were set forth in technical and orthodox phraseology, or at least that certain of the more abstruse portions of the Secret Directory were preserved in some character, hieroglyphic, or otherwise, their vitality and truthfulness would be destroyed, and in a few generations no trace or resemblance of their original character would remain.

Our society is maintained upon the broad principles of rendering mutual aid and of exercising mutual love and friendship, as well as to preserve our adoration of the Almighty Artist, and to improve our minds with the principles of science.

The history of Masonry, as contained in the higher degrees, gives an account of events only to be found in the archives of our sublime institution, which could not be committed to memory without constant application for a lifetime, therefore had the same course been adopted in the perpetuation of these degrees as that prescribed for the symbolic Lodge, they would long ere this have been lost to the world, and have been buried in oblivion.

But as Numa pronounced his sacred writings lifeless, so be it remembered anything which you may find indited, and without the spirit of ceremonial action, and the soul of exposition diffused through it, from the breathing, burning voice of the living man and brother, and the reciprocating thoughts and feelings of the Instructor and the Instructed, will be but an inert mass of senseless matter, and wholly unproductive of any useful or happy results and consequences.

My Brethren, we have come here to constitute and dedicate a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and to give it an abiding place in this Hall.

The culmination of the glory of Solomon, and as well that of Zerubbabel, was the gathering of his people and the final dedication of a Holy House wherein to worship Jehovah. As the long procession went by, with the dignitaries clothed in white, and the monarch himself arrayed in pontifical robes, and the royal household with embroidered mantles, and the priests bearing the Tabernacle and Ark, with the Altar of Sacrifice, the whole nation must have exulted at the consummation of what they had so long desired. The King arose from the brazen scaffold on which he was seated, and amid clouds of incense and sacrifice, assumed all the offices of the priesthood, and prostrating himself before his Invisible King, invoked His blessing upon the multitude. In a prayer the mortal monarch recognized Jehovah as the author of all good; finally, he arose from his knees and with his hands extended to Heaven, he blessed the whole congregation, saying with a loud voice, "The Lord our God be with us as He was with our fathers,

so that all the people of the earth may know that Jehovah is great and that there is no other God."

The dedication of the Temple was the completion of the gathering and the constituting of his people at one Holy place for worship.

In our humble way, our purpose is to gather our people together and constitute them in one body, as did the Sacred Rulers of the First and of the Second Temple.

To that end I have convoked you this day, to Constitute and Dedicate a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry.

(The Heralds sound the trumpets.)

(The G. M. of Cer. or Gr. Marshal will approach the East and standing on the lowest step)

PROCLAIM.

Gr. Mar.—Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! I proclaim to the Illustrious Brethren here assembled, that ——— Council of Princes of Jerusalem, to be located in ———, is now about to be Constituted and Dedicated by the sanction of the Ill. Commander

Illustrious Commander, is it your will and pleasure that the Ceremony shall now proceed?

Ill. Com.—It is. Let the Warrant of Constitution be now read.

(The Warrant is now read by the Gr. Secretary.)

(The Altar of Incense is then lighted.)

Ill. Com.—You have heard read the Warrant of Constitution; do you accept them?

G. Master Elect—We do, Illustrious Commander.

Ill. Com.—Ill. G. Mast. of Cer., you will place the Princes of the Council at the Altar in proper form for the purpose of taking the Oath of Fealty and Allegiance

Ill. Grand Standard Bearer you will advance the Banner of the Order to the Altar.

(The M. of Cer. forms the Princes, (to compose the Council,) about the Banner and Altar in the form of a triangle; the Princes kneeling on the left knee repeat the following:)

OATH OF FEALTY AND ALLEGIANCE.

In the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe, and calling upon the Illustrious Brethren present, as witnesses, I ——— as a Knight of the East and Sword, and Prince of Jerusalem do solemnly swear that I will be loyal and faithful to the Banner of the Order—will defend it and follow wherever it leads, allowing no danger to deter me therefrom.

I furthermore swear, that I will hold true allegiance to the Supreme Council of Sov. Grand Inspector General of the Thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, so long as I remain within the jurisdiction thereof, and that I will hold no Masonic communication with any person belonging to any Body claiming to be of the Rite aforesaid, within said Jurisdiction, who denies the power, authority, and legality of the said Body within the limits of its jurisdiction, as the head and chief governing Body of said Rite therefor.

And may the God of Sabaoth aid me to keep and perform the same. AMEN!

Ill. Com.—My Brethren, let us ask for Divine Grace to sustain us in this our solemn vow.

PRAYER.

Oh! Thou God of Sabaoth, who art our Guide, give us strength to keep our vows of purity and faith in sustaining our loved Order, which tends to the suppression of vice, and the magnifying of Thy virtue; teach us to know Thy existence; Permit a ray of Thy

Divine Light to fall on those who falter, and give them renewed decision and might, Thou, only God of goodness, who, with Thy clemency, bestows upon Thy children repose and truth, do now shower upon us the rich blessings of Thy grace, that we may calmly yet determinately battle for the pure, the good, and the true; and to Thee shall be all the praise and the glory. AMEN!

(The Ill. Com. gives direction to the Heralds to sound four and one, when all rise and are seated, and then succeeds the following)

HYMN.

Ill. Com..—Ill. G. Master of Ceremonies, let the Princes named in the Warrant, rise and approach the East.

(Place the S. P. G. Master in the Center, the other Officers in a semi-circle.)

PROCLAMATION OF CONSTITUTION.

Ill. Com..—In the name of the Supreme and Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, by whom Princes rule and to whom be all honor and glory, in my character, and by virtue of my prerogatives as presiding officer, representing the Supreme Council from whom the Charter or Warrant just read has emanated through its Sovereign power, I hereby constitute you, Valorous Princes, into a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, under the distinctive title of ——— for the City of ——— in the State of ———; and you henceforth have full power and authority to assemble legally, to elect and install your Officers, to elevate to the Degrees of Knights of the East or Sword, and Prince of Jerusalem, Grand, Elect, Perfect, and Sublime Freemason, lawfully and constitutionally entitled thereto, and may the blessing of Heaven be upon you.

(The Brethren give a battery of four and one with their hands, and the Heralds sound a flourish. The Ceremony of Constitution is then complete.)

CONSTITUTION AND DEDICATION

— OF A —

Rose-Croix Chapter.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE Ceremony as herein laid down is arranged to be performed by the Officers of a Consistory, exercising the delegated powers of the Supreme Council, as in the case of Constituting a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, or a Lodge of Perfection.

None other than those possessing the rank of a S. P. of the Royal Secret can officiate in the Ceremony of Constitution of a Chapter Rose-Croix.

The Ceremony under no circumstances can be performed in public.

In addition to the symbolic batteries of one for attention and order, and three for the Brethren to rise,—the battery of six and one, which is the true battery of a Rose-Croix, will be observed.

THE CHAPTER HALL, ITS DECORATIONS, ETC.

The Hall should be fitted up in a brilliant manner, the floor strewn with flowers, and the walls hung with garlands.

The Three columns with Charity, Hope, and Faith are displayed as in position for a Reception.

At the commencement of the services, the Hall must be in comparative darkness.

The Officers and Members named in the warrant, will occupy the positions usually assumed under their dispensation, wearing their collars, the black outside, and the jewels veiled.

Between the Altar and the Throne, a certain number of seats are prepared for the Most Wise and the Officers designated in the Letters Patent: The M.: Wise near the Altar facing the East, and the others on his right and left at the time designated.

The Hall will be put in order as for a reception,—the Rose-Crown in the East, as if springing from a mound of natural flowers.

The Veil of the Temple is closed until the Constitution and Dedication are announced.

In front of the Veil, on a small black covered table, is a Sword, Crown of Laurel, Hour-Glass, and Balance in equipoise.

Further in front on a small black covered Altar, are the Skull and Cross-bones,—the skull surmounted with a Crown of Thorns.

Altar of Perfumes in the South, prepared.

In the center of the Hall are Debris of Ruins, Broken Columns, etc.

On either side of the East, in front of the Veil, may be placed the banners of the Supreme Council, of the Consistory, and of the Rose-Croix, also the symbolic Eagle and Pelican; also the Ark of Covenant and the Pyramidal Cubic Stone.

The *Silver* table-furniture consisting of Silver Candlestick; Goblet containing white wine; the Waiter, sustaining two thin unbroken Loaves; two small Waiters, two Chalices; a Knife; Perfuming-pan; Frankincense Box; two small Boxes, one containing olive oil and the other white cotton, a small Trowel; also an ebony handled Baptismal Brush and Napkins. These should be on a white covered

table to the right of the M.: Wise, and on a corresponding one to the left, the Book of the Seven Seals, Compasses opened to 45 degrees, and a Naked Sword.

There should be convenient, sufficient white Wands, about five feet in length to supply each of the new members with one.

A Wreath of white and red roses should rest on a pedestal in front of the Constituting Officer; who in the following services will be designated Ill.: Commander

The Perfect Kt.: Capt.: of the Guard will assure himself, without direction, that all present are Knights Rose-Croix and the approaches to the Hall secure.

CEREMONY.

All being in readiness, the Consistory is formed in procession by the (G.: Marshal General of the Supreme Council if present, if not) G.: Master of Ceremonies in an adjoining apartment as follows:

G.: Master of Ceremonies.

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| Ill.: G.: Sentinel. | Ill.: G.: Capt. of the Guard. |
| Ill.: G.: Standard Bearer with Standard. | |
| Ill.: G.: Hospitaller. | Ill.: G.: Engineer. |
| Ill.: G.: Treasurer. | Ill.: G.: Secretary. |
| Ill.: G.: Chancellor. | Ill.: Minister of State. |
| Ill.: Second Lieut.: Com. | Ill.: First Lieut.: Com. |
| Ill.: Commander in Chief. | |

(All these will be in full regalia with Jewels. An Alarm of six and one is made at the entrance: the perfect Kt.: C.: of the G.: within says,)

C.: of G.:—M.: Wise and Perfect Master there is an alarm.

M.: W.:—Perfect Knight ascertain the cause.

C.: of G.:—M.: W.: and P.: Master, it is the Officers of the Consistory who are prepared to Constitute a Chapter Rose-Croix.

M.: W.:—Give them proper escort and throw open the portals.

(!!! Nine Perfect Knights Rose-Croix, with stars and swords will form under direction of C.: of Guard and the Arch of Steel being

formed, the portals are thrown open and the Officers of the Consistory enter under it, and approaching the East, halt facing it.)

M. W.—*Ill.* Commander-in-Chief, for myself and in behalf of the Perfect Knights here assembled, I bid you welcome and those who attend you; more especially as we are informed that you bring letters of Constitution, authorizing us to meet under formal warrant.

Ill. Com.—*Ill.* Brother, we thank you for your fraternal reception. The Supreme authority has rewarded your zeal and devotion, by empowering you to assemble as a legal Chapter, and we are commissioned to place you in formal possession; we are prepared to inaugurate a Chapter Rose-Croix.

M. W.—*Ill.* Com. in-Chief deign to accept the Throne
(The Ill. Com. and the M. W. Wise saluting each other, the former takes the East, and proceeds)

Ill. Com.—*Ill. G. Mast. of Cer.*, relieve the Officers Rose Croix, temporarily, by the Officers of the Consistory, and let the Officers so relieved be stationed on the East of the Altar in the seats provided for them, the Most Wise in the center.

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(The G. Mast. of Cer. will remove the regalia from the Officers, and place it on the Altar of Perfumes.

Pending these changes, soft voluntary music should be played.)

The *Ill.* Commander will then arise and deliver the following

ADDRESS,

Ill. Com.—The solemn Rites that are about to be performed are not unmeaning, nor are they the amusing pageant of an hour. If to any of the grades of the Ancient, Accepted Scottish Rite the veneration of age is due, it might with the greater claim be found in the Rose-Croix. If that shadow, Royalty, were to be sought for by the devotees of the great system of the Rite, it would be found in the regal succession, and the heart-felt devotion of Sir Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, who became the Royal Protector of

freedom in 1314, and proclaimed his throne to be in its succession for coming time. If grandeur of display and attraction of the physical senses are the purposes to be subserved, no where can they be found to approximate what is evidenced in the Chapter of Knights of the Eagle and Pelican. If God's great gift of purity and holiness of thought and action is the goal that is to reward piety and virtue, it will be discovered rising in glory at the Holy Altar of the Rose-Croix. If the depths of metaphysics and psychical culture are to be explored by the learned, his mental home is in the arena of the East of the Chapter Rose-Croix. If in the soul, the love of God, the Omniscient, stands forth pre-eminent, let him who would worship there, in holy adoration bow before the Throne devoted to His service erected in the Rose-Croix. Here, the Eye which seeth in secret witnesses the sincere and unaffected piety, which withdraws from the engagements of the world to silence and privacy, that it may be exercised with less interruption and less extraneous ostentation.

For the Constitution and Consecration of such a Body, have we, under the Supreme authority, assembled.

The appointed hour approaches for commemorating the re-appearance of the Blazing Star in the East, which, like a great drop of light from the full-flowing urn of Heaven, hangs tremulous; we draw near to recover the Lost Word, whereby shall be dissipated the desolation which o'erspread the Earth when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain, and thick darkness overspread the World as with a pall, when the columns of Freemasonry were overturned and cast among the ruins, when the Cubical Stone did sweat drops of blood and water, and the mystical Rose sank into the abyss of death. All shall be bright and joyful; the columns of the Rose-Croix shall be restored, the mystic-rose shall send its perfume to Heaven, and the World be restored to man.

The soul of every true Knight yearns for Heaven: it cannot, will not, be content with less than Heaven, and disclaims that there is Death, but only Life eternal for which it longs in a higher, holier, spiritual Heaven. This is one of the dogmas of the Rose-Croix. Our step is Time, our progression Eternity.

Faithful and Perfect Knights, in addition to the Letters-Patent, which will shortly be entrusted to your care, there will be com-

mitted our sacred emblems; let them not be profaned, but hold them, in your ministerial capacity, as devoted symbols with which to teach the uninitiated in our mysteries, the path to peace and truth.

Finally, my Brethren, have in holy remembrance, "The only God, who is not seated above the world, beyond the orb of the Universe, but being Himself all in all, He sees all the Beings that fill His Immensity, the only Principle, the Light of Heaven, the Father of all." These are the words and this the belief, of Pythagoras. yet be not led into the chaotic confusion of the old Philosophies.

I charge you to place your trust in Him, who is, and was, and shall be; and instruct your initiates by the Mystic Rose and Cross, the road to Eternal life, where those who believe in Him, will find "There is no Death."

(As the Ill. Commander utters the last words by a sign, the Chant will sing)

THERE IS NO DEATH.

"There is no Death." The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine for evermore.

"There is no Death" An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
And bears our best loved friends away —
And then we call them dead.

Born in that undying life,
They leave us but to come again.
With joy we welcome them — the same
Except their sin and pain.

And ever near, though yet unseen,
Their dear immortal spirits tread,
For all the boundless Universe
Is life. "There are no dead."

Ill. Com. :—(1)—Perfect Knights let us kneel for

PRAYER.

Almighty, ever-glorious and gracious Lord God, Creator of all things, and governor of everything Thou hast made, mercifully look upon Thy children, now assembled in Thy name and in Thy presence, and bless and prosper all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee. Graciously bestow upon us wisdom in all our doings; strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony and holiness in all our communications and work. Let "Charity" be the fruit of our obedience to Thy holy will, and "Hope" the foundation of our "Faith."

Oh, Thou preserver of men! graciously enable us now to consecrate this Chapter, which we are erecting to the honor and glory of Thy name, and mercifully be pleased to accept this service at our hands.

May all the proper work of our Institution, that may be done in this Chapter, be such as Thy wisdom may approve and Thy goodness prosper. And finally be graciously pleased, Oh, Thou Sovereign Architect of the Universe, to bless the Craft wheresoever dispersed, and make them true and faithful to Thee, to their neighbor, and to themselves. And when the time of our labor is drawing near to an end, and the pillar of our strength is declining to the ground, graciously enable us to pass through the shadow of death; supported by Faith, Hope and Charity, to those mansions beyond the skies, where love, and peace, and happiness forever reign before Thy Throne. AMEN!

Ill. Com. :—(1) *Ill. G.* : Secretary you will read the Letters Patent of the Supreme Council authorizing these Perfect Knights to assemble and perform the functions of a Rose-Croix Chapter.

(The Secretary reads the Warrant.)

Ill. Com. :—Most Wise, the Officers-elect and Members of _____ Sovereign Chapter of Rose-Croix about to be constituted, arise.

Do you solemnly promise and

VOW.

1. To be good and true, and strictly to observe and propagate the rational principles of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite?
2. To bear and forbear, to be just and equitable towards all men?
3. To discountenance intolerance and religious and political persecution?
4. Never to be guided by animosity, by your political or religious opinions, in all questions relating to the Members of your Chapter, or to such Brethren who may apply for initiation into the same, and to your neighbors at large?
5. To promote the general welfare of society, and to cultivate all social virtues?
6. To avoid carefully all piques and quarrels, to be cautious in your behavior, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to all your oaths and obligations which you have taken in our Rite, and to the Letters-capitular which the Supreme Council has granted to your Chapter?

(These questions being favorably answered.)

Ill. Com.—G. Master of Cer., with the assistance of the Cap. of the Guard, form the Perfect Knights named in the Letters Patent in procession with the Officers in reverse order of rank in the rear.

(This being accomplished, the G. M. of Cer. presents each one with a reed.)

Ill. Com.—Let your intercourse with man be gracious dignified by condescension, yet firm in the consciousness of rectitude; “the reed is unscathed by the tempest which rends the sturdy oak,”—so the Egyptians placed the reed, as a symbol, in the hands of their initiates to the Philosophical grades.

Let the procession move, that the new Law of Love may be in remembrance as they pass the emblems of Faith, Hope, and Charity (III)

(Thrice the procession passes around the Chapter-room; at each of the symbols, halting, bowing, and pronouncing the name of the emblem SORTO VOCE. While this movement progresses slowly, the following will be sung):

HOPE.

Father, I call on Thee!
Hourly the dangers round me are lowering.
Save me from perils too overpowering!
Ruler Almighty, I call on Thee.
Father, O shelter me!

Father, O shelter me!
Guide me in life, and guide me when dying.
Lord Thy Commandments brook no defying!
Lord, as Thou wilt, O shelter me.
Father, I worship Thee!

Father, I worship Thee!
Nothing Thy goodness in zephyr's mild waving,
As in the tempests' furious raving;
Fountain of Mercy, I worship Thee.
Father, O bless Thou me!

Father, O bless Thou me!
Into Thy keeping trust I my spirit.
Thou can'st reclaim it, for Thou did'st give it:
In life, in death, O bless Thou me.
Father, I hope in Thee!

(The Procession having halted.)

Ill. Com.—Perfect Knights face the East.

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, and in the name of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. of America: I do hereby

CONSTITUTE AND DEDICATE

This ——— Chapter of Sovereign Princes of Rose-Croix, and Knights of the Eagle and Pelican, and form them into a regular Body; and I hereby grant unto them full power and authority to

act as a regular Chapter, according to the Constitution, Statutes and Decrees of the Order, and may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless all their labors, and may Universal toleration and love dwell herein forever and ever.

(As this proclamation of Constitution is being made, the lights of the Hall should be gradually raised to complete brilliancy, the veil of the Temple slowly rent, and the glory of a grandly lighted East display the floral cross and decoration, when the Perfect Knights will thrice salute with genuflections and the sign of the "Good Shepherd." As this concludes, a voice in the extreme West will pronounce thus)

INVOCATION.

Supreme Architect of all Worlds! vouchsafe to accept our offers of praise to the glory of thy Holy Name! May the Brethren who shall have assembled, meet in unity, work in love, and part in harmony! May Fidelity keep the door, Faith prompt the duties, Hope animate the labors, and Charity diffuse the blessings of the Chapter. May wisdom and virtue distinguish our Fraternity, and Masonry become glorious in all the Earth!

AMEN!

So mote it be!

(The installation immediately proceeds as follows.)

INSTALLATION.

Ill. Com. — (1) *Ill. G.* Master of Ceremonies, station the Most Wise in the center of the Chapter, and let his Officers surround him, forming a circle.

(This being accomplished.)

(1 1 1) Perfect Knight — you are the first Chosen Leader, Most Wise and Perfect Master of — Chapter of Rose-Croix, in the presence of your surrounding Officers and Perfect Knights assume your

OATH OF OFFICE

under the sign of the "Good Shepherd."

In the presence of Almighty God our Father, and of my Brethren, I — Most Wise, of — Sovereign Chapter of Rose-Croix, do hereby solemnly vow and swear to perform, to the best of my ability, the duties imposed upon me in my aforesaid capacity, to obey and enforce the Constitutions and General Statutes of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the laws and edicts of the Supreme Council; and also the rules and regulations of this Chapter of Rose-Croix.

I furthermore solemnly vow and swear to do all in my power to maintain peace, harmony, and union among the members of this Sovereign Chapter, and to conduct the labors thereof with justice, impartiality, and forbearance. So help me God.

(The Brethren will exclaim.) HOSCHEA! HOSCHEA! HOSCHEA!

(The Ill. Com. will take the Crown of white and red roses, and stepping down and into the Circle, cause the M. Wise to kneel on one knee, and then placing the Wreath upon his head, say,

Ill. Com. — And all shall be for the Glory of God!

I crown thee with this wreath of roses, as was the Hierophant in the Ancient Mysteries; keep in remembrance the Rose it was consecrated, as an emblem of Secrecy, to Harpocrates, the God of Silence; it is also the symbol of discretion and purity: as the Cross is the emblem of Immortality and the Rose of Secrecy, combined, we translate them as the

SECRET OF IMMORTALITY.

The Rose originally was white and pure, but the bleeding feet of the Goddess of Love gave color to the flower as she trod upon the thorns, while chasing Innocence and Chastity. Arise!

Officers face the East, and under the sign of the Good Shepherd assume your

OATHS OF OFFICE.

I, — — — in the presence of Almighty God our Father, and of my Brethren, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions and General Statutes of the Ancient Accepted Scottish

Rite; the laws and edicts of the Supreme Council, and also the rules and regulations of this Chapter of Rose-Croix.

That I will faithfully, and to the best of my skill and ability, perform and discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected or appointed.

That I will use every exertion in my power to advance the interest, and increase the usefulness of this Chapter and of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. So help me God!

(*The Brethren will exclaim.*) HOSCHEA! HOSCHEA! HOSCHEA!
Ill. Com.—Officers, Knights of Rose-Croix, I trust you will find pleasure in the discharge of your several duties, and in the exercise of Charity in the broad sense of promoting the largest liberty and the happiness of your fellow-men, finding in Hope the stimulus, and in Faith the confidence, which may enable man to perform his full duty upon Earth.

Most Wise and Officers to your stations, and let the Officers of the Consistory without form yield them up

(*The Consistory Officers, respectively, as the Officers of the Chapter approach, rise and congratulate them, and surrendering the seats, locate themselves among the members. The M. Wise having assumed the chair and removed his wreath, the Ill. Com. will rise.*)

Ill. Com.—Most Wise, I finally commit to your safe keeping the Letters-Patent of Constitution, and Charge you at the proper time, with your Officers, to *light the Mystic Lights* as provided by the Ritual, letting it be followed by the Mystic Banquet. And now, may Peace and Prosperity attend you!

Brethren.—HOSCHEA! HOSCHEA! HOSCHEA!

(*The M. Wise may then proceed with the Ritualistic Ceremony of "Lighting," and then Calling to Refreshment, not-failing to say*)

M. W.—My Brethren, we may now retire; but, first, I must require your oaths not to reveal any of this day's proceedings.

(*Presents the hilt of his Sword to the G. Orator, who taking the handle says "I swear," in succession passing, the brethren all do likewise; and then as they all retire in silence, the M. Wise says,*

M. W.—P. V—m!

"ROSE MYSTICA."

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION

— OF A —

CONSISTORIAL CHAMBER

— OF —

SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

THE CONSISTORIAL CHAMBER.

THE Chamber is prepared after the manner of holding a regular business Rendezvous, with such exceptions only as are herein below mentioned.

The Officers of the Supreme Council or their representatives, ~~none~~ take part in the ceremonies.

A Square Altar will be placed in the center of the chamber, and on it a vase for burning perfumes. On this Altar there will be no light. Between it and the Throne will be placed the Altar of Obligation, on which is the Book of Constitutions. Between the Swords is a globular lamp burning pure olive oil. The Banner of the Sup. Council and that of the Consistory will be displayed in the East.

In front of the seat of the Ill. Com.-in-Chief will be five

lights, four in the form of a square, the fifth one in the centre, three on the table of the first Lieut.: Commander, and two on that of the Second Lieut.: Commander, all to be very large and long, and of yellow wax. Other lights may be used by the Secretary and Treasurer, and elsewhere in the hall, so that it shall be well lighted.

The Altars are covered with white, and hung with garlands of flowers and leaves.

Cuirasses, halberds, helmets, and pieces of Knightly armor are placed in the East.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION,

At the appointed hour the princes will seat themselves in no particular place or order.

The most Puissant Sovereign Gr.: Com. will sit in front of the table of Perfumes, and the G.: Marshal General will sit at the head of the Column of the South, before him a triangular table. The Chamber will not be lighted until after the benediction of the new fire.

Should the Officers of the Supreme Council not be present, the Sov.: G.: Com. shall appoint temporary officers, to fill the Stations, who must be armed with swords.

Sov.: G.: Com. — (*Gives the Battery of 1*). Ill.: G.: Marshal General what brings us together here?

G.: Mar.: G.: — *M.: Puis.: Sov.: G.: Commmander,* we are come hither to consecrate this Temple and to constitute and inaugurate this Consistorial Body, which the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America have authorized to be so constituted and dedicated to the God of Beneficence.

Sov.: G.: Com.: — (*Rising.*) Is it your pleasure Sublime Princes and Commanders that this Temple shall be consecrated?

Ommes. — It is.

Sov.: G.: Com.: — Sublime Princes, the world is filled with the ruins of Temples erected by the ancients to their imaginary Deities. In Egypt, India, Ethiopia, and Chaldea, the lover of antiquity and the eager student gaze enraptured on the huge remains

of mighty edifices, sorely stricken by the relentless hand of time, which, when they stood in all their splendor and glory in that East, teeming with the hosts of its mighty population, Athomon and Ammon, Brahma and Buddha, Toth and Bael were worshipped. The great cavern temple of Elephanta, Salsette, Carnac, Luxor and Thebes, still remain to astound us with their vastness. The sculptured columns of an hundred fanes builded to the Gods of Olympus, and enriched with all that was rare and wondrous in architecture, painting and statuary still remain, some standing and some fallen and broken on the classic soil of Greece. The artist is familiar with the great temples reared to the Gods in Rome; and the ruins of Etruscan sanctuaries still tempt the antiquarian.

While Hiram worshipped in the temple of Belus, builded by his ancestors in his royal city of Tyre, Solomon, whom Masonry claims for its Grand Master, erected the first Temple at Jerusalem, believing that the infinite and omnipotent God would come down and dwell therein, and utter his oracles from between the extended wings of the cherubim on the Mercy Seat, whither the Priests repaired to consult the Shekina or oracle of God.

The Mahometan rears his Mosques, the children of Israel their Synagogues, and the Christian his Church, devoted to the worship and disputes of an hundred sects. To adorn the Cathedrals of the great Catholic World, the arts contributed their most glorious works; and there the great production of the genius of an Angelo and Raphael and many other immortal painters and sculptors, yet remain unapproachable in their beauty and sublimity, to be imitated and copied, but never to be equalled.

If the shattered columns and moulding walls of Pagan Temples, the arches and vaults of Mosques, Churches and Cathedrals could speak, what lessons would they not teach to the human race! what history would they not give of the atrocities of which man is capable when enslaved by his fears of the angry and murderous Gods, changed to a wild beast by a savage fanaticism! How have the shrieks of human victims echoed within the walls of those Pagan Fanes, and the blood of human sacrifice flowed over their altars down the sides of the Pyramids of Mexico!

How often has the Mosque heard Paradise and the Houris promised as a reward for the slaughter. How often the Church

and Cathedral rung with the thunder of interdict and excommunication, and the frenzied shouts that responded to the fanatical apostles of the Crusades!

Sublime Princes, you propose to erect here a Masonic Temple and dedicate it to the God of Beneficence and Love. The cardinal principles of Free-Masonry are Charity and Toleration. According to its principles, ambition, rivalry, ill-will, and the jealousies and disputes of sects cannot cross the threshold of its sanctuaries and enter within their sacred walls.

Into this temple, my brethren, which we are now about to inaugurate, into this Consistorial Chamber of our beautiful and beloved Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, let no such unholy visitors ever intrude; let ambition and rivalries, jealousies and heart-burnings never effect an entrance within its portals! Let its sacred walls never resound with the accents of hatred, intolerance, uncharitableness! Let it be truly a temple of Peace and Concord and not of Pharisaeical self-righteousness. Let charity and loving kindness be ever enthroned between its columns and let its members, recognizing every Mason as a brother, hold out to him the hand of amity and fraternity, and practice here and everywhere, to their utmost extent, the great tolerant, generous, liberal doctrines of our Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Persuaded my brethren that these are your views and feelings, that your only desire is to advance the prosperity and fortunes of Masonry and to inform and improve yourselves, and that it is to this end you seek to establish a point of union where you may the more effectually labor for the good of the craft and art to which we are all loyal; where you may offer up your loving and grateful homage to our beneficent and infinitely loving Father who is in Heaven, I have by virtue of the power with which I am invested as the M. P. S. Sov. Gr. Com. Commander of the Supreme Council of Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen. of the thirty-third degree for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, convoked you this day in this Hall for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating the same, as the Hall and Consistorial Chamber of a Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, thirty-second grade of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of dedicating and consecrating it to the Supreme and Sovereign Author and Preserver of all things

by devoting it to virtue and good works as a house wherein lessons of Wisdom and Philosophy, Beneficence and Harmony shall ever be taught as they are ordained and prescribed by the Universal Constitutions of Free-Masonry. After which we shall proceed to inaugurate the Consistory and to invoke for it health, prosperity and continuance, and to install its officers that it may commence its labors.

Be pleased illustrious brethren, to unite with me and aid me in commencing the labor of this day.

CEREMONY.

(Soft and sweet music for awhile.)

Sov. Gr. Com.—*(draws his sword and says)* Officers come with me to the Altar of Perfumes.

(All form a circle round the Altar.)

Sov. Gr. Com.—Together Sublime Princes, draw swords, carry swords, present swords, salute, recover swords, deposit swords.

(All now lay their swords upon the Altar. Slow and plaintive music.)

Sov. Gr. Com.—My brethren, as the world is darkened with ignorance and error, and lies in the twilight of superstition and routine, so in this Temple the dim light struggles with the darkness, and does not prevail. Let us kneel here, before our Father who is in Heaven, and acknowledge our faults and errors; implore Him to give us light, a spark of that divine fire, which in his exhaustless munificence ever flows from the sun to bless the grateful earth, and which our ancient brethren imagined to be the substance of deity; that we may therewith illumine this temple, accepting it as an omen and assurance that the light of wisdom and knowledge will some day illumine the whole world, and make it a fit temple for a God of infinite love.

(All kneel on one knee, placing the left hand on the heart, and the right on the swords upon the Altar, when the Gr. Com. offers the following)

PRAYER.

Our Father who art in Heaven, the heavy shadows of barbarism yet lie gloomy and motionless on much of this fair Earth, which Thou hast made and given unto Thy children for a dwelling place, and even where the dawn of civilization has come, the mass of the people are yet in the twilight of ignorance, error, and superstition. Illumine this, our Temple, with a spark of Thy celestial fire, that this Temple, now in darkness, as a type and symbol of the moral darkness of the World. And as the shadows flee away and disappear from between our columns, when our lamps, kindled at the exhaustless fountain of light, blaze in the Masonic Temple, so may that moral darkness disappear in Thy good time, before the light of truth and knowledge. AMEN!

All.—So mote it be!

(All rise and remain standing round the Altar.)

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:—With this pure fire, kindled by the rays of the great luminary, whom so many ancient nations worshipped as God, revered in all ages as the generative agent, source of life, and type of the principle of good. I light the first star (*lighting the lamps on the altar of obligation,*) that shall henceforward shine in this Temple to dispel the darkness, symbol of truth, which it is the mission of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the duty of its ^{tu}initials to diffuse among men of truth, in which is invoked knowledge and wisdom, without which error, and superstition, and subjugation to tyrants will be eternal.

I consecrate this Temple to the dissemination of truth and knowledge in philosophy and morals among men, and may our Father who is in Heaven (*raising his arms to Heaven, in which all will imitate him*), deign to accept this homage of our hearts, and smile upon our efforts to enlighten and instruct his children, our feeble attempts to imitate his unbounded munificence, and to make of this world a real temple in which our great family of brotherhood shall worship him in spirit and in truth! May He hear and grant our prayers for the progress and improvement of humanity, inspire us with resolutions and perseverance to labor for its happiness, and liberate us from the dominion of those fatal passions and many frailties that so much impede our efforts.

Omnēs.—Amen. So mote it be!

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:—With me, my brethren!

Omnēs.—(*Strike with their hands one and four, and cry "Laus Deo" and give the Sign.*)

(Sov.: G.: Com.: *lights the perfumes. All now form the Arch and Steel with their swords over it.*)

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:—Receive, O our Father, this incense which now ascends toward Heaven as a symbolic expression of that gratitude and veneration and love for Thee which words are unable to express. And as a pledge of our fidelity in the performance of the duties required of us by Thy laws, and to which by our Masonic obligations we have bound ourselves for ever.

(*Music, during which the Gr.: Com.: accompanied by all the Princes, goes to the East, lights the five lights in front of the Com.: Chief, saying.*)

As with this fire, drawn from the rays of the Great Orb of day, may the light the five stars in front of the Throne, may *Faith, Hope, Charity, Honor, and Duty* ever shine, a great constellation in this sacred Temple.

Omnēs.—Amen, so mote it be!

(*Now repair to the West, and the Gr.: Com.: lights the three in front of the First Lieut.: saying.*)

As I light the three stars in front of the station of the First Lieut.: so may *Liberty, Equality, and Brotherhood* ever be ornaments of this Temple, and the creed of our Ancient and Accepted Rite throughout the World.

Omnēs.—Amen, so mote it be!

(*As he lights the two in front of the Second Lieut.: Com.: he says.*)

As I light the two stars in front of the station of the Second Lieut.: Com.: so may *Justice and Equity*, ever be twin stars to guide the course of all Masons on the uncertain and hazardous voyage of life!

Omnēs.—Amen, so mote it be!

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:—Sublime Princes, let us repair to the Altar of obligation.

(*All now form a circle round the Altar of obligation, when the*

Sov.: G.: Com.:—And may those who shall instruct in this Temple, so practice the virtues which Masonry inculcates, and be

so animated by the spirit of peace and concord, so love, assist, and instruct one another, and may their conduct and demeanor be in every respect so upright, honorable, and courteous as to secure the Royal Art, that consideration which alone can assure and perpetuate its stability, progress and glory. AMEN!

Omnes.—So mote it be!

(All the Officers will now place their swords upon the Altar, and form the Chain of Union. Thus standing, the Sovereign Grand Master will give the Sacred words to the Prince on his right, and so they will pass round and return to the Sovereign Grand Master. The Chain of Union is then broken.)

Sov. G. Com. gives Battery of 1 and 4 with his sword on the Altar. *Omnes* give the sign of the Masonic Prince and resume their swords. *Sov. G. Com.* takes a glass of pure water, pours a little into the palm of his right hand, and sprinkles on the floor.)

By this Lustration of pure water, I consecrate this Temple to the purity of thought, word and act; may it never be defiled, but always remain the asylum of virtue and honor.

Sov. G. Com.—(Takes a glass of Wine, pours a little into the palm of his right hand, and sprinkles it on the floor.) With this generous wine that maketh glad the heart, I consecrate this temple to social enjoyment, to innocent recreation and pleasure, free of intemperance or excess. May the ways of the brethren who shall frequent it, be pleasantness, and their path peace.

Sov. G. Com.—(Takes a little salt, and sprinkles it on the floor.) With this salt, emblem of Oriental hospitality and good faith, I consecrate this Temple to those virtues. May distress never appeal here in vain; want never wail unheard; sorrow never go away uncomforted, the complaint of the widow or orphan never be registered against it in Heaven's great book of account. And may no obligation assumed here ever be violated, no promise made here ever broken, no confidence reposed here ever be betrayed.

(Music, during which the Princes form two lines, facing inward between the Altar and Throne, and form the Arch of Steel. The Grand Master passes under it to the Throne, the G. Marshal General on their right. At a signal from the G. Marshal General, they make the sign of the thirty-second degree, sword in hand, and then come to the carry.)

Sov. G. Com. returns the salute in the same manner.)

Sov. G. Com.—Officers resume your stations.

Sov. G. Com.—Attention, Sublime Princes.

(All give the sign of the thirty-second degree, and stand in that position when the)

Sov. G. Com.—In the name and by the authority of the Supreme Council of Sov. Gr. Inspector General of the thirty-second-degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, I do declare this Consistory Chamber for the occupation of _____ Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, thirty-second grade, to be dedicated and consecrated in due form, and I do hereby dedicate it to the God of Infinite Beneficence and Love, and to the whole of humanity, now and henceforward, invoking for it, his protection and favor.

With me, my brethren,

(All recover swords, sheath them, give the sign, applaud one and another, and cry LAUS DEO!)

Sov. G. Com.—The consecration is complete; be seated, Sublime Princes!

(The following, expressive of the Motto of the thirty-second Degree should here be effectively rendered.)

H Y M N .

—
"SPES MEA IN DEO EST."
—

When thickest darkness reigned around
And hid Thy glory from our sight,
Through Thee, O! Lord our God, we found
A friend who led us to the light.
But ere its heavenly glow we felt,
Or saw its hallow'd brilliancy,
We at "our mystic Altar," knelt
And cried "We put our trust in Thee."
Thou art our hope, our life, our all;
To Thee, O! Lord, we bend the knee,
And though stern Sorrow's fun'ral pall
Surround us, we will trust in Thee.

And when again that glorious light
 Was to our ravish'd eyes unveiled,
 And show'd "that hieroglyphic bright"
 As craftsmen, we its beauties hailed,
 Our hearts were then with rapture swell'd
 (While to Thy Name we bowed the knee.)
 Doubt, darkness, fear, were all dispelled,
 For O! our hope was fixed on Thee

CHORUS.

And when Death's dreadful shadow came,
 Enshrouding us in awful gloom,
 We called upon Thy Holy Name
 And we were raised as from the tomb,
 And then, O! Lord, Thy Name we prais'd,
 And all our souls in harmony
 On high the glorious anthem raised,
 "O! Lord, we put our trust in Thee"

First duty of inaugurating and installing Officer when Constituting a Consistory, is to rise and read

THE PROTOCOL

FOR THE

INSTALLATION SESSION.

TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE
 DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

At the Orient of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of

the United States of America, under the C. . C. . of the Z. . near the B. . answering to 42° 21' 22" N L. and 3° 59' 18" E. L. the — day of — A. . D. . 18—, the — day of the Hebrew month — A. . M. . 56—.

UNION.—TOLERATION.—POWER.

We — 33. . of and representing the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and we — 32° Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, being met and assembled under the order of the said — and the Ill. . Brother — acting as First Lieut. . Commander; the Ill. . Brother — as Second Lieut. . Commander; the Ill. . Brother — as Secretary General; the Ill. . Brother — as G. . Marshal General, and also the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret witnessing,—the said Ill. . Brother — 33. . presiding, announces that he has the Letters Patent of Constitution, granted on — day of —, 18—, by the said Supreme Council, which with proper ceremony he will surrender to the designated Officers and Brethren when they shall be duly qualified to receive the same, which constitute them a Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret 32° of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in — State of —. And this being the day set and appointed for Inaugurating the Consistory, and for the election and Installation of the Officers thereof; the said Ill. . Brother — 33. . aforesaid being invested with full power thereto. Thereupon the Ill. . Brother— aforesaid, seated near the Altar of Perfumes, further announces that he is about to continue the labors of the day, by Inaugurating the Temple and dedicating it to the Deity of infinite beneficence.

(Everything done by the Inaugurating and Installing Officer on the occasion should be stated in the Minutes, that is, his calling the Brethren to assemble around the Altar, the Oath administered, etc., mentioning all the material points of the work, up to the time he yields the Chair to the Commander-in-Chief. There being no further business, the Minutes are read and approved. All the Members of the Consistory sign the Copy of the Letters Patent of Constitution in the Book of Gold, and the proceedings of the Consistory after Installation. The box of Fraternal Assistance is passed, and the Consistory is closed in form.)

Final Duties of Inaugurating and Installing Officer.

(The Installing Officer will make the following endorsement on the Letters Patent of Constitution, before delivering them to the G.: Secretary of the Consistory.)

TO THE GLORY OF THE G.: ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

We _____ 33.: and _____ 32.: (*designate the Officers officiating,*) for the Supreme Council of the A.: A.: Scottish Rite of the Northern Mas.: Jurisdiction of the United States of America, _____ do hereby declare and make known that on the _____ day of the Hebrew Month, called _____ of the year A.: M.: 56—, answering to the _____ day of _____ A.: D.: 18—, by virtue of the powers with which we are invested, did convoke and assemble in General Conclave, at the City of _____ State of _____ the Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, mentioned in the within Letters Patent of Constitution, and did then and there in the name and by authority of the Supreme Council, congregate the Sublime Princes and Commanders, into, and did Constitute and Inaugurate the Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret in the Sacred Temple of the same; and did then and there duly install the Sublime Prince _____ as the Ill.: Commander-in-Chief, the Sublime Prince _____ as the First Lieutenant Commander, and the Sublime Prince _____ as the Second Lieutenant Commander thereof.

‡ _____ 33d Commanding Officer.

BOOK OF GOLD.

(Before delivering the Book of Gold, the Installing Officer will write on the first page, as follows)

We, the undersigned, _____ 33d, and _____ of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33d grade, do declare that we have delivered this Book of Gold, to the Consistory

of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, 32d grade of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at the time of its Installation, to be used as a Record of its proceedings, the same containing _____ pages, this included.

In witness whereof, I do now set my hand to this endorsement, and affix hereto the Seal of my Arms, in the State of _____ at _____, this, etc., etc.

‡ _____ 33d.

(The Secretary General and other Officers appointed pro tem, will sign the Record of proceedings of the Session of Installation in the character of Installing Officers.)

INAUGURATION OF A CONSISTORY

—OF—

SUBLIME PRINCES AND COMMANDERS

—OF THE—

ROYAL SECRET

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

THE CONSISTORIAL CHAMBER

THE Consistorial Chamber must be prepared as for a business Rendezvous, there is no necessity of setting the Tracing board or encampment. The Altar of Perfumes must be burning, The Battery of I-I I I I, should be observed. Elections and Installations in Consistories are held triennially.

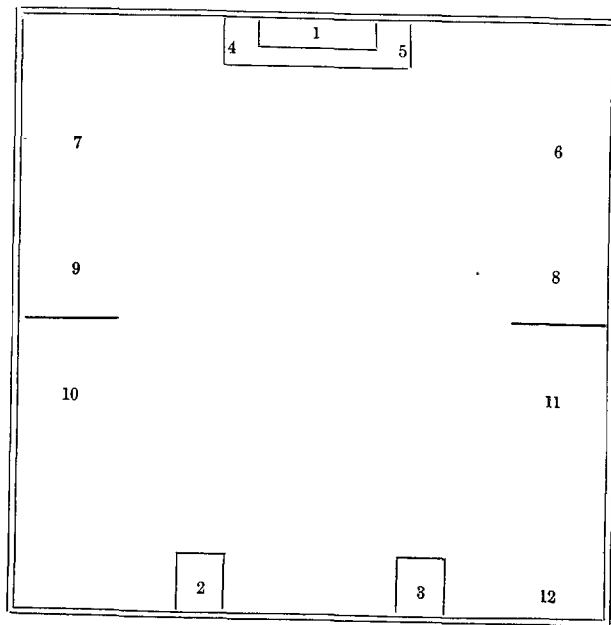
OFFICERS.

The Officers of a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret shall be styled and take rank as follows, (Const.)

1. Ill. . Commander-in-Chief on the Throne in the East.

2. Ill.: First Lieut.: Commander on a Throne in the N.: West.
3. Ill.: Second Lieut.: Commander on a Throne in the S.: West.
4. Ill.: Minister of State and G.: Orator on the right of the Com.: -in-Chief.
5. Ill.: Grand Chancellor on the left of the Com.: -in-Chief.
6. Ill.: G.: Sec.: and K.: of Seals and Archives on the left of the G.: Chancellor.
7. Ill. G.: Treasurer on the right of the Min.: of State.
8. Ill.: Eng.: and Architect in the South, left of G.: Sec.
9. Ill.: G.: Hospitaller in the North, right of G.: Treas.
10. Ill.: G.: Mast.: of Ceremonies in the North toward the West.
11. Ill.: G.: Standard Bearer in the South toward the West.
12. Ill.: G.: Captain of the G.: near the Portal in the West.
13. Ill.: G.: Sentinel immediately outside the Portal.

PLAN.



The following four Officers of the Supreme Council must be presented in the Ceremony of Inauguration, to-wit:
 The M.: P.: Sov.: G.: Commander,
 The Grand Secretary General,
 The Grand Master G.: of Ceremonies,
 The Grand Marshal General.

OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO INSTALL.

The power to install Officers of a Consistory is vested only in an Emeritus Member of the Sup.: Co.:, a Sov.: G.: Inspector General, or a Present or Past Com.: -in-Chief of a Consistory.

The Secretary General must be possessed of the Letters Patent containing the names of the first nominated Officers,—or if subsequent to an election, the list of Officers elected.

The 5, 3, 1, and 2 lights must be burning in their respective places. Pieces of armor, axes, halberds, mace, etc., on the platform either side of the East.

CEREMONY.

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:— Ill.: Brethren, Sublime Princes and Commander of the Royal Secret, this Temple has been duly consecrated, and ——— Consistory is about to be inaugurated and prepared for the reception of its Officers, I accordingly require your attention.

ADDRESS.

Ill.: Brethren and Sublime Princes, this moment is one of great gratification to myself, and of much interest to all Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. A new Consistory is about to be received into the sisterhood of those eminent Bodies, and your Masonic virtues, your intelligence, ardor, and zeal, give us reason to hope that its career will be one of great prosperity and good fortune.

The propagation of the Ancient and Accepted Rite has here-

tofore been slow. This has been owing in part to the prejudice entertained against it, in part to the inertness of those who have been at its head, and in part to the fact that it is meant to be an exclusive and not a popular Rite, that it selects the best and the most eminent Masons for its members, desires no other, and has a better content to remain stationary than to open its doors to any one that asks admission, and is able to pay the fee.

In the name and by the direction of the Supreme Council, I charge it upon you, my brethren, that you will adhere to and be governed by this rule; that you select none but eminent, enlightened, and well-informed Masons of irreproachable character, and of respectable standing in society, to become members of your body, and that you earnestly and urgently impress the same rule upon your initiates. For the strength of our Order consists far more in the quality than in the number of its initiates, and all its objects and purposes are defeated and itself denaturalized, when its portals are open indiscriminately to every comer.

But we see with the highest satisfaction our ranks filled with learned and virtuous Masons who can appreciate its excellencies, and whose lives and conduct will gain for it consideration and esteem.

We rejoice to see new temples reared in their modest and harmonious proportions to a Deity of Beneficence and Love, and new Altars erected to send up to Him the sweet incense of grateful and affectionate hearts.

Be pleased to give us your attention, Illustrious Brethren and Princes, while we read the Letters Patent of Constitution for the Consistory of the Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, in and for _____ granted by the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Ill. G. Sec. Gen. be pleased to read aloud the Letters Patent of Constitution.

(Sec. Gen. reads aloud the Letters Patent of Constitution.)

Sov. G. Com.—Ill. Brethren and Princes, having heard your Letters Patent of Constitution, do you accept and receive them.

All.—We do.

Sov. G. Com.—And do you freely consent and agree to abide by all their conditions and reservations?

All.—We do.

Sov. G. Com.—Ill. Gr. Mast. G. of Ceremonies, you will now assemble in due form around the Altar of Obligations the designated Officers of the Consistory in and for _____ to take the solemn vow of fidelity and allegiance.

(The G. M. of Ceremonies causes them to kneel on one knee in a circle around the Altar, and holding the sword by the hilt, horizontally in front of them, across their bodies, the point to their left, and each grasping with his left hand the blade of the sword of his brother on his right. The Sec. Gen. lays the Letters Patent of the Constitution on the Altar, and all the officers repeat, after the Gr. Com., the following:)

OATH OF FEALTY AND ALLEGIANCE.

I do solemnly vow, and to each of my brethren here present, and to every regular Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the world, pledge my sacred honor, that I will support the Regulations and Constitution of the Rite of Perfection, made at Bordeaux, in the year 1762, or whenever or wherever they were enacted, the Secret Institutes of the year 1786, so far as the same have not been altered or repealed by competent authority, and the Constitutions, Statutes and Decrees of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, as the Supreme and fundamental law of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite so long as I may continue to reside within its Jurisdiction; will hold illegal and spurious every other body, that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction, that does not hold its powers immediately or immediately from said Supreme Council, and will hold no Masonic communication whatever with any member of the same, nor allow them to visit any Masonic Body of which I may be a

member; and that I will dispense justice to all my brethren, according to the laws of equity and honor.

And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Masonry and be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world, as a traitor and forsworn. And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen!

(The members are here desired to kiss the Book of Constitution and rise. The G. . Com. . returns to the East and says,)

Sov. . G. . Com. .—Ill. . Brethren and Princes be pleased to assume your places.

(All return to their places, and salute with the sign.)

Sov. . G. . Com. .—In the name, and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of Sov. . Gr. . Ins. . Gen. . of the thirty-third degree, and by virtue of the authority with which I am invested by the Supreme Council, I do proclaim the Consistory of sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret thirty-second degree of the Rite aforesaid, in and for ——— to be duly inaugurated and legitimate Body of said Rite and its works to be in full force and vigor. With me, my brethren.

(All give the battery, and cry three times "LAUS DEO," with the sign.)

Sov. . Gr. . Com. .—This Consistory is duly opened and labor, be seated, my brethren.

(All take their seats, and the Gr. . Com. . assigns two Brethren, not of the Officers elected, to the station of 1st and 2d Lieut. Commanders of the time being. He then having made the proper indorsement in the Book of Gold, and the Letters Patent of Constitution, delivers them to the Sec. . Gen. . saying)

Sov. . Gr. . Com. .—Receive, Ill. . Brother, the Letters Patent of Constitution of this Consistory, and the Book of Gold, in which these Letters Patent are to be copied, attested, and signed by all the Princes of the Consistory, and in which Book of Gold also, the minutes of this inauguration and installation are to be entered, and the future deliberations and proceedings of the Consistory to be recorded; and do you deliver them to the Gr. . Sec. . when he shall have been installed.

(The following Hymn of Praise will then be sung:)

H Y M N .

Praise ye Jehovah's name,
Praise thro' His courts proclaim;
Rise and adore;
High o'er the Heavens above,
Sound His great acts of love,
While His rich grace we prove,
Vast as His power.

Now let our voices raise
Triumphant sounds of praise
Wide as His fame;
There let the harps be found,
Organs with solemn sound,
Roll your deep notes around,
Filled with His name.

While His high praise ye sing,
Strike every sounding string;
Sweet the accord!
He vital breath bestows—
Let every breath that flows
His noblest fame disclose;
Praise ye the Lord.

*(If the Consistory has been inaugurated at a previous date, and the period of triennial election has arrived and the election been held, that portion of the following will not be essential from this down to the * :— If no previous election has been had, the Sov. . Grand Commander will continue)*

Sov. . G. . Com. .—Ill. . G. . Secretary Gen. ., you will now proceed to elect the Officers of this Consistory, commencing with the Ill. . Com. .-in-Chief, you will receive the ballots and let the first and second Lieut. . Commanders for the time being, count and report the votes.

(The G. Sec. General passes round the Hall and receives from each member his ballot, and delivers them to the Second Lieut. Commander, who with the First Lieut. Commander counts them, and the First Lieut. announces the result, then the)

Sov. Gr. Com.—I declare the Ill. Brother and Sublime Prince duly elected as the Ill. Com.-in-Chief of this Consistory. Ill. Brother and Prince ———, do you accept the high office to which your brethren have now elected you?

(The Ill. Bro. signifies his acceptance.)

INSTALLATION

— OF —

OFFICERS OF A CONSISTORY.

(The Illustrious Brother who has been elected as the Com.-in-Chief of the Consistory is stationed in the East, at the foot of the Throne, facing the West.)

Sov. G. Com.—(I I I) Arise, Sublime Princes. Illustrious Brethren and Princes, look upon your Ill. Brother, the Prince ———, whom you have elected to be the (first) Ill. Com.-in-Chief of this Consistory, is it your pleasure that he be now installed?

Brethren.—It is.

Sov. G. Com.—If any one has any objection to make, let him now offer it, or else forever hereafter hold his peace.

Ill. Brother and Prince ———, be pleased to approach the Altar and kneel there to assume the Obligation of your office.

(The Com.-in-Chief-elect kneels at the Altar on both knees, with his hands on the Book of Constitution, and takes the following)

OBLIGATION.

Com.-in-Chief.—I, ———, do solemnly swear, in the presence of the Great Creator and Preserver of the Universe, that I will behave and conduct myself, in the office of Com.-in-Chief of this Consistory, to which I have been elected in conformity to the Constitutions, Institutes, Statutes, and Regulations of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, which I have heretofore sworn to

obey, and to the particular Statutes and Regulations of this Consistory, not being in violation thereof.

That I will respect all my brethren, and use all the power with which I am invested to maintain Peace, Union, and Harmony among them.

That I will do justice, and cause it to be done by, to and between, Masons, according to the sacred principles of equity.

That I will encourage the practice of those virtues which are the basis of our Sublime Institution, and

That I will use every exertion in my power to increase the usefulness, enhance the dignity, and augment the splendor of the Order.

So help me God! (1)

Sov. : G. : Com. : (*Returns to the Throne.*)—Ill. : Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will now conduct the Com. : -in-Chief to the East.

(*M. : of Cer. : conducts him to the East, in front of, and facing the G. : Com. :*)

Ill. : Brother and Prince, the Office and dignity of Com. : -in-Chief of this Consistory, of which your brethren have thought you worthy, and upon your election to which by their unsolicited suffrages I congratulate you, is not only one of great honor, but of labor and responsibility.

It imposes upon you very important duties.

Presiding in the Consistory, and being at the head of so prominent an organization, your first duty is impartiality, and your second to maintain that equality among the brethren which should always exist among Masons. It is the necessary basis of our Order and to it we owe the glory and prosperity of Masonry. Wealth, Rank, and social position, distinguishes no one Mason from another.

The Officers and Dignitaries are but agents, entrusted by the Order with authority for the exclusive good of the mass of Masons; every member of the Consistory is your Peer, and is entitled to equal consideration; and every Mason, however humble in degree or station, if worthy, is your equal. The possession of degrees indicates no superiority unless accompanied by superior knowledge and greater capacity for doing good.

That only which one learns and does in Masonry makes him superior to his brethren, and that superiority is one of intellect and moral character alone.

I congratulate you on your accession to the high office which you now hold, and most earnestly hope that you may so worthily fill it, as that it shall be found to have been fortunate for the Consistory and the Order that you were elected its Com. : -in-Chief.

(*The Members all salute with their swords, after which return their swords, give the Battery and cry thrice "Laus Deo," and give the sign.*)
Sov. : G. : Com. :—Ill. : Brother, please be seated at my right hand.

Ill. : Brethren and Princes, salute your new Commander-in-Chief.

(*The election of First Lieutenant Commander if not previously had, is ordered and conducted in the same manner as that of the Com. : -in-Chief; when the following question is put, and the subsequent Obligation required. The Lieut. : Com. : in front of the Altar.*)

Sov. : G. : Com. :—Have you heard the Obligation assumed by the Com. : -in-Chief?

(*If he has not, the same Obligation is administered to him, binding him when acting as Com. : -in-Chief—if he answers in the affirmative, the Obligation is as follows : The First Lieut. : Com. : kneeling with both hands on the Constitutions. (!!!)*)

OBLIGATION.

First L. : Com. :—I ——— in the presence of the Great Creator and Preserver of the Universe, do solemnly swear that whenever the duties of the Office of Com. : -in-Chief of this Consistory shall devolve on me, I will on my part keep and perform all that the Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief hath here in my hearing sworn to keep and perform on his part. So help me God!

(*The Lieut. : G. : Commander arises, and the G. : Com. : returns to the Throne.*)

Sov. : G. : Com. :—(1) Ill. : Brother and Prince, the members of this Consistory have selected you to take the place of the Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief, in case of his absence, and to succeed him for the

residue of the term in case of his death. The duties which you are in that case to perform are known to you, and need not be repeated. When he is present you are to assist him with your counsel and advice, and aid him in maintaining the dignity and authority of his office, and the peace and harmony of the Consistory. I congratulate you on being thought worthy by your brethren of this honorable Station, and earnestly hope that you may give them no reason to regret the choice they have made.

(The Second Lieut.: Com.: having been duly elected, the G. Com.: will cause the two Lieut.: Commanders to stand together in front of the Altar, facing the East, with the right hand upon the heart, while the following Oath is administered to the)

FIRST AND SECOND LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS.

(III)

First and Second Lieut.: Com.:—I, ———, in the presence of the Great Creator and Preserver of the Universe, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions, Institutes, Statutes, and Regulations of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,—as set forth by the Supreme Council of Sov.: Grand Inspectors General of the 33d, and last degree,—for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America; and the Statutes and Regulations of this Consistory not contrary thereto.

That I will faithfully, and to the best of my skill and ability, perform and discharge the duties of the First (or Second) Lieut.: Commander of this Consistory with fidelity and courtesy, and that I will use every exertion in my power to advance the interest, increase the usefulness, and augment the splendor of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

So help me God!

(The Sov.: G.: Com.: returns to the Throne.)

(I)

S.: G.: Com.:—Ill.: G.: Master of Cer.:, be pleased to conduct our Ill.: Brethren to the East.

M.: of Cer.: conducts them to the East, in front of and facing the G.: Com.: who says to the

FIRST LIEUT.: COMMANDER.

Ill.: Brother and Prince, the office to which you have been elected, though in rank and power below that of Com.:-in-Chief, is of great importance. As his First Lieutenant, you will receive from him his orders, communicate them and see that they are obeyed, and in his absence you will perform the duties of his office. The efficiency of the Commander depends on that of his Lieutenants, and if they are indifferent and incompetent, his labor, besides being largely and improperly increased, will, to a great extent, prove unavailing.

Often, indeed, more depends upon the subordinate than upon the Chief; and it is not uncommon for the latter to reap and wear the laurels that in justice belongs to the former. See that you promptly obey him, and faithfully second his exertions. You are especially charged with the supervision, within and without the Consistory of your Camp.

You are peculiarly the Conservator of the peace of the center, and it is your especial duty to settle all difficulties and unveil all dissensions that may arise among the brethren. You will to that end carefully watch all approaches to misunderstanding, and discountenance all censorious or sarcastic remarks in debate or elsewhere, and especially keep a careful watch over your own temper; never suffering yourself to utter a harsh or bitter word to a brother. Teach every brother by your wise example to bear with the infirmities of a brother; and beware particularly of obstunacy and pride of opinion, out of which most difficulties in Masonry grow.

Ill.: G.: Mast.: of Cer.:, you will please conduct the Ill.: First Lieut.: Com.: to the West, and seat him on the right of the Ill.: Brother who for the time occupies that station.

(The G.: M.: of Cer.: complies with the direction.)

Charge to the Second Lieutenant Commander.

Sov.: Gr.: Com.:—Ill.: Brother and Prince, your office is equal in importance and responsibility to that of the First Lieutenant of the Commander-in-Chief; you receive from him the orders

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of that Chief and are to see them duly executed. You are to have in charge your Camp and keep careful watch over the conduct of those thus under your supervision as well as over yourself.

It is your especial duty to see that the members regularly attend the meetings of the Consistory, an office not likely to prove a sinecure. It would be folly to expect that none of the brethren will become indifferent and lose their interest in the work. Some will become disinterested at fancied slight or injury, some dissatisfied because measures proposed by them are not approved by the majority; and more will weary of your labors, when the first gloss of novelty is worn off. Business will interfere with some, and pleasure or indolence with that of others. Against all this it will be your peculiar duty to struggle, to arouse the flagging zeal of some, and excite the sluggish resolution of others; to heal the wounded pride of one, and show another the unreasonableness of his pique and discontent.

Be especially careful that in the exercise of your authority, you yourself give just cause of offence to none; and strive to justify the good opinion of your brethren, so signally displayed by your election to the office which you hold.

Ill. G. Mas. of Cer. you will please conduct the Ill. Second Lieut. Commander to the West, and seat him on the right of the Ill. Brother who for the time occupies that Station.

(The G. M. of Cer. complies with the direction.)

Sov. Com.—(111) Attention! Ill. Brethren and Princes Draw Swords! Carry Swords! Ill. Com.-in-Chief, Ill. First and Second Lieut. Commanders be pleased to approach the Altar of Perfumes!

Ill. Brethren and Princes surround your Officers!

Ill. G. Marshal General lend your assistance!

(The Officers named approach the Altar and kneel on one knee. The Members stand in a circle around them, and form the Arch of Steel over their heads.)

Sov. G. Com.—*(In the East with Sword drawn.)* By virtue of the powers with which I am invested, in the name and by the authority of the Supreme Council of Sov. Gr. Inspectors General of the 33d,—and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America: I do now

you, Ill. Brother and Prince ———, in and invest you with the Office and dignity of Ill. Commander-in-Chief. You, Ill. Brother and Prince ———, I do install in and invest with the Office and dignity of First Lieutenant Commander, and you Ill. Brother and Prince ———, I do install and invest with the Office and dignity of Second Lieutenant Commander of ——— Consistory of Sublime Princes and Commanders of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; and each of you shall hereafter possess and enjoy all the powers, honors, privileges, and prerogatives to his said proper Office, belonging and appertaining. God bless this Consistory!

Arise, my brethren! The brethren will retire to their Stations, but remain standing.

(1)

Sov. Gr. Com.—Ill. Gr. Mast. of Cer. you will now place the Officers in regular order before the Altar of Perfumes.

Ill. G. Marshal General, assist the G. Mast. of Cer., placing the Com.-in-Chief on the right, and the other Officers in ranking order to the left.

Sov. G. Com.—Ill. G. M. of Cer. you will now conduct the Ill. Second Lieut. Com. to his Station at the head of this column, and present him to the Brother now occupying the same.

(G. M. of Cer. obeys, and when the Second Lieut. Com. approaches his Station, the Brother occupying the seat rises, bows and gives the sign, the Second Lieut. responds, the occupant invests him with the Collar or insignia, and retires from the seat which the Second Lieut. takes, but remains standing, the occupant pro tem., faces, draws his sword, salutes, faces the Sov. G. Commander, and says:)

Ill. Bro.—Ill. Sov. Grand Commander, the Ill. Second Lieut. Com. has assumed his station, and awaits your orders. *(He then recovers and takes a place among the brethren. The Second Lieut. salutes the G. Com. and so stands, and then the G. Com. says:)*

Sov. G. Com.—Ill. Second Lieut. Com., with you is the bright constellation composed of the two Stars, Justice and

Equity, which to a Mason should be as inseparable as the Dioscuri, whose appearance in the Heavens was deemed by the mariners of Samothrace as indicative of fair weather, and I commend them to your watchful charge, and hope that enforcing them among the brethren you will ever regulate by them your own official and private conduct.

Be seated Ill. : Second Lieut. : Commander.

Ill. : G. : Mast. of Cer. : you will please conduct the Ill. : First Lieut. : Com. : to his station at the head of his column, and present him to the Brother now occupying the same.

(The M. : of Cer. : conducts him to his station, and he is received with the same ceremony as was the Second Lieut. : Com. : in all respects.)

Sov. : G. : Com. : — Ill. : First Lieut. : Com. : with you is the bright Constellation composed of the three stars, Liberty, Equality and Brotherhood; they will govern in this Consistory as they govern everywhere else in Masonry. Liberty and Constitutional Law, Equality with order and subordination, Brotherhood of the virtuous and good, making the strong protectors of the weak, the rich the sympathisers of the poor! I commit the three lights to your charge; never forget or fail to remind your brethren, that these three sublime words contain a whole creed of which every Mason ought to be an apostle. Be seated, my Brother!

Sov. : G. : Com. : — Ill. : G. : Mast. : of Cer. : you will now conduct the Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief to the East.

(G. : Mast. : of Cer. : conducts him to the East, and the Com. : -in-Chief makes the sign, the G. : Commander answering, descends from the Throne invests the Com. : -in-Chief with his insignia of Office saying)

Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief, I invest you with this insignia, and jewels of your Office to be worn in your absence by your Ill. : First or Second Lieutenant. I am sure that each of you will wear them worthily and well. You are to occupy the East, the place of light, and I need not tell you that it will be your duty to instruct your brethren, and consequently to inform yourself in all that it concerns them to know.

With you, the sweet Constellation of the five Stars, Faith, Hope, Charity, Honor and Duty, I commit to your charge. Look well to them, and let them never cease to burn in your Consistory

whenever one of them disappears and is seen no more among the Brethren of our Masonry also will have left you, to seek some more congenial association.

Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief, Officers and Brethren, in your midst, in your camps, and in every corner of your Consistory shines the great central Sun of Truth. Receive it in charge, and let its light never be obscured. Study and reflect my brethren, and gain wisdom and knowledge, and attain unto the truth and with zeal apply your knowledge to the benefit of your followers, and may light, and peace, and joy, ever remain and abide with you.

Ill. : Brethren and Princes, members of this Consistory, unite with me in applauding the installation of our Ill. : Brother ——— in the exalted office of Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief of this Consistory.

With me, my Brethren!

(All except the Com. : -in-Chief applaud; the Com. : -in-Chief then briefly responds if he so elects, and alone applauds to his expressed sentiment of thanks.)

Sov. : G. : Com. : — Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief be pleased to assume your station.

(The Sov. : G. : Com. : leaves the Throne by the left, the Com. : -in-Chief assumes the place of the Sov. : G. : Com. : and remains standing, the Sov. : G. : Commander then placing himself in front of and facing the Com. : -in-Chief,)

Sov. : G. : Com. : — Ill. : Com. : -in-Chief, I surrender into your hands the government of your Consistory and place under your charge the Book of Gold and Letters Patent of Constitution, now in the hands of our Secretary General,—and may success attend your exertions, and order and peace ever prevail among you.

Com. : -in-Chief.—(1) Attention, Sublime Princes! Join me in returning our thanks and doing honor to our Ill. : Bro. : the Sov. : G. : Commander.

(All applaud with sign and battery, the Sov. : G. : Com. : bowing as seated in the East, or among the Brethren)

Com. : -in-Chief.—(1) Be seated, Sublime Princes.

(If an election for the remainder of the Officers has not been held, it should now transpire; after which the ceremonies proceed as follows.)

Com. : -in-Chief.—The Officers-elect and appointed will approach the East under direction of the G. : M. : of Cer. :

(They approach and form a line in front of the Throne in the manner in which they have been elected or appointed. The Com.-in-Chief then administers the following)

OATH OF OFFICE.

I, _____, in the presence of the Great Creator and Preserver of the Universe, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions, Institutes, Statutes, and Regulations of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Constitutions and Statutes of the Supreme Council of Sov. Grand Inspectors General of the 33d degree, and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and the Statutes and Regulations of this Consistory not contrary thereto.

That I will faithfully and to the best of my skill and ability perform and discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected or appointed.

That I will use every exertion in my power to advance the interest, increase the usefulness, and augment the splendor of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

So help me God!

(The Com.-in-Chief then says to the)

GRAND MINISTER OF STATE.

Com.-in-Chief.—Sublime Prince _____, you have been elected to the office of G. Minister of State of this Consistory, in which office is included that of Grand Orator. The office is one of labor and responsibility. He who accepts it should be capable of edifying and instructing his brethren. He must address the Consistory on proper occasions, pronounce discourses to candidates, give his opinion when required by the Com.-in-Chief upon questions of Masonic law, and read essays and lectures upon Masonic subjects when requested by the Consistory. He must therefore make himself familiar with the Constitutions, Institutes, Statutes and Regulations, with Masonic law and philosophy, with the doctrines and history of the Order: I need not tell you that all

requires intellect and study, and no one can do a graver injury to Masonry than he who occupies a high and important office, and then neglects its duties. It is when little or no real instruction is given in symbolic lodges, no essays are read there, and all the learning and doctrine of the Order are neglected, that their meetings become uninteresting, tiresome and unprofitable.

The field before you is vast my brother, and will afford ample scope for your intellect and learning, and I trust that your brethren will have cause to rejoice that they have selected you to labor in it. You will now take your station on the right of the Commander-in-Chief.

TO THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Sublime Prince _____, you have been elected to the office of Grand Chancellor of this Consistory. You are the constitutional and legal adviser of the Commander-in-Chief, and to you he will look for counsel. It is your duty to prepare all accusations against Masons charged with the commission of offences against our laws.

It is therefore indispensable that you should be familiar with the Constitution, Regulations, Laws, Statutes, Institutes and Forms of the Order. In the absence of the Grand Minister of State you will perform his duties, and you must therefore acquaint yourself with the history, doctrine and philosophy of Masonry, that you may be prepared to do so.

I hope you may so perform these varied and important duties as to earn yourself honor, and benefit this Consistory and the Order. You will please be seated on my left.

TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Sublime Prince _____, you have been elected to the office of Grand Secretary of this Consistory; to conduct all correspondence with the Bodies and individual Masons under its jurisdiction to prepare and sign all diplomas, briefs and certificates, submitting them to the Grand Chancellor for examination, and procuring them to be sealed, and signed by the necessary officers; to receive all moneys

due the Consistory from all sources whatever, and give duplicate receipts therefor, and to pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer to keep regular account of all such receipts and payments, and such other duties as of right and by prescription to the office of Grand Secretary do belong. These varied and important duties require for their proper and faithful discharge, honesty, accuracy and punctuality. Upon you the prosperity of the Consistory will to a great extent depend, and I earnestly hope that when you retire from office, you will do so with the general regret of the Brethren. You will now assume your station.

(The Secretary General retires, delivers to him the Book of God, the seals and the Letters Patent of Constitution, faces him, salutes him and takes his seat among the Brethren.)

TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected to the office of Grand Treasurer of this Consistory, it is your duty to receive from the Grand Secretary all the funds and moneys of this Consistory to pay them out upon its order, and to keep a just and correct account of the same. I need not say how necessary it is that those duties should be performed with punctuality and accuracy. The confidence in you, displayed by your brethren assure me that you will be faithful to the trust thus imposed upon you. You will please assume your station.

TO THE GRAND ENGINEER.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected to the Office of Grand Engineer of this Consistory. It will be your duty to see that its Hall is supplied with the proper furniture and decorations properly arranged to prepare it for the reception of candidates, and for ordinary sessions, to assist in examining visiting Brethren; to arrange the camp, and to act as First Grand Expert at receptions. The good opinion of your Brethren warrant us in believing that you will perform those duties with zeal and fidelity. You will please assume your Station.

TO THE GRAND HOSPITALER.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected to the Office of G. Hospitaler of this Consistory. You will be its almoner, not only to dispense its charities, but to seek out and make known to it meritorious cases of need and destitution. The most deserving cases are often those that do not obtrude themselves upon the world, or seek the light of day. To visit the homes of the wretched, to seek out the sick and the suffering, and to dispense to them blessings, concealing with scrupulous care the source whence they flow, to pour the balm of consolation upon the bruised and wounded heart, to sympathize with the unfortunate, and minister to the wants of the helpless,—these are deeds truly worthy of one who claims to be a child of the duty of infinite beneficence and love of God, who allows suffering, and misery, and destitution to exist in the world: in fact, that this may give opportunity for the exercise of that beneficence by which man resembles Him, and in fact that His children may feel that most exquisite of pleasure which we enjoy when comforting and helping our Brethren.

You will please assume your Station.

TO THE GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected to the Office of G. Mast. of Cer. of this Consistory. It will be your duty to precede and attend the Com. in-Chief, to receive, examine, and introduce all visitors, and to receive, prepare, introduce, and conduct all candidates. Upon the faithful and intelligent performance by you of these duties, the regularity of the labors of the Consistory will in a great measure depend, the impression made upon the candidates by their reception, and the pleasure of the brethren in their labors, and as well your politeness and courtesy will gratify and comfort the Ill. Brethren who may honor us as visitors.

You will now assume your Station and duties.

TO THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected G. Standard Bearer of this Consistory. It is your duty to carry and defend the

Standard of the Order. The Banner represents its holy and noble principles, which none of us can yield up but with our lives; and no emergency of danger will excuse him who bears the Standard for its loss or dishonor. You will please assume your station.

TO THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected to the office of G.: Cap.: of the Guards of this Consistory. It is your duty to guard the entrance of the Chamber, to receive and communicate the pass-words and to perform such other duties as by prescription and custom appertain to your office. Your punctual attendance at our meetings is important; and our knowledge of your words assures us that the duties of your office will be always faithfully performed. Receive this sword, the weapon of a Knight, the emblem of your authority and the symbol of honor, and repair to your station.

TO THE GRAND SENTINEL.

Sublime Prince ———, you have been elected Grand Sentinel of this Consistory. You are to be directly under the command of the G.: Captain of the Guard, who will receive his orders from the Com.: -in-Chief or one of his Lieutenant Commanders.

You know the duties of your office. Receive this sword, in all time the peculiar weapon of the Sentinel of every Masonic Body. Repair to your post and guard well the approach to the Chamber of the Consistory, that no cowan overhear us, and no impostor intrude himself among us.

(After the G.: Sentinel has taken his station, the Com.: -in-Chief gives the battery of ! ! !)

Com.: -in-Chief.—Attention, Sublime Princes! Your Officers are now duly installed, and this Consistory is completely organized and prepared to proceed with its labors. Let us applaud my Brethren!

(All give the battery, and cry three times "LAUS DEO," then give the sign)

Be seated, Sublime Princes!

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

— OF A —

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION OF A DISTRICT

— TOGETHER WITH —

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, ETC.

ARTICLE 34.

EACH Deputy of the Supreme Council at such times as he shall appoint, to be at least three months before the annual meetings of said Council, shall notify the first three officers of the Consistories and the Chapters of Rose-Croix; the first four officers of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and the Lodges of Perfection; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; and those who have received the thirty-third degree, residing in his District, as a Council of Deliberation of the District; over which Council of Deliberation he shall preside as its *Commander-in-Chief*. He may appoint a Grand Prior, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Master of Ceremonies, and a Grand Sentinel; and may cause to be chosen by the Council other Officers to assist in its

labors, who hold office during his pleasure, and be members of the Council, and whose rank and title shall be:

1. The Ill. : First Lieutenant Commander.
2. The Ill. : Second Lieutenant Commander.
3. The Ill. : Minister of State and Grand Orator.
4. The Ill. : Grand Prior.
5. The Ill. : Grand Chancellor.
6. The Ill. : Grand Treasurer.
7. The Ill. : Grand Secretary.
8. The Ill. : Grand Engineer and Architect.
9. The Ill. : Grand Hospitaler.
10. The Ill. : Grand Master of Ceremonies.
11. The Ill. : Grand Standard Bearer.
12. The Ill. : Grand Captain of the Guard.
13. The Ill. : Grand Sentinel.

Matters relating especially to Lodges or Councils, or Chapters or Consistories, shall be considered respectively by those only who have been advanced to the said respective grades.

The Deputy shall cause records of such Councils of Deliberation to be kept and preserved, and shall transmit them to his successor, or to the Sov. : Gr. : Commander, if required. They shall also cause some portion of the work to be exemplified at the annual meetings of their Councils of Deliberation.

If the Deputy of the Supreme Council should fail to be present at any District meeting, the Ill. : First Lieut. : Commander, or in his absence the Ill. : Second Lieut. : Commander, shall preside, provided an Active Member of the Supreme Council be present, in which case the Officer presiding shall forthwith, after the close of such meeting, transmit to the Ill. : Deputy of the State, a full report of all the proceedings of such meetings.

The Council of Deliberation shall have legislative and judicial power under the supervision and control of the Deputy, over all matters arising within or particularly concerning Brethren or Bodies within the District; and no warrant shall be granted for any Lodge, Council, Chapter, or Consistory, without the recommendation of such Council of Deliberation. It shall have power to tax the bodies within the District for the necessary and legitimate expense of holding such Council of Deliberation, but not to include

expenses of, nor compensation to any officer or member of the Council, for attendance thereupon; and it may fix the minimum rate for conferring degrees within the district, but not less than the amount prescribed in the Constitution. Its action and recommendation shall be transmitted by the Deputy to the Sov. : Gr. : Commander who shall lay the same before the Supreme Council, at the next annual meeting of the Supreme Council, for its final action of approbation or disapprobation except in the granting of warrants, which shall not be done without the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation, except by unanimous vote of the Supreme Council.

The action and recommendation of the Council of Deliberation (except for amendments to Constitution), shall be in force in each District till the action of the Supreme Council thereon.

RESOLVED.— That it shall be the duty of the Deputy of each State to lay before the Council of Deliberation a full report of the work in the Jurisdiction, calling attention to such things as demand the especial consideration of the Council. (Adopted, June, 1870.)

RESOLVED,— That the several Councils of Deliberation be requested to send a copy of their printed proceedings to the Active and Emeritus Members of the Supreme Council, in order that they may become acquainted with any important matter recommended by them, in time for prompt action. (Adopted August, 1875.)

From the above quoted sections of the Constitution, it is apparent there are eight Elective, and five Appointive Officers, and one Permanent Officer, the Deputy, who is the Commander-in-Chief.

The Installation of a Deputy, or Com. : in-Chief, is performed in the Supreme Council.

Every Representative must be possessed of a Certificate as such, under the signature of the Chief Officer and Secretary of the Body he represents, and impressed with the seal of said Body; which Certificate shall be vis'd by the Grand Secretary of the Council of Deliberation, before the Representative takes his seat as such.

INTRODUCTORY.

At every annual election in a Council of Deliberation, it is essential that the Officers should be installed as soon thereafter as circumstances will permit.

The Ceremony may be performed by the Deputy, an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, or any Sov.: Grand Inspector General present.

The Officers provided for by the Constitution having been elected, the Deputy having made his appointments, and the Council being open, the Com.:in-Chief will appoint for the Ceremony of Installation a Gr.: Mast.: of Ceremonies and a Gr.: Marshal who shall be Sub.: P.: of the R.: Secret.

Every Representative present shall wear insignia, at least equal to the rank of his representative functions.

All Officers shall be of the rank of S.: P.: R.: Secret.

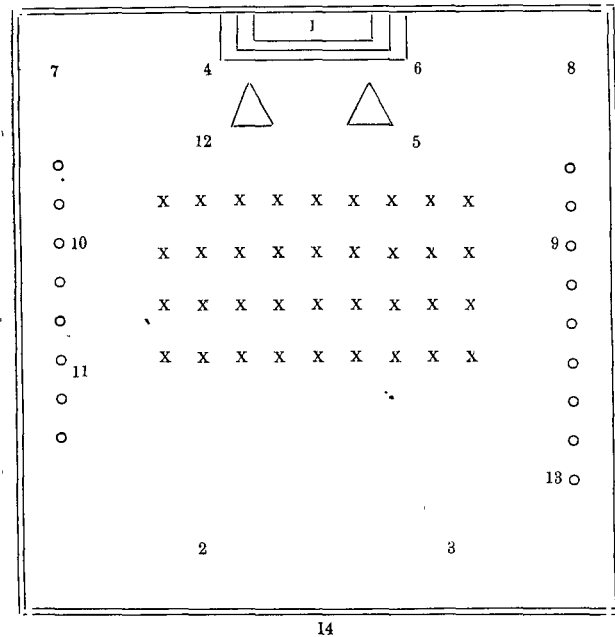
Representatives designated by the Constitution may be present by proxy upon sanction of the Body represented.

The Battery of a Master Mason will govern the Council except in the opening and closing when the battery of Perfection will be observed.

STATIONS OF OFFICERS.

1. Com.:in-Chief on the Throne in the East.
2. First Lieut.: Com.: in the West toward the North.
3. Second Lieut.: Com.: in the West toward the South.
4. Min.: of State in the East toward the North.
5. Grand Prior in the East, front of Gr.: Chancellor.
6. Grand Chancellor in the East toward the South.
7. Grand Treasurer in the Northeast.
8. Grand Secretary in the Southeast.
9. Grand Eng.: and Arch.: in the South on the left of the Sec.:
10. Grand Hospitaller in the North on the right of the Treas.
11. Grand Mast.: of Cer.: in the North on the right of the G.: Hosp.
12. Grand Standard Bearer in the East, front of Min.: of State.
13. Grand Capt.: of Guard in the South, near the Second Lieut.: Com.
14. Grand Sentinel at the entrance of the Hall.
- x. Representatives.
- o. Visitors.

PLAN.



It is suggested that Representatives be designated by a small crimson ribbon, edged and fringed with gold, in left lappel of coat.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE HALL.

The Hall or Chamber in which the Council is held, should be provided with seats for Officers and Representatives as designated in accompanying plan.

The six Banners; to-wit, those of the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory, the Beauseant and that of the Supreme Council, should be thus disposed of; the 33° banner behind the Throne, that of the Consistory and the Beauseant on either side thereof,— that of the Rose-Croix and that of the Council of Princes on either side of the others, the first toward the North, the latter toward the South;— that of the Lodge of Perfection in possession of the

Standard Bearer; — other banners of the Rite should be placed according to taste. If the Council possesses a banner of the District it should be supported by the Standard Bearer, and the L. of P. perfection banner be displayed with the others in the East.

There should be two small Altars in front of the East, the one supporting the Book of Constitutions and the Statutes, a Naked Sword, and a Balance at equipoise, the other a prepared Pot of Incense, and an Hour Glass placed tastefully on either side in front of and near the Throne, the Tables of the Law, the Seven-branch Candlestick, Precious Vessels of gold and silver, a Rose Cross, a Helm and Curass or other emblematic pieces of furniture and armor pertaining to the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory.

The Hall should be well lighted—if night sessions are held—the number of lights is not fixed, but should be Masonic.

During the Installation Ceremony, the front row of seats of the Representatives will be vacated for the accommodation of the Officers selected.

Banner of a Council of Deliberation.

A square piece of silk, quarter-armed on the obverse side; — the lower left quarter of Crimson ground, on which is painted or embroidered in gold the jewel of Perfection, surmounted by the name of Diety in Hebrew; the lower right quarter of green ground on which is painted or embroidered the jewel of a P. of Jerusalem, surmounted by the motto, "Liberte de Penser"; the upper left quarter of white ground, on which is that side of the jewel which displays the Pelican, above this the words "Lux e Tenebris," below "Faith, — Hope, — Charity," all in gold; the upper right quarter of black ground, on it embroidered a Teutonic Cross in outline, and above it the words "Spes Mea in Deo Est," all in silver. The reverse side is the Banner of the Supreme Council, with the name of the Council of Deliberation; to the lower edge of the banner is appended a tri-furcated piece of silk, the center piece white, the two outside pieces black, the whole trimmed with gold fringe.

CEREMONY.

Com. -in-Chief. Brethren; — In all Countries and in all ages

the true and accepted" have been found to conduct as the Champions of Order, and the firm and decided supporters of system and regularity in all that pertain to actions in life, thereby imitating their Great Creator. Order is our first law, System its attendant. To commend the Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity upon assembling, proceed to organize, and unitedly and orderly, discharge the duties of their Mission. Officers are essential to system, that power and continued action may be the result, and the final aim and purpose attained.

Thus at stated periods in our society upon the selection of Officers, it has been deemed just and a matter of caution that One in authority should charge those about to be placed in power as to what will be expected of them toward the Body and their brethren, and if need be to remind them of their duties. This Service is called Installation, it is the unstating into office under certain Ceremonies, or placing the chosen one in possession. This Ceremony is about to be performed.

Before so doing, let us look to the general purpose in view of this assemblage. It is termed the "Council of Deliberation of the District of —," its authority and powers are defined in the fourth Article of the Constitution of the Supreme Body, and not only is its influence of great moment, but its actions are of great force as delegated by the Supreme Authority, it has legislative and judicial power over all matters arising within, or particularly concerning Brethren or Bodies within the District; and no warrant shall be granted for any Subordinate Body, without the recommendation of the Council of Deliberation. The actions and recommendations of the Council of Deliberation shall be in force in each District till the action of the Supreme Council thereon. The full importance of these powers should meet with severe and mature reflections upon the part of the Representatives to this Body.

The various Councils through their representation are in immediate contact with all the Subordinate organizations of the Jurisdiction, their pulse gives life and direction to the State Councils, and the recommendations of the State Councils influence and shape the final and controlling Body for the interest and welfare of their entire Constituency. Thus the ruled govern, and to that extent the vote is popular in its nature.

Brethren, the final purpose of our Rite is fruitful; it is in
 "Love of God and Love of Neighbor." We must struggle to the
 end, and in our works let us remember to weigh ourselves as
 will be weighed after by posterity "Piety towards God the glorious
 Master-builder of the Universe, and love to mankind, are the
 two grand immovable pillars which support the fabric of Masonry,
 may your hearts ever glow with the warmest emotions of piety and
 the noblest sentiments of benevolence; then crowned with imperishable
 fable glory, our truths shall enfold the Globe.

MUSIC VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL.

Great source of Light and Love,
 To Thee our songs we raise!
 Oh, in Thy Temple Lord above,
 Hear and accept our praise!
 Shine on this festive day,
 Succeed its hop'd design;
 And may our Charity display
 A love resembling thine.

May this fraternal band,
 Now Consecrated, bless'd,
 In Union all distinguished stand,
 In purity be dress'd!
 May all the Sons of Peace
 Their every grace improve;
 Till discord through the Nations cease,
 And all the World be love!

Com.:-in-Chief.—Brethren: I am now prepared to install into
 their respective Stations the Officers selected for the ensuing year
 of this Council of Deliberation.

The Gr. Secretary will call the names of the Brethren
 elected or appointed in the order of their official rank, and the
 Grand Marshal assisted by the G. Mast. of Ceremonies will con-
 duct these Brethren to the East in front of the Altars of Incense
 and Obligation; the First and Second Lieut. Commanders in the

center; the Minister of State, Grand Chancellor, G. Secretary,
 Hospitaller, G. Standard Bearer and G. Sentinel in order
 on the right of the Lieut. Commanders, and the G. Prior, G.
 Treasurer, G. Engineer, G. Master of Ceremonies and G.
 Capt. of the Guard in order on their left. (*This being done.*)

G. Marshal.—Ill. Com.:-in-Chief, the Grand Officers elect
 and appointed are in order before you, and await your pleasure.

(*If any of the Officers selected are of the number who have served
 during the preceding year, their positions temporarily will be filled—dur-
 ing the installation—by the Com.:-in-Chief, with other Representatives.*)

Com.:-in-Chief—(!!!) To order my Brethren, and assume
 your

VOW OF OFFICE.

In the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe and
 calling upon the Brethren of this Council here present as witnesses
 I do solemnly pledge my sacred honor and vow that I will
 to the best of my ability, faithfully and impartially perform all the
 duties incumbent on the office to which I have been selected in
 this Council, that I will conform to the Constitution, Statutes, De-
 crees and Regulations of the Supreme Council of the A. A. S.
 Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of
 America, and the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Council of
 Deliberation, and in every way within my power assist in extending
 the usefulness of the Ancient Accepted Rite.

And may the God Omnipotent aid me to keep and perform
 the same. AMEN!

Brother G. Marshal let all the Officers select be seated ex-
 cept the Lieutenant Commanders.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS.

Com.:-in-Chief—(!) Ill. Brethren, we most cordially con-
 gratulate you upon your election to the most distinguished and im-
 portant Offices within the gift of your associates. The confidence
 displayed by this Council of Deliberation in elevating you to
 positions whereby you may through Act of Providence be called

upon to preside over the Council of the State, is an ample guarantee to the Rite, throughout this Jurisdiction, of your wisdom and of your worth. You can not be otherwise than aware of the deep and solemn consequences of the duties you may be called upon to assume.

Keep firmly before your minds the tenets of our Institution, remembering it collects men of all nations and opinions into one amiable and permanent association, and binds them by new and irrefragable obligations to the discharge of every relative and moral duty.

Its laws are *Reason*, and *Equity*; its principles, *Benevolence* and *Love*; and its religion *Purity* and *Truth*. Its intention, *Peace on Earth*, and its disposition, *Good will towards men*. And you have professed yourselves "Members of the great Temple of the Universe, ready to obey the laws of the Great Master of all in whose presence you seek to be approved."

Before proceeding with your investiture my Ill. Brethren, it is well that you signify your assent to certain Regulations of the Council.

Do you promise to protect as well as obey the Constitution, Statutes, Decrees and Regulations of the Supreme Council, and in like manner, the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Council of Deliberation?

L. Coms.—I do.

Com.-in-Chief.—Do you promise to be just and equitable in all your ministrations?

Lieut. Coms.—I do.

Com.-in-Chief.—Do you promise not only to support and maintain the Rules and Regulations of this Council, but to enforce their observance by the members of the Council?

L. Coms.—I do.

Com.-in-Chief.—Do you promise, that in the absence of the Deputy as Commander-in-Chief, you will in accordance with rank discharge the duties of that highest station to the best and utmost of your ability?

L. Coms.—I do.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill. Brethren with the greatest pleasure, I now salute you as First and Second Lieut. Commanders of this

Council of Deliberation, placing the most implicit reliance in your moral, fidelity, skill and capability for the exalted stations to which the partiality of your brethren has elevated you. The G. Marshal will invest you.

G. Marshal.—I invest you with these jewels to designate your rank and dignity of Office—and present you with these swords not as arms of defense or attack but as symbols of authority, for here harmony and loving kindness prevail throughout.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill. G. Marshal, you will now escort these Ill. Brethren to their respective Thrones in the West.

Com.-in-Chief—Ill. G. Marshal, present the Minister of State-elect.

(*The G. Marshal causes the M. of State-elect to arise.*)

G. Mar.—Ill. Com.-in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother ———, who has been elected Min. of State for the ensuing year, and stands before you, awaiting installation.

Com.-in-Chief—My Brother, You have been honored by this Council in being selected as my adviser and counsellor, to assist me in administering justly and with equity the instructions and mandates of this Council that in no wise there may be conflict between its will and the written laws of the Supreme Body: to that end, the freedom of action and power which we possess must be perfectly consistent with order, with subordination, and with allegiance.

The G. Marshal will invest you, and then escort you to your proper station at my right hand.

G. Mar.—I invest you with this jewel to designate your rank and dignity of office: and let it remind you that in your ministrations you should be pure as the richest diamonds which embody light, yet fire consumes and renders back to air.

Com.-in-Chief.—G. Marshal, present the appointed G. Prior.

(*The G. Marshal causes the G. Prior to rise.*)

G. Mar.—Ill. Com.-in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother ———, whom you have been pleased to appoint G. Prior for the ensuing year, and who stands before you awaiting installation.

Com.-in-Chief—My beloved Brother, I refrain from attempting to instruct, or reminding of his duties, one who is ever ready to

appeal to the Throne of Grace; be faithful in the discharge of the solemn duties you have in charge; be faithful unto death, and the acacian fragrance of a good report will embalm your memory.

Invoke now the G.: Architect's blessing on this, our undertaking.

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IN V O C A T I O N .

Oh Thou Supreme and Ever-living Father of all! Vouchsafe to accept our offers of praise to the glory of Thy Holy Name. May our professions be binding upon us all, may we discharge our duties with fidelity and honor; then when the events of time shall be ended, and the retributions of eternity begin, when the Morning Stars shall again sing together, and the Sons of God shout for joy, permit us to join the animating chorus and share the glorious triumph. May we be deemed worthy to enter the doors of the celestial temple, be adorned with jewels beautified with immortality, and advanced to glories incomparably more resplendent than any here below. To Thee, and not to us be all the glory. Amen!

So mote it be!

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Com.:in-Chief.—G.: Marshal, invest the G.: Prior, and then escort him to the proper station at my left in front.

G.: Mar.:—I invest you with this jewel to designate your rank and dignity of Office — and let it remind you that at the Supreme Grand Master's *Word* your body will be raised in honor, and your reward be glorious in the region of light and life eternal.

Com.:in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Marshal, present the Ill.: G.: Chancellor-elect.

(The G.: Marshal causes the G.: Chancellor to rise.)

G.: Mar.:—Ill.: Com.:in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother —, who has been elected Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year and now stands before you awaiting Installation

Com.:in-Chief.—My Brother, when darkness and shadows settle upon our Council, then your services become the more important, for you are the prosecutor of all those who would breed discontent and confusion to our Cause. The Ancient Charges say

No private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations or State policy; for we are of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages."

May the past represent the future in so far that our District Bodies and Brethren may continue to dwell in perfect harmony, and that you may in time retire from office with the rich plaudits of your Brethren and surrounded with the reviving perfume of honor, praise and Glory.

The G.: Marshal will invest you and then escort you to your station, at my left hand.

G.: Mar.:—I invest you with this jewel to designate your rank and dignity of Office, as we are Sons of Light, let us also be Sons of Peace.

Com.:in-Chief.—G.: Marshal, present the newly appointed G.: Treasurer, and the G.: Secretary.

(The G.: Marshal causes the two selected Officers to arise.)

G.: Mar.:—Ill.: Com.:in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brothers — and — whom you have been pleased to appoint to the Offices of G.: Treasurer and G.: Secretary respectively for the ensuing year, and who now stand before you awaiting Installation

Com.:in-Chief.—My Brethren, you have met with well merited appointment at my hands, your ability in your respective capacities has met my commendation, and I have just cause for believing that the representatives and myself at the close of your term of Office will with much pride say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants." The duties of Office are familiar to both of you; observe the Constitution of the Supreme Body, and the Regulations of this.

The G.: Marshal will invest you and then escort you to your proper Stations, the one to the North-East, and the other to the South-East of this Council.

G.: Mar.:—I invest each of you with the jewel of his Office to designate his rank and dignity. By the *square* of justice, you will receive and dispense the funds of this Council; by the *level* of equality will the record display that the Subordinate Bodies of different grades in harmony legislate, and by the *plumb* that the line of rectitude governs your Official duties.

Com.:in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Marshal, present the Ill.: G.: Engineer and Architect-elect.

(The G. Marshal causes the G. Eng. to rise.)

G. Mar.—Ill. Com.-in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother ———, who has been elected Grand Engineer and Architect for the ensuing year and now stands before you awaiting installation.

Com.-in-Chief.—My Brother, your duties are not burthened some, but the well being of the Council to a large extent depends upon the faithful discharge of the trust imposed upon you. It is your duty under the direction of the Com.-in-Chief to provide a suitable Hall for this assemblage, to care for and preserve its properties, regalia, etc., and see that visiting brethren are furnished with suitable insignia and regalia.

The Ill. G. Marshal will invest you, and then escort you to your proper station, which is in the South, on the left of the Grand Secretary.

G. Mar.—I invest you with the Jewel of your office to designate your rank and dignity, and trust that during your official term occasion may not require your veiling the Council in sorrow nor the ordering the Chalice of woe for the cup of pleasure.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill. G. Marshal, present the Ill. G. Hospitaler-elect.

(The G. Marshal causes the G. Hospitaler to rise.)

G. Mar.—Ill. Com.-in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Bro. ———, who has been elected G. Hospitaler for the ensuing year, and now stands before you awaiting Installation.

Com.-in-Chief.—My Brother, this moral institution of enlightened men is founded on beneficence as well as pure and active virtue,—we are to promote, without hope of reward, the most diffusive Benevolence, the most generous and extensive Philanthropy, and the most warm and affectionate Brotherly-love. In all these you are our exponent.—In your ministrations your disposition should be as mild as the breeze, open as the air, and genial as the Sun, cheering and blessing all around you.

The Ill. G. Marshal will invest you, and then escort you to your proper Station, which is in the North, on the right of the Grand Treasurer.

G. Mar.—I invest you with the jewel of your Office to

designate your rank and dignity. Remember that the greatest deep of Masonic Secrecy is the unpublished act of doing good.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill. G. Marshal, present the Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies-elect.

(The G. Marshal causes the G. Mast. of Ceremonies to rise.)

G. Mar.—Ill. Com.-in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Bro. ———, whom you have been pleased to appoint as Grand Master of Ceremonies for the ensuing year, and who now stands before you awaiting Installation.

Com.-in-Chief.—My Brother, the duties of the Office to which you have been appointed, in all Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite are more onerous and exacting than those of any other Office; in this Council there is however much relief, as initiation is not within its province, yet the Constitution provides, that the Com.-in-Chief "shall cause some portion of the work to be exemplified at the annual meetings of the Council of Deliberation." It is trusted you will see this clause of the fundamental law fulfilled. You will precede and attend the Com.-in-Chief; receive, examine and introduce all visitors and discharge the duties generally pertaining to your Office.

The Ill. G. Marshal will invest you and then escort you to your proper Station, which is in the North on the right of the Grand Hospitaler.

G. Mar.—I invest you with the jewel of your Office to designate your rank and dignity. Follow the faithful, true and unerring guide; put your trust in God, and fear nothing.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill. G. Marshal, present the Ill. Grand Standard Bearer-elect.

(The G. Marshal, causes the G. Standard Bearer to rise.)

G. Mar.—Ill. Com.-in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother ———, who has been elected Grand Standard Bearer for the ensuing year and now stands before you awaiting Installation.

Com.-in-Chief.—My Brother, your duty is to be strict in your attendance upon the Council; for to you is intrusted the care and defence of our Standard. In its protection, you are to be invincible as a Mason, and brave as a man, but be sure to display the benignity of a friend, and the kindness of a Brother. The Ill.

Grand Marshal will invest you, place in your possession our beautiful Banner, and then escort you to your proper Station which is in the East, in front of the Grand Min.: of State.

G.: Mar.:—I invest you with the jewel of your Office to designate your rank and dignity. Look well to this Banner, and ever having Hope in Him, remember our Motto "God and my right."

Com.: -in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Marshal, present the Ill.: G. Captain of the Guard-elect.

(The G.: Marshal causes the Cap.: of the Guard to rise.)

G.: Marshal.—Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother ———, who has been elected Grand Captain of the Guard for the ensuing year, and now stands before you awaiting installation.

Com.: -in-Chief.—My Brother, your position is one of trust and responsibility. It is your duty to announce the approach of visitors and strangers; and mark you in so doing, possess yourself of the necessary information to announce their rank and position with correctness; also be cautious and vigilant that no improper person may gain admittance here.

The Ill.: Grand Marshal will invest you, and properly arming you will escort you to your station which is in in the South near the Second Lieutenant Commander.

G.: Mar.:—I invest you with the jewel of your office to designate your rank and dignity; let this faithful sword with which I now arm you, symbolize your trustfulness in office and be the emblem of your exertions in behalf of virtue, humanity and peace.

Com.: -in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Marshal, present the Ill.: Grand Sentinel, whom I have appointed as such.

(The G.: Marshal causes the G.: Sentinel to rise.)

G.: Marshal—Ill.: Com.: -in-Chief, it affords me pleasure to present to you Brother ———, whom you have been pleased to appoint G.: Sentinel for the ensuing year, and who now stands before you, awaiting installation.

Com.: in-Chief.—My Brother, with convictions of your peculiar fitness for the office, I have exercised my prerogative under the Constitutions, and have appointed you the Grand Sentinel of this Council.

Prove to these representative brethren, in the discharge of your duties, that in my judgment I did not err: Be obedient to the G.: Captain of the Guard, at your post vigilant, that no cowan overhear or impostor intrude; Be courteous but unflinching.

The Ill.: G.: Marshal will invest and arm you, and then escort you to your proper station at the entrance to this Hall.

G.: Mar.:—I invest you with the jewel of your office to designate your rank and dignity, and arm you with this trusty weapon, the presence of which will suffice to recall to his self control the true Mason who might momentarily be tempted to go astray.

Com.: -in-Chief.—I salute the officers and brethren of this Council; this day solemnly installed, with fraternal affection. "Peace be unto you, and peace to your helpers." Pleasant be your hours of private intercourse; blest be their tendency and happy their effects.

Peace be within these walls, and prosperity to the interests of our Council.

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And now, *To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe,* in the Name and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of Gov.: Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and by virtue of the Authority on me conferred, I declare the officers of the Council of Deliberation for the District of ———, duly installed, and prepared to proceed with their labors.

Let us applaud, my Brethren!

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Be seated, my Brethren!

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

— OF A —

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION OF A DISTRICT

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE arrangement of Officers and the Hall is laid down in the Ceremonies of Installation.

A Council of Deliberation as its name imports, is a deliberative or legislative Body.

The day and hour specified by the Deputy for the District for the assembling of the Council of Deliberation having arrived, and the Representatives having congregated in the specified Hall,—the furniture and paraphernalia of the Council having been properly arranged by the Grand Engineer with assistants and the Great Lights displayed, the Officers being clothed with their regalia and jewels, the Deputy will ascend the dais in the East, and giving the battery of one, will proceed as follows :

TO OPEN A COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.

(The First and Second Lieut.: Commanders will repeat, successively, the battery of one. The C.: of G.: will take his station and stand at salute.)

Com.-in-Chief.—Illustrious G.: Captain of the Guard, see that the Grand Sentinel is stationed, and advise him that we are about to open this Council of Deliberation, that he may allow no one to approach who has not attained the rank of a Gr.: E.: Perfect and Sublime Mason in a due and regular manner in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

(The G.: C.: of the Guard retires, executes the Order, returns and standing at salute, says:)

C.: of G.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, the G.: Sentinel is stationed and duly instructed. We are secure against intrusion.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: Grand Captain of the Guard it is not enough for us to be so protected. You will ascertain whether all present are Grand Elect P.: and Sublime Masons and entitled to be present, that we may tranquilly perform our duty.

(The G.: C.: of G.: executes the order and reports.)

G.: C.: of G.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, all present are G.: E.: P.: and Sublime Masons, and entitled to be present.

(!!! The Engineer, Hospitaler, M.: of Cer.: and Standard Bearer will rise.)

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: C.: of the Guard, where is your Station and what is your duty?

C.: of G.:—Ill.: C.-in-Chief, in the South near the Second Lieut.: Com.:; and my duty, to guard the portal, and properly announce the approach of visitors and strangers; allowing none to pass without the Com.: permission.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Standard Bearer, your Station and duty?

G.: Stand.: B.:—Ill.: C.-in-Chief, in the East in front of the Min.: of State; and my duty to guard this banner even with my life, and to advance it under the direction of my Superior Officer

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: M.: of Ceremonies, your station and duty?

G.: M.: of Cer.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, in the North on the right of the Gr.: Hospitaler, and my duty to receive and introduce all visitors, and to provide for exemplification of work at our annual sessions.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Hospitaler, your station and duty?

G.: Hosp.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, in the North on the right of the Grand Treasurer; and my duty to minister to the needs of our suffering brotherhood.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Engineer and Architect, your station and duty?

G.: Arch.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, in the South on the left of the Grand Secretary; my duty to provide a place for the assembling of this Council and to preserve and arrange its properties and furniture.

(!!!! —The G.: Secretary and G.: Treasurer will rise.)

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Secretary, your station and duty?

G.: Sec.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, in the southeast of this Council, there to carefully record the transactions of this Body, and generally under the direction of the Commander, to be obedient to the provisions of the Constitutions and the Regulations of the Council.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Treasurer, your station and duty!

G.: Treas.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, in the Northeast of this Council, there to receive and disburse under proper authority the funds of the Body, and to be mindful of the Regulations of the Council and the instructions of its Commander.

(!!!!!! The G.: Chancellor, G.: Prior and Min.: of State will rise.)

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Chancellor, your station and duty!

G.: Chan.:—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, my station is at your left hand, and my duty to bring "Order out of Chaos" should discord or dissension frown; and to prosecute discontent and wrong should they assail any of our Constituency.

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Min.: of State, your station and duty!

G.: Min.: of State.—Ill.: Com.-in-Chief, my station is at your right Hand, and my duty to Counsel and advise with him whom the Supreme Body of our Rite has seen fit in their wisdom to elect as our guide and Commander in the sublime pursuit of beneficence and humanity.

(!!!-!!!-!!! —The Com.-in-Chief and his Lieutenants will rise.)

Com.-in-Chief.—Ill.: Second L.: Com.:, where is your station, and what your duty?

Second L. Com..—Ill. Com.—in-Chief, my throne is in the South-west, my duty is to be subject to the Commander and his First Lieutenant and the Constitution and Laws.

Com. —in-Chief.—Ill. Com.—First L. Com.—, where is your station and what your duty?

First L. Com..—Ill. Com.—in-Chief, my throne is in the North-west, my duty is to my Brethren, my Commander, our beloved Rite, and our God.

CHARGE

Com. —in-Chief.—Officers and Brethren, from my throne in the East, I congratulate you upon again assembling with those complacent emotions of affection which animate the meeting of dearest friends that have been some time separated.

After this interval, with increased relish, you undoubtedly return with renewed alacrity to your labors of love. And now, Brethren, with that closing door, the busy world is shut out; and with it, all its perplexities, and cares and sorrows.

Come, then, ye who are emulous to excel in the true, the good, or the great. May your understandings become more enlightened with WISDOM, your hearts more warmed with BENEFICENCE, for you are welcome guests at the feast of CHARITY, and the refreshment of LOVE.

In walking as the Children of Light, observe the strictest decorum. Be diligent in the duties of your respective stations, and may the joys of *Unity* and *Peace* prevail.

To aid us in attaining this end, the Grand Prior from his station in the East, will appeal to the Throne of Grace.

(The G. Chancellor lights the Incense.)

INVOCATION.

G. Prior.—Our Father which art in Heaven, Creator and Ruler of all, we humbly approach Thee, invoking Thy gracious will and benediction in behalf of these Brethren gathered together in Thy service; give them increase of wisdom, strength of judgment, and a proper appreciation of that energy necessary for the

accomplishment of the great purpose Thou hast assigned for them in this Holy Cause.

Oh! Thou Creator of the Soul! magnify in the hearts and souls of these suppliants at Thy Throne, their mission of humanity and love; that they may, during the deliberations which they are about to enter upon, rise to the majesty and importance of their assumed duties, and that their labors may result in the benefit of Man and Thy glory.

Bless them and bless their works, and make smooth their toiling labors, until Thou seest fit to gather them within Thy Sacred portals; then, beaming with Heavenly smiles, and with lips uttering Thy praise may they be purified, and stainless as a star, imperishable as eternity, may they enter pure, blessed and holy.

For this Thy grace, we invoke and beseech Thee.

AMEN!

Brethren—So mote it be!

Com. —in-Chief.—(!—*all rise and remain standing*). *To order, my Brethren! The Com. —in-Chief may require the signs of the Degrees, remembering not to exceed those of the rank of that Brother present who has received the smallest number of Grades in the Rite. In like manner due observance will be made of all exoteric and esoteric matters which are forbidden to those of lower rank.*

Together my Brethren, observing the East, *(or the "G. Master of Ceremonies," as the Commander may please.)*
(Battery !!!-!!!-!!! with hands.)

PROCLAMATION.

Com. —in-Chief.—To the Glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the name and under the auspices of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America, and by virtue of the Authority on me conferred, I, the Deputy and Commander-in-Chief, declare the works of this Council of Deliberation for the District of _____ opened.

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Be seated, my Brethren.

(To avoid confusion, the Com. —in-Chief may delegate to the Second

Lieutenant Com.: the care of admissions, and the instructions to the C. of the Guard)

TO CLOSE A COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.

(The usual formalities having been complied with, of reading and approval of the Record,—and the questions of health and prosperity, sickness and distress being answered,—the Commanding Officer will proceed to close as follows:—!—this battery is responded to by the second, and then by the First Lieut.: Com.: and the C.: of the Guard will stand at salute.)

Com.:—in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Capt.: of the Guard, advise the Gr.: Sentinel that we are about to close this Council of Deliberation, and to permit no further ingress to this Body.

The G.: C.: of the Guard retires to the portal, executes the order, returns standing at salute.

C.: of G.:—Ill.: Com.:—in-Chief, the G.: Sentinel is stationed, and duly instructed. We are secure against intrusion.

(!!!—The Engineer, Hospitaler, M.: of Cer.: and Stand.: B.: will rise.)

Com.:—in-Chief.—Ill.: G.: Capt.: of the Guard, where is your Station, and what your duty?

C.: of G.:—Ill.: Com.:—in-Chief, in the South near the Second Lieutenant Com.: , and my duty, to guard the portal, and properly announce the approach of visitors and strangers; allowing none to pass without the Commander's permission.

(The questions of station and duty, and the symbolic battery, as given in the opening, may be continued by the Com.:—in-Chief at his option,—but as these forms are given more particularly in the Installation Ceremonies which will have but lately transpired,—the omission is the more excusable than the observance. !!!—!!!—!!!)

CHARGE.

Com.:—in-Chief.—My Brethren, “our duty of labor and love is well nigh ended,” as you depart from this Legislative Chamber, do not be impressed that you have labored in vain, but weigh well the conclusions of this deliberative Body, and in the consummation

of its decrees hope for diligence, prudence and discretion; and the final triumph of the principles taught in our beloved Rite. “Do good unto all, especially to the household of the faithful.” We have not long to toil nor to wait for our reward; “the generations of men are like the waves of the Sea.” In quick succession they follow each other to the coast of death. Thus are we wafted forward; now buoyed, perhaps by hope; now sinking in despair; rising on the tide of prosperity; or overwhelmed with the billows of misfortune. Sometimes, when least expected, the storms gather, the winds arise, “life's frail bubble bursts.”

Let us hope that the Infinite and Loving Father with His protecting hand will shield, guide and care for us all, until duty again bids us assemble about these Sacred precincts; with that view, the Grand Prior will direct us in asking the Heavenly

BLESSING.

G.: Prior.—Oh! our Father! we thank Thee for the manifold blessings Thou hast heaped upon us. May the social virtues we cultivate, and the heart-felt pleasure we here experience be our companions through life. We ask that the mild influence of Masonry and its benignant spirit will animate every scene of duty, alleviate every corrosion of care, heighten every sensation of joy, and in the hour of dissolution shed divine transport on our souls. Let Thy blessings be upon us; and so dismiss us, Oh Lord. AMEN.

Brethren.—So mote it be!

Com.:—in-Chief. (!—All rise and remain standing.)—To order, my Brethren!

(The Com.:—in-Chief may require the signs of the Degrees in reverse order.)

Together, my Brethren, observing the East. (or the G. Mast.: of Cer.:, as the Commander may please.)

(Battery !!!—!!!—!!! with hands.)

PROCLAMATION

Com.:—in-Chief.—To the Glory of the G.: A.: of the U.: , in the name and under the auspices of the Sup.: Council of Sov.:

G.: Inspectors General of the 33d and last degree, for the Northern
Mas.: Jurisdiction, United States of America, and by virtue of the
authority on me conferred, I, the Deputy and Com.: in Chief, de-
clare the works of this Council of Deliberation for the District of
_____, closed.

(1)

Brother C.: of the G.: inform the G.: Sentinel; Brother M.
of Cer.:, close the Lights.

INSTALLATION

— OF THE —

OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

OFFICERS.

IN accordance with Article 8, of the Constitutions of the Su-
preme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United
States of America of 1877, the following are the *Elective*
Officers of the Supreme Body, who shall be elected tri-ennially by
ballot, at an annual meeting of the Supreme Council, except the
Ill.: Deputies who may be elected by show of hands.

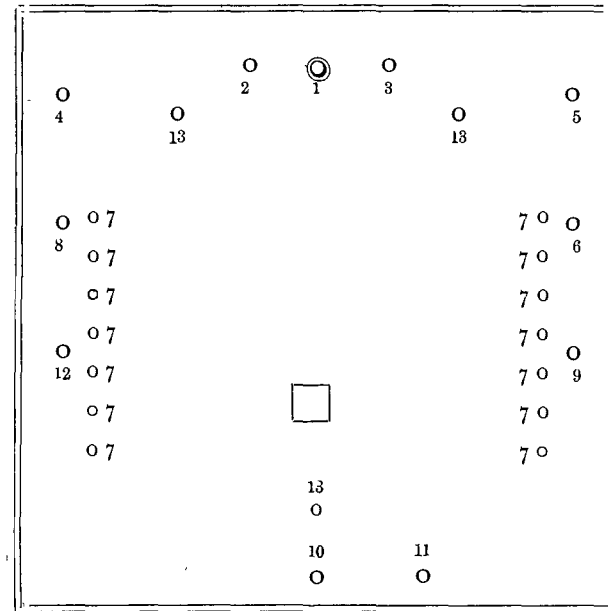
1. The Most Pussant Sovereign Grand Commander.
2. The Pussant Grand Lieutenant Commander.
3. The Ill.: Grand Minister of State.
4. The Ill.: Deputies of the Supreme Council.
5. The Ill.: Grand Treasurer General of the Holy Empire.
6. The Ill.: Grand Secretary General of the Holy Empire.
7. The Ill.: Grand Keeper of the Archives.
8. The Ill.: Grand Master General of Ceremonies.

9. The Ill. : Grand Marshal General.
10. The Ill. : Grand Standard Bearer.
11. The Ill. : Grand Captain of the Guard.

In addition to the above there are five elective Trustees, holding office for five years each, under classification; and a Grand Prior and three Marshals of the Camp who are appointed by the Sov. : Grand Commander.

Regular Position of Officers of the Sup. : Council.

1. The M. : P. : S. : G. : Commander on the Throne in the East.
2. The Puis. : G. : Lieut. : Commander on the right of the Sov. : G. : Com. :
3. The Ill. : G. : Min. : of State on the left of the S. : G. : Com. :
4. The Ill. : G. : Treasurer Gen. : in the North and on the right of the Sov. : G. : Com. :
5. The Ill. : G. : Secretary Gen. : in the South on the left of the G. : Lieut. : Com. :
6. The Ill. : G. : Keeper of the Archives in the South on the left of the G. : Sec. : G. :
7. The Ill. : Deputies of the S. : Co. : in the North and South between the Altar and the Throne.
8. The Ill. : G. : Mast. : Gen. : of Cer. : in the North on the right of the Treas. : G. :
9. The Ill. : G. : Marshal General in the South on the left of the Keeper of A. :
10. The Ill. : G. : Standard Bearer in the center of the West.
11. The Ill. : G. : Capt. : of the Guard at the right of the G. : Stand. : B. :
12. The Ill. : G. : Prior ——— in the North on the right of G. : M. : of Cer. :
13. The three Marshals of the camp are stationed, one on either side of the Throne, in front, and one by the Capt. : of the Guard in the West. Their duties are defined by the Sov. : G. : Com. : and so their Installation is not deemed essential.



At the Session of the tri-ennial election the Officers of the Supreme Council shall be installed.

The Ceremony shall be performed by or in the presence of the Present or a Past M. : Puissant Sov. : Grand Commander, or by or in the presence of the legally Acting M. : P. : Sov. : G. : Command. (Articles 2 and 4 Const.)

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Etc.

The Council Chamber shall be arranged, as provided by the Ritual for the Ceremony of Initiation, with the following exceptions and additions:

The Imperial Crown will rest on the Pedestal in the East, by the Throne.

The Ducal Crown by its side, on the right.

The Collars and Sashes of the Officers-elect shall be deposited on a white covered table midway between the scarlet covered Altar

and the Royal purple Throne ; on this table will also be placed three Crowns,—one of Oak leaves, one of Laurel and one of Ivy.

The Standards will be advanced to the East, the banner of the Order being removed from the North to the North-east side of the Throne, and the banner of the Country from the South to the South-east side of the Throne.

The Altar of Incense in the South-east is prepared but unlighted. The symbolic Candelabra will be placed as follows.

- The *five-branch* Candelabra in the *East*.
- The *three-branch* Candelabra in the *West*.
- The *one-branch* Candelabra in the *North*.
- The *two-branch* Candelabra in the *South*.

At the commencement of the Ceremonies these lights remain extinguished.

These lights, like the travels of the Initiate symbolize the Masonic year, 5312, or A. D 1312, when the Order was destroyed by FIRE, *i. e.*, the Papal decree of abolishment was read before the "General Council of the Church," by Clement V. It is the Masonic year of Fire, because so many Templars were burned at the Stake.

CEREMONIAL OF INSTALLATION.

The seats of the Officers will be vacated; the Installing Officer who will be termed herein Grand Commander Installing, taking the Throne and appointing an Acting G. . Marshal General.

The G. . Com. . Installing will select Emeritus and Active Members of the Council, not elected to office, who will be escorted by the G. . Marshal General to the vacant official seats and clothed with regalia, jewelled and furnished with swords.

The Officers-elect without regalia but wearing the jewel, belt and sheathed sword will be congregated in an outer apartment forming a procession in double file in reverse order of rank, and then abiding circumstances to follow.

The three Marshals of the Camp will be under the command of the Acting G. . Marshal General, and when ordered will accompany him to the outer apartment, two of them swinging lighted Censers, the third with drawn sword, and the G. . Marshal General with the Abacus.

All being in readiness.

G. . Com. . Inst. .—Ill. . G. . Marshal General, repair to the outer apartment with the symbol of my authority for the discharge of your duty.

(The G. . Marshal and his aids having retired, place themselves at the head of the procession, the Marshal preceding, followed by the Aid with drawn sword, then the two with lighted Censers swinging, then the Officers-elect of the Supreme Council in reverse order. A battery of 3-1-2 is made at the entrance, if one or two Heralds accompany the procession, the battery is given by notes on the Clarion.)

G. . Cap. . of G. .—(Within.)—Puissant Sov. . G. . Commander, there is an alarm at the entrance of the Council Chamber.

G. . Com. . Inst. .—Ill. . G. . Cap. . of the Guard ascertain the cause of the alarm, and if created by the Ill. . Marshal Gen. . in charge of the Officers-elect of this Council, throw open the portals and admit them. (!!! all rise)

(The G. . C. of the G. . obeys. Flourish by Clarions or Organ. The procession enters, passes once round the Chamber and then to the West, then opening ranks, the G. . Com. .-elect and the other Officers-elect according to rank pass through, and proceed up the center of the Chamber toward the East. A triangle being formed by the Officers-elect under direction of the G. . Marshal the base thereof in the West, the Commander-elect at the apex in the East and all facing the East, which the incense bearers approach, separate right and left and face the West. The third Mar. . of the Camp, steps toward the North, the G. . Mar. . toward the South and lights the Altar of Perfumes.)

G. . Com. . Inst. .—(! Inspectors G. . are seated.) Ill. . G. . Marshal G. . whom you have you in charge?

G. . Mar. . G. .—M. . P. . Sov. . G. . Commander, I have the pleasure to present the Officers of this Supreme Council elected for the ensuing three years.

G. . Com. . Inst. .—Ill. . G. . Secretary Gen. . you will be pleased to read aloud the names of the Officers-elect.

(The Secretary General so reads.)

G. . Com. . Inst. .—Ill. . Sov. . G. . Inspectors General, you have heard read the Schedule of Officers-elect. Is it your pleasure that I now proceed with their Installation. If any one has any objection to make, let him now offer it or else forever hereafter hold his peace.

ADDRESS.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Illustrious Brethren: This moment is one of great gratification to myself and of much interest to all Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. To those of great culture, ardent students, mature in Masonic lore, and in acts of Benevolence and Charity, whose walk in life merits naught but commendation, it only becomes necessary for me as Installing Officer, to call your attention to a few thoughts.

It is a pleasing demonstration, that in this utilitarian age, so many can leave the exciting chase after wealth to spend their time in an abstract speculation on the advancement of morality and virtue. Time's frost has tinged most of us, but if his unsparing hand thus shows his power over the material part, he also shows his effects on the immaterial part, by mellowing our hearts, and as we draw near the verge of eternity, rendering us better adapted to dwell in that Temple which we have endeavored to make fit for the abiding place of the *G.: A.: of the U.:*

We tenderly cherish that light of love, which like devotion's flame on our Altars should never die, and which, according to its nurture, burns with an inspiring flame, or sinks into a dull and sullen glare; this voluntary duty of ours proves that our human lot is not a moody, selfish existence, excluding us from the sympathies and elegancies of life, or the graces of imagination, or social duties, but bringing us together upon the wide range of benevolence and mutually disposing us to a closer acquaintance, a kinder feeling, and a deeper study of the "Higher Law." Neither the Institutions of the present nor those of the past are entirely material, there are souls in their vast bodies, and these souls find expression in proportion as the natures of those who are their exponents, permit.

The soul of man comes first from God, and with the impressions received in this world of care, each must return; and we have chosen the task of engraving on our hearts and consciences, moral precepts. But worldly feelings encroach, and one by one, we fall asleep at our posts, and wonder that the advent of virtue lingers.

We profess to school the Soul; to attune it to deeds of pure benevolence, to wed it to acts of love.

Our hearts should overflow with charity; and should our

poisons heave and our Souls be lacerated at a tale of sorrow, what lifting bearers are we of the burdens of Earth and of weaving chaplets for Heaven.

To such may safely be entrusted the task of expanding an Institution like this which has for its object the Law of Love.

Reflect on your exalted privileges, and guard against the possibility of any one,—to whom is given an Angels' duty—forgetting his trust, or proving tardy in the full execution of his charge.

Most Puissant Sov. *G.:* Commander-elect are you prepared to receive the charge essential to the proper fulfillment of the duties of your Office?

G.: Com.:elect.—I am.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—(! *all seated.*)—*Ill.:* Brother, the station and dignity to which you have been elected are the highest in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Yet, do you acknowledge that all Sov. *G.:* Inspectors General are peers one of another and when convened in Supreme Council compose the senate of the Order; and are the only Supreme Chiefs and Leaders of the Rite?

G.: Com.:elect.—I do.

G.: Com. Inst.:—Do you admit that the Regulations and Institutes of 1762 and 1786, and the Secret Constitutions are the fundamental laws of the Order, to which all Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite must yield implicit obedience, except in so far as they have been modified by competent authority?

G.: Com.:elect.—I do.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Do you admit that all Supreme Councils of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite throughout the Globe, so long as they are fully recognised as such by this Supreme Council are peers and equals?

G.: Com.:elect.—I do.

G.: Com. Inst.:—Do you admit that as this Supreme Council of Sovereign *G.:* Inspectors General of the 33d Grade, is the only legitimate Supreme Council for this Jurisdiction, that no other Supreme Council can be established in or for any portion thereof except with the consent and approval of the same?

G.: Com.:elect.—I do.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Do you agree that you will never confer or attempt to confer the Grade of Inspector General, except by au-

thority of this Supreme Council, and then only in accordance with the authority and mandates of this Supreme Council under its Constitutions and Laws?

G.: Com.: -elect.—I do.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Do you agree that all the powers which you may be invested are to be exercised for the exclusive benefit of the Rite, and of the Body of Masons, over which you are elected to preside as Chief, and not for any private benefit, profit or advantage of your own?

G.: Com.: -elect.—I do.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Do you promise that you will labor strenuously and zealously to extend and propagate the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and to that end, you will make yourself familiar with its Rituals, Lectures, Histories and Philosophies, and that you will conserve the interests of all the Subordinate Bodies of the Rite, and protect and nurture them so far as they may labor for the benefit and dignity of the Rite?

G.: Com.: -elect.—I do.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Do you promise to discountenance, so far as may be in your power any innovations in the Ritual and Work of the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite not sanctioned by the Supreme Council, and to denounce and expose all pretenders and impostors, and all who resist and set at defiance the authority of this Supreme Council, and the validity and binding force of the Constitutions and Laws?

G.: Com.: -elect.—I do.

(The G.: Com.: Inst.: gives a battery of !!!, when all will rise and descending from the Throne approaches the Officer-elect and presenting the hilt of his Sword, says)

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: Brother we are satisfied with your answers and I shall now proceed to administer to you the

OATH OF OFFICE.

Place your left hand on the hilt of this sword.

You do solemnly swear that you will faithfully, industriously and punctually perform all the duties that may devolve on or be assigned to you as The Most Pissant Sovereign Grand Commander of this Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the

United States of America, without prejudice or partiality, and to the utmost of your skill and ability; and that you will in all things consult and endeavor to subserve the best and permanent interests of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, your Country and Humanity, to the extent of your judgment So help you God!

Do you swear?

G.: Com.: -elect.—I do.

(Third Marshal of the Camp lights the five lights in the East. Flourish of music by trumpets or organ, while the G.: Marshal Gen.: conveys to G.: Com.: Inst.: the Imperial Crown on a royal purple cushion.)

(The Crown is a band of Gold set with precious stones supporting a purple velvet cap, or low crowned Bishop's Mitre, with sustaining cross bands of gold, and surmounted with a Teutonic cross.)

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: Brother, this Crown originally received at Rome is the Imperial Crown with which Frederick II, called the Great, and King of Prussia, was crowned in 1740, and who, we acknowledge, gave to Masonry, at Berlin, in 1786, the year of his death, and as one of the last acts of his life, the Secret Institutes and Bases of this our Most Ancient and Most Worshipful Society. Through this Coronal dignity you represent our Supreme Grand Protector, Grand Commander, and True Defender of the Order. Kneel!

CORONATION.

I now place upon thy head this Imperial Emblem, and do therewith, in the name and as the representative of this Supreme Body, crown and invest thee as the Most Pissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America Ill.: Bro.: arise!

Be thou the Crown of our Arch, and like the great king whom you now represent be singularly and studiously industrious in our cause: remember religious persecution was unknown in his dominions and perfect order reigned throughout.

“Let mutual love be the Crown of all our bliss!” And may our Heavenly Father in His infinite beneficence give thee strength to bear the burthen thus imposed upon thee.

(The G.: Com.: Inst.: gives a battery of—1. All the members except the Officers-elect are seated.)

(The G.: Marshal General hands the collar of office to the G. Com.: Installing, who says)

As a further emblem of dignity and authority I invest thee with the Collar of your rank ; and place in your charge a copy of the Constitutions, Secret Institutes, Statutes and modified Laws, for your faithful and just guidance.

Approach the Throne, Ill.: Brother.

(They ascend the Throne and face the West)

G.: Com.: Inst.: (!!!)—Ill.: Sov.: Gr.: Insp.: General, salute your new Sov.: Grand Commander.

(All the Inspectors General salute with the sword, and standing at salute, say:)

Omnes.—The Imperial Majesty has crowned him with glory and honor!

(Flourish of Clarion, — or Organ.)

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: Brother, please be seated at my right hand. (!)

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: G.: Marshal General please present the Puissant Lieutenant G.: Commander-elect for Installation

(The G.: Marshal Gen.: will approach the Officer-elect and cause him to rise, saying)

G.: Mar.: G.:—Puis.: Sov.: G.: Com.: the Lieut.: G.: Com.:-elect, now stands before you and awaits your pleasure for Installation.

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: Brother, have you heard the charges assented to and the Obligation assumed by the Sov.: G.: Com.:?

L.: G.: Com.: E.:—I have.

G.: Com.: Inst.: *(Gives Battery !!!,—and approaching the Officer-elect presents the hilt of the sword, for that Brother to hold, as he takes this)*

OATH OF OFFICE.

Do you in the presence of the Grand Architect and Preserver of the Universe, and of your Peers here assembled, solemnly swear that you consent as he did to the charges and that whenever the duties of the Office of Sovereign G.: Commander of this Supreme

Council shall devolve upon you, that you will on your part keep and perform all that the Most Puissant Sovereign G.: Commander hath here in your hearing sworn to keep and perform on his part?

L.: G.: Com.: E.:—*I do, so help me Father in Heaven!*

(Battery of—1,—all seated. The Second Mar.: of the Camp lights the three lights in the West. G.: Marshal G.: conveys to G.: Com.: Inst.: the Ducal Coronet upon the royal purple cushion. The Ducal Coronet is a circle of gold surrounding a cap of crimson velvet edged with ermine, the golden circle is enriched with precious stones and pearls, and is adorned with eight large strawberry leaves ; the cap is somewhat flaring, and has a knot on the top. It is of less grade than the Imperial Crown.)

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: Brother, this Ducal Coronet is the immediate insignia of a Leader, Chief and Prince, and he who is entitled to wear it, stands next in rank to him who carries the Imperial Roman Diadem of Frederick ;—Kneel and receive it.

Let the Coronet support the Crown ; for he who bears it, may yet exchange the Ducal cap for the Imperial Corona. Arise.

When the Sov.: G.: Commander is present, you are to assist him with your counsel and advice, and aid him in maintaining the dignity and authority of his office, and the peace and harmony of the Supreme Council.

As a further emblem of that dignity and authority within yourself, receive this Collar of your office.

The Constitutions, secret Institutes, Statutes and Modified Laws are already known to you, and you should govern yourself accordingly.

Approach the Throne and be seated on the right of the Sov.: G.: Commander

G.: Com.: Inst.:—Ill.: G.: Marshal Gen.: please present the Ill.: Sov.: G.: Inspectors General, Officers-elect for Installation.

(The G.: Marshal Gen.: will cause the Officers-elect to rise and stand in front, i. e. West, of the Altar in line in order of rank, the G.: Minister of State toward the North, and the G.: Cap.: of the Guard to the South, the Deputies of Districts in a separate line, rear rank, and then say.)

G.: Mar.: G.:—Puis.: Sov.: G.: Com.:, the Ill.: G.: Minister of State and other Officers-elect of this Supreme Council, now stand before you, and await your pleasure for Installation.

G. Com. Inst. (!!!, all rise)—The G. Marshal General will attend to the Officers-elect and appointed, being placed in position of the Second Sign, that each may assume his

OATH OF OFFICE.

Do you and each of you in the presence of the Grand Architect and Preserver of the Universe, and of your Peers here assembled solemnly swear that you will support the Constitutions, Secret Institutes, Statutes and Modified Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and that you will faithfully and to the best of your skill and ability perform and discharge the duties to which you have been elected?

And further that you will use every exertion in your power to advance the interest, increase the usefulness and augment the splendor of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite?

Officers-elect.—*I do, so help me Father in Heaven.*

(The First Mar. of the Camp lights the Single light in the North, and the Second M. of the Camp lights the two in the South.)

G. Com. Inst.—*(! Officers-elect arise and remain standing— all the other Inspectors Gen. being seated.*

ILL. G. MINISTER OF STATE

you are the Chief Servant of the executive authority of this Supreme Council, you are one to whom the Sov. Leader intrusts the direction of the affairs of State, in your hands much of the Administration of Government is placed

The office is one of labor and responsibility. He who accepts it should be amply able to instruct the Inspectors General as to all matters pertaining to the construction of the Constitution and the Laws.

The field before you is vast. "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your Minister."

Your special emblem of office is the Corona Triumphalis, the wreath of laurel, given by the soldiers of Truth to their triumphant General.

You are to be the exponent of Law and Justice. "Let merit crowns, and justice laurels give."

Ill. G. Min. of State, approach and be seated on the left of the Sov. Grand Commander.

Ill. Grand Treasurer General and Secretary General

you are the twin existing officers of the Holy Empire, and the only two entitled to that distinction

The Holy Empire depends largely upon the faithful discharge of your respective services—the explanation of which is so clearly laid down in the modified Constitutions of our Order, that to enlarge upon the same before the intelligent and trustworthy selections of the Inspectors General, would deservedly meet with other than commendation.

Your Peers have awarded to you emblematic Crowns; to the Treasurer Gen. the Civic Crown of Oak, it was given of old in Rome, and was second in Military honor, it is said to have been wreathed by Janus, the Sun-God, whose two faces looking in opposite directions, created a complete and constant watch over that of which he had in charge — Ill. Bro. make your own application, to the Secretary General, the Ivy wreath is justly due, the Tiling Ivy, emblem of sorrow, ever clings to its task and by its innumerable root-like fibers will support and sustain the wasting and failing Oak.

The Treas. Gen. may be seated in the North at the right of the Sovereign G. Com. and the Secretary General opposite in the South.

The Ill. Grand Keeper of the Archives

in this Supreme Council, holds a position of no inconsiderable honor and of large trust and importance, the duties, if faithfully executed, will be onerous, as the position involves that of Keeper and Librarian of rare, valuable and old MSS., containing Histories, quaint Rituals, Statistics, Records and Philosophies, elsewhere not obtainable.

His duty will also be to increase and enrich the treasure in store and be mindful of the Constitution for further instruction.

He may now be seated in the South on the left of the G. Secretary General.

The Ill. G. Master Gen. of Ceremonies

occupies the most constantly laborious position during Sessions and Ceremonies of the Supreme Body, within the gift of the Council. The demands upon the Officer who is faithful and competent are peculiar, incessant and varying. It is his duty to precede and attend the Sov. Com. Gr. Commander; to receive, examine and introduce all visitors, to receive, prepare, introduce and conduct all initiates. All ceremonies must be preconceived, arranged, and conducted under his instruction and management. His politeness and courtesy must be ever with him,—much depending upon his urbanity, his sauvity of manner, and yet force of character in compelling obedience. He should be the embodiment of ritualistic knowledge of the Rite. His position is most honorable, and commands acknowledgment as such. The election to this office is the mark of high esteem by your peers.

Be seated in the North on the right of the Treasurer General.

THE ILL. Gr. MARSHAL GEN.

requires for the duties of his office, care, promptness, and activity. It is your duty to arrange all processions of the Supreme Body, and to make the proclamations of the Installations of the Grand Officers, and at the institution of new subordinate bodies of the Rite under the direction of the Puissant Sov. Grand Commander, to whom in all things he will be obedient.

You may assume your Station in the South, on the left of the Keeper of the Archives.

THE ILL. G. STANDARD BEARER

is intrusted with the Standard of the Order; it is his duty to carry and defend it, as it is the representative of our holy and noble principles, which we have sworn to sustain with even life.

The Ill. Officer will now assume its charge and bear it to his Station in the center of the West, and as he does so remember his responsibility for its loss or dishonor.

ILL. G. CAP. OF THE GUARD

the Constitution provides that you shall keep a faithful watch both within and without the Grand Council Chamber, and see that the portals are duly guarded, but you are also when required to receive

and communicate the pass-word, and to perform such other duties as by prescription and custom appertain to your office.

With your drawn sword,—the weapon and symbol of honor of an Inspector General,—you will now repair to your Station at the right of the G. Standard Bearer.

Ill. Deputies of the Supreme Council.

Illustrious Brethren: As far back as 1851, the Most P. Sov. Grand Commander upon being inducted into office, recommended in his address, that for the greater convenience of our Brethren in the States, and for the better administration of the business of the Council, there be appointed Deputy Grand Inspectors, with limited and well defined powers for the several States or Districts within the Jurisdiction,—and said it should be their duty to watch over the interests of the Order in their several Districts—to aid the Council in the establishment of Lodges, Councils, Chapters, and Consistories, and to perform such other services as from time to time may be specially required of them.

This recommendation met with favor, but was imperfectly performed: Upon the adoption of our present Constitutions in 1877, the Supreme Body embraced in the eighth article the office of Deputies, placing it fourth in rank of position, except in matters of Ceremony, and then giving it the fifth.

It is but necessary to refer you to the 28th Article of our Constitutions, which defines the "Powers of Deputies" for your mediate instructions, as well to the Regulations that have since been approved by the Supreme Authority; it is, however, essential that you should be conversant not only with our written Laws and Regulations but also with those governing Freemasonry generally.

I charge you severally to be watchful and cautious, constant, untiring and decisive, yet courteous, urbane and fostering to the Brethren and Subordinate Bodies under care. You may now be seated on the North and South of the Council Chamber.

ILL. GRAND PRIOR

do you now approach our Altar and teach us your duty, invoking Heaven's blessing and asking our Father to instruct and guide us all and give us strength and wisdom to discharge the manifold duties we have, in our temerity dared to assume.

PRAYER.

G. Prior.—Thou, Almighty, Supreme, Infinite Father and source of life and light, whom the wise of all nations, in all ages have adored; Thou who hast placed the Sun, the Moon and the Stars in the Firmament to rule and govern in their respective spheres; look down in thy beneficence, upon the efforts of thy servants to so prepare, rule and direct those who are to govern in the cause of overcoming the powers of darkness and evil, and in the combat against the oppressors of humanity. Grant unto us constancy and prudence, boldness and hope, a full faith and never failing charity. Lay broad and deep in the hearts of all officers present, a knowledge of the responsibilities devolving upon them: that in the discharge of their various duties the loving spirit inculcated through the ceremonies just witnessed may be more and more realized. Give to those who have been placed in authority, the spirit of equity, sincerity, courage and wisdom that they may govern with that prudence which well becometh a wise ruler. Give to those who must obey, wisdom and valor, justice and faithfulness, truth and honesty; and enable us by union, harmony and zeal to benefit our fellow creatures. Amen! *So mote it be!*

G. Com. Inst. (' ' ')—Attention Ill. Inspectors General.

The Ill. G. Marshal Gen. will now make proclamation of Installation.

(The G. Mar. Gen. standing upon the first step of the Throne, will proclaim.)

PROCLAMATION.

G. Mar. G.—To the Glory of the G. A. of the U. in the name and under the auspices of the Sup. Co. of Sov. G. Inspectors Gen. of the 33d and last degree for the Northern Mas. Jur. of the United States of America, and by virtue of the authority on me conferred, I make proclamation that the Officers of this Supreme Council are completely installed, and prepared to proceed with their labors.

G. Com.—Order has been restored from Chaos; let us applaud Ill. Brethren. Observe the Throne.

(Omnes 5—3—1—2.)

(Flourish by Clarions, or Organ.)

FINIS.