



LODGE SCOTIA

No. 263

U.G.L.Q.

formerly...

1176 S.C.

193 Q.G.L.

*~ Installation Ceremony ~
incorporating the forming of
a Board of Installed Masters*

DRAFT (05-10-02)
INSTALLATION CEREMONY

- WM: (to IG by rank and name) Bro....., you will inform the Tyler that I am about to open the Lodge.
- IG. (Opens door; to Tyler by rank and name) Bro....., the Master is about to open the Lodge (closes door).
- IG: (to Master by rank and name) Wor. Bro....., the Tyler is in attendance.
- WM: Has every Brother signed the Attendance Register? If not, he must now retire for that purpose.
- WM: Will all visiting Brethren please rise, and resume your seats on being properly vouched for. (done). I invite all Worshipful Brethren on the floor of the Lodge to accompany me in the East.
- WM : (Knock !, repeated by WSW and WJW.) Brethren, assist me to open this Lodge in the First Degree. (all rise).
- WM: (to WJW by rank and name) Bro....., what is our first duty in a Lodge of EAF'masons?
- WJW: To see that the Lodge is properly tyled, Wor. Bro.....
- WM: Direct that duty to be done.
- WJW: (to IG by rank and name) Bro....., you will see that the Lodge is properly tyled.
- (IG gives one knock which is answered. IG opens door to see if Tyler is at his post and reports to WJW)
- IG: Bro....., the Lodge is properly tyled.
- WJW: Wor. Bro....., the Lodge is properly tyled.
- WM: (to WSW by rank and name) Bro....., what is our next duty?
- WSW: To see that none but F'masons are present, that they are properly clothed, and stand to order as EAF'masons, Wor. Bro
- WM: Are you satisfied that all present are F'masons, and are properly clothed?
- WSW: I am, Wor. Master.
- WM: To order, Brethren, as EAF'masons.
- (From here on, Officers other than WM, WSW, WJW and IPM are addressed as Bro. and Office, e.g., Bro. Secretary, Bro. J.D.).**
- WM: WSW., how many Officers constitute a Lodge of EAF'masons?
- WJW: Seven or more, WM., namely the WM., the WS and WJ Wardens, the S and J Deacons, and the I. and O. Guard or Tyler.
- WM: WJW., where is the position of the O. Guard or Tyler?
- WJW: Outside the door of the Lodge, WM.
- WM: His duty?
- WJW: Being armed with a drawn sword, to keep off all cowans and eavesdroppers, and see that the candidates come properly prepared.

WM: Bro. IG., where is your constant position in the Lodge?

IG: Within the entrance of the Lodge, WM.

WM: And your duty?

IG: To admit Masons on proof, receive Candidates in due form, and obey the commands of the WJW.

WM: Bro. JD., where is your constant position in the Lodge?

JD: At the right of, or near, the WSW.

WM: Your duty?

JD: To carry all messages and communications of the WM from the WSW to the WJW, and see the same punctually obeyed.

WM: Bro. SD., where is your constant position in the Lodge?

SD: At the right of, or near, the WM.

WM: Your duty?

SD: To carry all messages and commands from the WM to the WSW., and await the return of the JD.

WM: WJW., where is your constant place in the Lodge?

WJW: In the South, WM.

WM: Why are you so placed?

WJW: To mark the sun at its meridian, to call the Brethren from labour to refreshment, and from refreshment to labor again, that profit and pleasure may be the result.

WM: WSW., where is your constant place in the Lodge?

WSW: In the West, WM.

WM: Why are you so placed?

WSW: To mark the setting sun; to assist in opening and working the Lodge, and close it at the WM's command, after having seen that every Brother has had his due.

WM: Wor. Bro. Immediate Past Master, where is the Master's place?

IPM: In the East, WM.

WM: Why is he so placed?

IPM: As the glorious sun rises in the East to open and illumine the day, so is the WM placed in the East to open the Lodge and to employ and instruct the Brethren in F'masonry.

(All adopt the Sign of Fidelity).

WM: Brethren, the Lodge being thus duly formed, before I declare it opened, let us invoke a blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe on all our undertakings. May our labours thus begun in order be conducted in harmony and closed in peace.

ALL: So mote it be. (Resume Sign of EAF'mason).

WM: In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe, I declare this, Lodge Scotia, holding of the U.G.L. of Q'land, and numbered on its Roll 263, duly opened for the purposes of F'masonry in the First Degree. (Knock!Knock!Knock!, repeated by WSW, WJW, IG and Tyler. SD & JD join DC., VSL is opened; Chaplain opens his copy).

DC: Brethren, I crave your attention to a portion of Holy Writ.

CHPLN: *And her mother-in-law said unto her 'Where hast thou gleaned to day and where wroughst thou? Blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee.' And she shewed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said 'The man's name with whom I wrought to-day is B**z.'*

ALL: So mote it be.

(Deacons uncope wands, DC and Deacons return to their positions. T.B. is opened, lights ON, pillars up/down, DC signals IPM and the WM to open their copies of the VSL).

WM: Let us unite in our opening Hymn, No.1 in the hymnal.(Done).
Be seated, Brethren.

Condolences and Minute's Silence (NOT prompted by Secretary).

Welcome AGSW and Visitors

Minutes printed and circulated. (M & S they be received, adopted and signed).

Business arising out of the Minutes

Correspondence (M & S received & endorsed).

Treasurer's Accounts (M by WJW, S by WSW)

Financial Statement (M & S)

Reports of Committees, Lodge Representation; other Reports

Ballot

Notice of Motion previously presented.

DC: W.M., may those Wor. Brn. who are taking part in tonight's ceremony have your permission to retire?

WM: They may, Bro. DC.

(Installing Officers form up in two rows in East. DC instructs Installing Officers to salute W.M.; led by the D.C., they then retire via the West. Lodge DC hands Baton and Collar to Installing DC through door if NOT a member of Installing Team and returns to his place.)

WM.: W.J.W., you will instruct the Inner Guard to admit Scotia Brethren and visiting Brethren.

WJW:Bro. I.G., you will admit Scotia Brethren, and all visiting Brethren.

(I.G. announces those who wish to enter, usually in blocks of 10, unless a Fraternal Visit.)

IG: WJW, all Brethren seeking admission have been admitted.

WJW:W.M., all Brethren seeking admission have been admitted.

(If Grand Lodge is present, they now enter in the First Degree, with the usual protocol and are welcomed by the Lodge W.M. In the meantime, the Installing Officers line up as follows:

(N.W. Door)
 PIPER
 INSTALLING D. OF C.
 JUNIOR DEACON SENIOR DEACON
 CHAPLAIN INNER GUARD
 JUNIOR WARDEN SENIOR WARDEN
 INSTALLING W.M.

(Tyler knocks ! ! !)

IG: W.J.W., there is a report.

WJW: Attend to that report, Bro. I.G.

(I.G. knocks !, repeated by Tyler !. I.G. opens door, asks Tyler reason for report, closes door.)

IG: W.J.W., several Worshipful Brethren of Scotia Lodge seek admission.

WJW: Admit, Bro. I.G.

(I.G. draws curtains back, open both doors. Procession enters. Piper continues to position in South. I.DC halts in N.E. corner, with Officers behind him. Six Officers step sideways and turn inwards. I.W.M. passes through, and stands to left of I.DC Six Officers turn to face East.)

IDC: Wor. Brethren, you will salute the W.M. with the sign of this degree, taking your time and example from the W.I.M. (Done).

W.M., I present to you Wor. Bro. as Installing Master for this evening's ceremony.

(Lodge W.M. stands, I.W.M. proceeds to the dais.)

WM: Wor. Bro., it is a pleasure for me to have you here this evening in the capacity of Installing Master. I now hand you my gavel, and place the Lodge in your care.

WIM: Thank you, W.M.

(Lodge IPM vacates his seat. Lodge WM stands at IPM's seat. WIM and Lodge WM sit.)

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, OFFICERS REFERRED TO FROM HERE ON ARE THE INSTALLING OFFICERS.

(SW and JW pass through line of Officers, DC moves ahead of them. Chaplain and Inner Guard pass through. SD and JD follow. All move in procession and drop off at respective positions. They take over regalia from Lodge Officers. Master-elect stands at chair at left of WSW. Installing and Lodge Officers remain standing and, taking time from DC, salute W.M. and are seated. Retiring W.M. does NOT take salutes.

Except during normal opening and closing in each Degree, Installing Officers do not salute the Chair until the Lodge is placed in the care of the NEW Lodge W.M. From here on, Officers are addressed by their full Masonic title, e.g.:

WIM.....Worshipful Installing Master
 WSW.....Worshipful Brother Senior Warden
 WJW.....Worshipful Brother Junior Warden, etc)

WIM: Wor. Bro. Secretary, (who stands with S. of F.) you will read that portion of the Minutes relating to the election of Master. (Done)

WIM: Wor. Bro. Secretary, have those Minutes been confirmed?

Secty: They have, Worshipful Installing Master.

WIM: Wor. Bro. DC., you will present to me the Master Elect.

(DC proceeds to East, bows to Lodge WIM; Lodge W.M. descends from East, accompanies DC to West, where M-E, having removed his gloves, moves to side of Lodge WM. Led by DC., they proceed to East and face the WIM. Lodge WM resumes his seat.)

DC: Worshipful Installing Master, I have pleasure in presenting to you Bro..... as

Master-elect. (DC steps back one pace).

WIM: It has been customary among Freemasons from time immemorial, once in every year, to elect

from their members an expert Brother to preside over them. Their suffrages have on this occasion fallen on you and we greatly rejoice in the selection which the Brethren have made. It is requisite in every Candidate for the Office of Master that he be true and trusty, of good report, and held in high estimation among his Brethren. He ought to be of exemplary character, courteous in demeanor, easy of address, but steady and firm in principle. He must have been regularly initiated, passed and raised in the three established Degrees of Freemasonry, and served in the office of Warden for twelve months. He should be well skilled in this our noble Science and a lover of the Craft. He must have been duly elected by the Masters, Wardens and Fellows, in open Lodge assembled, and be presented to a Board of Installed Masters. You have thus been duly elected and otherwise qualified. I have only to ask, can you conscientiously accept the Office of Worshipful Master under the aforementioned requirements?

M-E: I can.

WIM: Then, previous to your Installation, it is requisite that you assent to the Antient Charges and Regulations which point out the duties of a Master of a Lodge. These will be read to you by the Wor. Bro. D C. You will therefore stand to the Order of Fidelity, slightly bowing the head in assent after the reading of each charge.

(DC proceeds to the S.E. M-E turns right to face him. DC reads Antient Charges and Regulations.)

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceable subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your Brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behavior, courteous to your Brethren and faithful to your lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of freemasonry.
9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtue, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.
10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.
11. You admit it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovation in the body of masonry, without the consent first obtained of Grand Lodge.
12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge, upon receiving proper notice thereof, and to pay attention to all the duties of freemasonry upon proper and convenient occasions.
13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master or his deputy, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and that no public processions of masons clothed with the badges of the order can take place without the special licence of the Grand Master or his deputy.
14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a freemason or admitted a member of any lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.
15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers in his having been initiated into a regular lodge.
(DC then returns to Master-elect, and both face East.)

DC: W.I.M., such are the Antient Charges and Regulations.

WIM: Bro....., do you in all sincerity and good faith, agree to support these Charges and Regulations, as all good Masters have done?

M-E: I do.

WIM: Then, in consequence of your ready and full assent to these Charges and Regulations, and since it is the will and pleasure of your Brethren that you be installed W.M. of this Lodge, I enjoin you to walk uprightly in the sight of God and man, and strictly to observe the rules and regulations of the Craft in general, and the by-laws of this Lodge in particular. You are now required to take an obligation of Fidelity.

(The DC escorts M-elect to the West. S.D. moves to N.W. corner, and J.D. moves to S.W. corner. All turn to face East and proceed to Altar. I.M. knocks !, Wardens repeat, Deacons arch wands, all rise. I.M. (or Obligating Officer) moves to Altar.

OBLIGATION OF FIDELITY

WIM: You will kneel on both knees, place both hands on the V.S.L., and repeat after me the following obligation:

I,, in the presence of the G.A.O.T.U., do solemnly promise to perform the duties of the Office of Master of this the Lodge Scotia No. 263, faithfully, zealously and impartially, to the best of my ability during the ensuing twelve months, and until a successor shall have been regularly elected and installed in my stead. That, while in the Chair, I will not permit or suffer any deviation from the Ancient Customs or Established Landmarks of the Order, recognized by the U.G.L.Q., nor administer or cause to be administered any ceremony contrary to or subversive of our Constitutions. That I will maintain, pure and unsullied, the genuine Tenets of the Order. That I will observe, and as far as lies within my power, strictly enforce those Charges and Regulations to which I have given my assent, and will in all ways conscientiously perform my duties as Master of the Craft. So help me, God.

Bro....., you will seal this Obligation on the V.S.L. Kiss the Book three times. (Done). Rise, duly obligated Master-elect.

(Deacons uncope their wands, step back and stand each side of M.E. Obligating Officer moves to the South, and is led back to his place by the DC. J.D. follows with M.E., followed by S.D. who returns to his chair. D.C. places chair in S.E., and J.D. seats the M-E. DC and J.D. return to their chairs.)

DC: Be seated, Brethren.

SECOND OR F.C.F. DEGREE

WIM: Wor. Bro. DC., I am about to pass the Lodge.

DC: Brethren, the WIM is about to pass the Lodge to the Second Degree. Any Brother who has not yet taken that Degree must now retire. When you are permitted to re-enter, you will be called upon to give the Pass Grip and Pass Word of the Degree in which the Lodge is at labour. You will then move directly to your places without saluting, and be seated.

The Brethren in the South please rise; face the East; salute the WIM. and retire by the S.W. (Done)

The Brethren in the North please rise; face the East; salute the WIM. and retire by the N.W.(Done)

DC: WIM., the remaining Brethren claim to be FCF' masons.

WIM: (! one knock, repeated by Wardens) Brethren, assist me to open this Lodge in the Second Degree. (All rise)

WIM: Wor. Bro. J.W., (exchange Signs) what is the first duty in a Lodge of FCF' masons?

WJW: To see that the Lodge is properly tyled, WIM.

WIM: Direct that duty to be done.

WJW: Wor. Bro. IG., you will see that the Lodge is properly tyled.
(IG gives knocks of First Degree !!!, answered by Tyler)

IG: Wor. Bro. J.W., the Lodge is properly tyled.

WJW: WIM., (exchange Signs) the Lodge is properly tyled.

WIM: Wor. Bro. S.W., (exchange Signs) what is our next duty?

WSW: To see that none but FCF' masons are present, and that they stand to order as EAF' masons, WIM.

WIM: Wor. Bro. S.W., are you satisfied that all present are FCF' masons?

WSW: I am, WIM.

WIM: To order, Brethren, as EAF' masons.

Wor. Bro. J.W., are you a FCF' mason?

WJW: I am, WIM. Try me and prove me.

WIM: By what instrument in Architecture will you be proved?

WJW: The Square.

WIM: What is a Square?

WJW: An angle of 90 degrees, or the fourth part of a circle.

WIM: Being yourself acquainted with the proper mode, you will prove the Brethren to be FCF' masons by signs, and demonstrate that proof to me by copying their example.

WJW: Brethren, it is the WIM's command that you prove yourselves FCF' masons by signs.

(All take 2nd. regular step, give sign of Fidelity and Penal Sign, and stand to order as FCF' masons)

WJW: WIM., the Brethren having proved themselves to be FCF' masons by signs, I, in obedience to your command, thus copy their example (gives signs).

WIM: I acknowledge the correctness of the signs (gives them) and hail all present as FCF' masons.

Brethren, before the Lodge is opened in the Second Degree, let us supplicate the Grand

Geometrician of the Universe that the rays of Heaven may shed their benign influence over us, to

enlighten us in the paths of Virtue and Science.

ALL: So mote it be.

WIM: In the Name of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, I declare this Lodge duly opened on the Square, for the instruction and improvement of FCF'masons, and this I do by ! !! (Knocks repeated, Sign is broken. DC and Deacons attend to VSL.)

DC: Brethren, I claim your attention to a portion of Holy Writ.

CHPLN: *And he set up the Pillars in the porch of the Temple; and he set up the right pillar and called the name thereof 'J****n', and he set up the left Pillar, and called the name thereof 'B**z'.*

ALL: So mote it be.

(When officers return to their places, the SD opens 2° T.B., WJW's light is extinguished.)

DC: Be seated, Brethren.

THIRD DEGREE

WIM: Wor. Bro. DC, I am about to raise the Lodge.

DC: Brethren, the WIM is about to raise the Lodge to the Third Degree. Any Brother who has not taken that Degree must retire. When you are permitted to re-enter, you will be called upon to give the Pass Grip and Pass Word of the Degree in which the Lodge is at labour. You will then move directly to your places without saluting, and be seated.

Brethren, during your temporary absence, a solemn ceremony will be conducted here. I would ask that you be as quiet as possible outside, so that the ceremony will not be disrupted.

The Brethren in the South please rise; face the East; salute the WIM. and retire by the S.W. (Done)

The Brethren in the North please rise; face the East; salute the WIM. and retire by the N.W.(Done)

DC: WIM, the remaining Brethren claim to be M.Masons.

WIM (Knock, repeated by Wardens) Brethren, assist me to open this Lodge in the Third Degree. (All rise).

Wor. Bro. J.W., (exchange signs) what is the first duty in a Lodge of M.Masons?

WJW: To see the Lodge is properly tyled, WIM.

WIM: Direct that duty to be done.

WJW: Wor. Bro. I.G., you will see the Lodge properly tyled.

(I.G. gives knocks ! !!, answered by Tyler).

IG: Wor. Bro. J.W., the Lodge is properly tyled.

WJW: WIM., (exchange signs) the Lodge is properly tyled.

WM: Wor. Bro. S.W., (exchange signs) What is our next duty?

WSW: To see that none but M.Masons are present, and that they stand to order as FCF'masons.

WIM: Wor. Bro. .S.W., are you satisfied that all present are M.Masons?

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WSW: I am, WIM.

WIM: To order, Brethren, as FCF's masons.

Wor. Bro. J.W., are you a M.Mason?

WJW: I am, WIM, try me and prove me.

WIM: By what instruments in Architecture will you be proved?

WJW: The Square and Compasses.

WIM: Being yourself acquainted with the proper mode, you will prove the Brethren to be M.Masons by signs, and demonstrate that proof to me by copying their example.

WJW: Brethren, it is the WIM's command that you prove yourselves to be M.Masons by signs.

(All take 3rd. regular step, give Sign of H-rr-r, Sign of S-mp-thy, and the P-n-l Sign)

WJW: WIM., the Brethren having proved themselves M.Masons by signs, I, in obedience to your command, thus copy their example. (Gives three signs as above)

WIM: I acknowledge the correctness of the signs (gives three signs as above).

Wor. Bro. J.W., whence come you?

WJW: From the East, WIM.

WIM: Wor. Bro. S.W., whither are you directing your course?

WSW: To the West, WIM.

WIM: (to WJW) Why do you leave the East and go to the West?

WJW: In search of that which was lost, which – by your instructions and our own endeavors – we hope to find.

WIM: (to WSW) What is that which was lost?

WSW: The genuine secrets of a M.Mason.

WIM: (to WJW) How came they to be lost?

WJW: By the untimely death of our G.M., Hiram Abif.

WIM: (to WSW) Where do you expect to find them?

WSW: On the Centre.

WIM: (to WJW) What is a Centre?

WJW: That point within a circle from which every part of the circumference is equidistant.

WIM: (to WSW) Why do you expect to find them on the Centre?

WSW: Because that is a point from which no M.Mason can err.

WIM: Then, Brethren, we will assist you in your search, and may Heaven aid our united endeavors.

ALL: So mote it be.

WIM: Brethren, in the Name of the Most High, I declare this Lodge duly opened on the Centre for the instruction and improvement of M.Masons, and this I do by. (gives knocks !! !, which are repeated by the Wardens, IG and Tyler. DC and Deacons attend to Three Great Lights).

WIM: Brethren, I claim your attention to a portion of Holy Writ.

CHPLN: *Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say "I have no pleasure in them". While the sun, or the light, or the moon or the stars be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: in the day when the Keepers of the House shall tremble, and the Strong Men shall bow themselves, and the Grinders cease because they are few; and those that look out the windows be darkened; and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the Daughters of Music shall be brought low; and when they shall be afraid of that which is high; and fears shall be in the way; and the Almond Tree shall flourish; and the Grasshopper shall be a burden; and Desire shall fail; because man goeth to his Long Home, and the Mourners go about the streets; or ever the Silver Cord be loosed, or the Golden Bowl be broken, or the Pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the Wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the Earth as it was; and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it.*

ALL: So mote it be.

(Officers return to their places; SD opens 3° T.B., WSW's light is extinguished.)

DC: Brethren, Grand Honours (given three times with the words 'All Glory to the Most High').

DC: Be seated, Brethren. (Done)

Wor. Bro. Deacons, you will collect the collars, with the exception of the IPM's.

(S.D. collects on North side, including Tyler. J.D. leaves IPM's collar on WIM's chair, and takes Master's collar and gauntlets to top of Emblems Chest, then collects balance of collars on South side. Both Deacons move to front of S.W.; S.W. takes SD & JD collars off, places them on SD's arm, then takes collars off JD's arm and places them on SD's arm. Deacons return to their chairs, S.D. leaving all collars on stand near Secretary's table.)

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS

WIM: Wor. Bro. D. of C., I am about to form a Board of Installed Masters.

DC: Brethren, as the W.I.M. is about to form a Board of Installed Masters, I request all those Brethren who have not been regularly installed into the Chair of King Solomon to retire for the time being. When you are permitted to re-enter, you will be called upon to give the Pass Grip and Pass Word of the Degree in which the Lodge is at labour. You will then move directly to your places and be seated without saluting.

Brethren, during your temporary absence from the Lodge Room, a solemn ceremony will be conducted here. I would ask that you be as quiet as possible outside, so that the ceremony will not be disrupted.

The Brethren in the South please rise; face the East; salute the W.I.M; and retire by the door in the S.W. (Done)

The Brethren in the North please rise; face the East; salute the W.I.M.; and retire by the main door. (Done)

(DC escorts Master-elect to exit by main door without saluting – or to sit next to I.G. if Master-elect has previously been installed as Master. DC returns.)

DC: W.I.M., all remaining Brethren claim to be Installed Masters.

WIM: (I.M. gives one knock, all rise) Worshipful Brethren, assist me to form a Board of Installed Masters.

(No salutes are given during the opening. All remain standing until the Board is closed.)

WIM: Wor. Bro. J.W., what is the first care to be taken in opening a Board of Installed Masters?

WJW: To see that the Board is properly tyled, W.I.M.

WIM: You will direct that care to be exercised.

WJW: Wor. Bro. I.G., you will see that the Board is properly tyled.

(I.G. gives three knocks, ! ! !, answered by Tyler.)

I.G.: Wor. Bro. J.W., the Board is properly tyled.

WJW: W.I.M., the Board is properly tyled.

WIM: Wor. Bro. S.W., what should be our next care?

WSW: To assure ourselves that all present are Installed Masters.

WIM: Worthy Wardens, are you satisfied that all present are Installed Masters?

(Wardens agree between themselves by a slight bow to one another.)

WSW: We are, W.I.M.

WIM: Wor. Bro. S.W., by what symbol in Freemasonry are Installed Masters to be proved?

WSW: By the Perfect Ashlar, W.I.M.

WIM: What is a Perfect Ashlar?

WSW: It is a stone of true die, a perfect cube, which can only be tried and proved by the Square and Compasses.

WIM: What is its moral significance to us?

WSW: It represents to us the mind of man in his declining years, after a life well spent in acts of piety and virtue. A mind thus disciplined and matured cannot otherwise be tried and proved than by the Square of God's Word and the Compasses of his own convincing conscience.

WIM: Wor. Bro. S.W., being yourself acquainted with the proper mode, you will prove the Worshipful Brethren to be Installed Masters by signs, and afterwards demonstrate that proof to me by copying their example.

WSW: Worshipful Brethren, it is the command of the W.I.M. that you prove yourselves to be Installed Masters by sign. (Done, using Penal Sign)

WSW: W.I.M., the Worshipful Brethren have proved themselves Installed Masters by signs and in obedience to your command I thus copy their example (Done)

WIM: I acknowledge the correctness of the sign (copies sign) and I declare this to be a lawfully constituted Board of Installed Masters.

(W.I.M. gives one knock by fist in hand (NOT by gavel), followed by S.W. then J.W. I.G. gives one knock on door, repeated by Tyler.)

WIM: I claim your attention to Wor. Bro. Chaplain.

CHPLN: *By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying "Sing us one of the songs of Zion". How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.*

ALL: So mote it be.

(DC admits Master-elect and halts at N.W. corner. I.M. beckons three times, allowing time for DC and Master-elect to take one step after each of the first two. After third beckon, DC escorts Master-elect to a position facing East beside the chair in the S.E.)

WIM: Worshipful Brethren, please face the East and kneel on your right knee. (Done)

WIM: Let us pray.

CHPLN: *Vouchsafe thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Ruler, to this, our solemn rite, and grant that this worthy and distinguished Brother who is about to be numbered among the rulers of the Craft may be endowed with wisdom to comprehend, judgement to define, and ability to execute Thy Holy Law. Sanctify him with Thy grace, strengthen him with Thy mighty power, and enrich his mind with true and genuine knowledge, so that he may be the better enabled to consecrate this mansion to Thy Most Holy Name.*

ALL: So mote it be.

(DC moves Chair to East in front of Master's column).

WIM: Bro....., you are now required to take a solemn obligation with respect to the secrets of an Installed Master.

(DC escorts the Master-elect to the Altar via the West. D.C. bows to W.I.M. or Obligating Master, who moves to Altar. Deacons remain at their chairs.)

WIM: You will kneel on both knees, place both hands on the V.S.L. and repeat after me the following solemn obligation, substituting your own several names:

I,, in the presence of the Most High and of this Board of Installed Masters, do hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely swear that I shall never reveal any or either of the Secrets or Mysteries of or belonging to a Master of the Craft to anyone except he has – as I have been – duly elected to the Office of Worshipful Master and has been presented for the purposes of instruction to a lawfully constituted Board of Installed Masters. This I solemnly swear to observe under the penalty on the violation of my vow, of having my right hand struck off at the wrist and thrown over my left shoulder, there to wither and decay, being an emblem of my having become unworthy and an outcast from the communion and affection of all worthy Brethren, and as I have sworn, so help me, Thou Most High, to keep and perform.

You will seal your obligation on the V.S.L. once. (Done) (I.M. or Obligating Officer raises Master-elect with both hands, and, still holding both hands, places him in the S.E. corner.)

WIM: When through the Mercy of the Most High, the Temple at Jerusalem had been completed by the wisdom of King Solomon, assisted by the strength of Hiram, King of Tyre and the beautifying skill of Hiram Abif, the sovereigns of the neighboring countries sent ambassadors bearing costly gifts to King Solomon to congratulate him on the completion of his holy work. But there was one sovereign of a more distant country – the Queen of Sheba – who would not be content to send an ambassador, as others had done, but herself journeyed to Jerusalem so that her own eyes might see the magnificent temple and her ears hear the wisdom of King Solomon, whose fame had spread throughout the whole of the then known world. On arrival at Jerusalem, she was received by King Solomon, and on a certain day, attended by her very numerous and brilliant retinue, was escorted by him to view the buildings of the Temple. On entering, King Solomon observed Adoniram, the chief Master Mason, standing modestly aside, and wishing to confer upon him the distinguished honour of being presented to the visiting Queen, beckoned to him thus. Adoniram either misunderstood the gesture, or, from the humility that often accompanies true genius, hesitated to advance, and it was only when his master had beckoned the third time that he was induced to present himself. Adoniram, therefore, approached his Illustrious Monarch and his distinguished guests, and, making his obeisance, would have prostrated himself at his Royal Master's feet (copy me), but King Solomon prevented him by grasping him by the r-ght wr-st, (I.M. grips Master-elect's r-ght wr-st with r-ght h-nd, sliding the l-ft h-nd up towards his r-ght sh-ld-r, releases grip) and, raising him, said "Rise, G-bl-m" (Master-elect repeats). G-bl-m is the Hebrew word signifying Stone Squarer or Perfect Mason. After the royal party had inspected the buildings and expressed their admiration for the workmanship displayed, they were about to retire when Adoniram saluted them in this manner:

(I.M. demonstrates; slide l-ft f—t a little backwards, bend the r-ght kn--, bow the h—d, raise r-ght h-nd to front of f-r-h—d, slowly wave the back of the hand forward and downward and slightly to the side).

Thus, from these incidents, are derived the signs, word and grip and the salutation of a Master of the Arts and Sciences. (DC hands I.M. the Master's Apron)

I now invest you with the distinctive badge of your office, the highest honour a Lodge is able to confer on one of its members.

(If the Master-Elect is previously an Installed Master, the I.M. would 'symbolically' invest him with his Apron)

I also invest you with the collar and jewels of your office, which will be explained to you at a later stage.

(I.M. also fits gauntlets. I.M. rehearses Beckoning and Penal Signs, Salutation and Grip. He retains Grip, places Master's l-ft hand on his l-ft sh—ld-r, his l-ft h-nd on Master's l-ft sh—ld-r. He then moves Master to pedestal, and then backwards into Chair, saying:-)

With the Grip and the Word G-bl-m, I now place you in the Chair of King Solomon, and (all adopt Sign of Benediction) may the Most High endue you with a goodly portion of that great monarch's wisdom to perform the duties of your office aright. (Drop Sign of Benediction).

Worshipful Brethren, I call on you to assemble on the floor of the Lodge (Done. Wardens stand at front of their respective dais). Worshipful Brethren, you will salute the newly-installed Master with the Penal Sign of this Degree. (Done)

DC: And the honors are nine consecutive. (Done with nine claps)

DC: Worshipful Master, we salute you.

ALL: Worshipful Master, we salute you.

DC: Worshipful Brethren, you will please resume your places and remain standing.

(I.M. moves to chair in front of Master's column, Master stands.)

WIM: Worshipful Brethren, the purpose for which this Board was formed being completed, I now declare it closed.

(One knock with fist in hand, repeated by Wardens. I.G. gives knock on door, and Tyler repeats.)

RESUME IN THIRD DEGREE

(Newly-Installed Master takes salutes with WIM, excepting when Brethren are in procession).

WIM: And the Lodge is resumed in the Third or Master Mason's degree by virtue of (three knocks !! !, repeated by Wardens, I.G., and Tyler) and this shall be your sign.

DC: Be seated, Worshipful Brethren.

Wor. Bro. I.G., you will admit Officers of the Lodge, and Master Masons. (Herald takes seat next to Dep. D. of C., followed by the six Officers appointed to do the perambulations. Others follow, all being seated in front seats on north side.)

DC: Brethren who have just entered the Lodge, please rise. (Done). Face the East and salute the newly-installed W.M. with the sign of this Degree (done), and be seated.

(DC moves to one step short of Herald).

DC: Brethren, during your temporary absence from the Lodge, the W.I.M. has installed into the Chair of King Solomon, Wor. Bro....., thereby constituting him Master of the Lodge. On your behalf, I will call on a convenient number of Brethren to pay him homage by accompanying me around this Lodge room once, and when passing the newly-installed Master in the East, they will salute him with the sign of this Degree, thereafter assembling in the East.

(DC takes one step towards West, and, on this signal, Herald and six appointed Officers rise and form up. All turn and move to East. Herald moves ahead of DC and faces West. Bugle (or pipes) sounds, and Herald turns to face East. DC moves to Master's pedestal, and places his hand on it.)

- DC: Brethren, for the first time and in the East, I proclaim Wor. Bro..... W.M. of this the Scotia Lodge, holding under the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland, and numbering on its Roll 263 for the ensuing twelve months or until a successor has been duly elected and regularly installed in his stead. (DC returns to his position on the floor).
- DC: The Honours are seven consecutive. (Done by DC and six Officers).
Worshipful Master, we hail you. (Group repeats. All form up and return to original position in North)
- DC: Wor. Brethren and Brethren, please rise. (Done) We will join in singing the first verse of our Installation Ode. (Done). Be seated, Brethren.
- WIM:(Gives one knock !, repeated by Wardens). Brethren, assist me to close this Master Masons' Lodge. (All rise).
- WIM:Worshipful Brother Junior Warden, (exchange Signs) what is the constant care in a Lodge of Master Masons?
- WJW:To prove the Lodge close tyled, W.I.M.
- WIM:Direct that duty to be done.
- WJW:Wor. Bro. I.G., you will prove the Lodge close tyled.
(I.G. gives !! !, repeated by Tyler !! !)
- I.G.: Wor. Bro. J.W., the Lodge is close tyled.
- WJW:W.I.M., (exchange Signs) the Lodge is close tyled.
- WIM:Wor. Bro. S.W., (exchange Signs) what is our next duty?
- WSW: To see that the Brethren stand to order as Master Masons, W.I.M.
- WIM:To order, Brethren, as Master Masons (Done)
Wor. Bro. S.W., the labours of this Degree being ended, you have my command to close this Master Masons' Lodge !! !
- WSW: Brethren, in the Name of the Most High, and by command of the W.I.M., I declare this Lodge of Master Masons duly closed, and this I do by !! !
- WJW:And it is closed accordingly !! !
(Knocks !! ! are repeated by I.G. and Tyler).
- DC: Grand Honours, Brethren (Done, three times. DC and Deacons attend to Three Great Lights and Tracing Board. S.W's light switched on.)

RESUME IN SECOND DEGREE

- WIM:The Lodge is resumed in the second or F.C. Degree by virtue of ! !! (repeated by Wardens, I.G. and Tyler) and this shall be your sign (All give F.C.F sign) .
- DC: Be seated, Brethren.
Wor. Bro. I.G., you will admit FCF' masons (Done).
- DC: Brethren who have just entered the Lodge , please rise. (Lodge Officers also rise, done). Face the East, and salute the newly-installed W.M. with the sign of this Degree (done) and be seated.
(DC moves to one step short of Herald).
- DC: Brethren, during your temporary absence from the Lodge, the W.I.M. has installed into the Chair of King Solomon, Wor. Bro....., thereby constituting him Master of the Lodge. On your behalf, I will call on a convenient

number of Brethren to pay him homage by accompanying me around this Lodge room once, and when passing the newly-installed Master in the East, they will salute him with the sign of this Degree, thereafter assembling in the West.

(DC takes one step towards West, and, on this signal, Herald and six appointed Officers rise and form up. All turn and move to West. Herald moves ahead of DC and faces East. Bugle (or pipes) sounds. DC moves to S.W's pedestal, and places his hand on it.)

DC: Brethren, for the second time and in the W., I proclaim Wor. Bro..... W.M. of this the Scotia Lodge, holding under the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland, and numbering on its Roll 263 for the ensuing twelve months or until a successor has been duly elected and regularly installed in his stead. (DC returns to his position on the floor)

DC: The Honours are five consecutive. (Done by DC and six Officers).
Worshipful Master, we greet you. (Group repeats. All form up and return to original position in North).

DC: Wor. Brethren and Brethren, please rise. (Done) We will join in singing the second verse of our Installation Ode. (Done). Be seated, Brethren.

WIM:(Knocks !, repeated by Wardens) Brethren, assist me to close this Lodge of FCF' masons. (All rise). Wor. Bro. J.W., (exchange Signs) what is the constant care in a Lodge of FCF' masons?

WJW:To prove the Lodge closed tyled, W.I.M.

WIM:Direct that duty to be done.

WJW:Wor. Bro. I.G., you will prove the Lodge close tyled.
(I.G. gives ! !!, repeated by Tyler).

I.G: Wor. Bro. J.W., the Lodge is close tyled.

WJW:W.I.M., (exchange Signs) the Lodge is close tyled.

I.M: Wor. Bro. S.W., (exchange Signs) what is our next duty?

WSW: To see that the Brethren stand to order as FCF' masons, W.I.M.

I.M. To order, Brethren, as FCF' masons (Done).

Wor. Bro. S.W., the labours of this Degree being ended, you have my command to close this F.C. Lodge (knocks ! !!).

WSW: Brethren, in the name of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, and by command of the W.I.M., I declare this Lodge of FCF' masons duly closed, and this I do by ! !!.

WJW:And it is closed accordingly (knocks ! !!, repeated by I.G. and Tyler. DC and Deacons attend V.S.L., T.B. is closed, and J.W's light on).

RESUME IN FIRST DEGREE

I.M: And the Lodge is resumed in the First or E.A. Degree by virtue of (knocks !!!, repeated by Wardens, I.G. and Tyler) and this shall be your Due Guard, and this your Sign.

DC: Be seated, Brethren.

DC: Wor. Bro. I.G., you will admit E.A.F's and remaining Brethren. (Done).

- DC: All Brethren on the floor of the Lodge please rise. (Done). Face the East, salute the newly installed W.M. with the sign of this Degree, (done) and be seated. (DC moves to one step short of Herald.)
- DC: Brethren, during your temporary absence from the Lodge, the W.I.M. has installed into the Chair of King Solomon, Wor. Bro.....On your behalf, I will call on a convenient number of Brethren to pay him homage by accompanying me around this Lodge room once, and when passing the newly-installed Master in the East, they will salute him with the sign of this Degree, thereafter assembling in the South.
(DC takes one step towards West, and, on this signal, Herald and six appointed Officers rise and form up. All turn and move to South. Herald moves ahead of DC and faces North. Bugle (or pipes) sounds. DC moves to J.W's pedestal, and places his hand on it.)
- DC: Brethren, for the third time and in the S., I proclaim Wor. Bro..... W.M. of this the Scotia Lodge, holding under the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland, and numbering on its Roll 263 for the ensuing twelve months or until a successor has been duly elected and regularly installed in his stead. (DC returns to his position on the floor).
- DC: The Honours are three consecutive. (Done by DC and six Officers).
Worshipful Master, we salute you. (Group repeats. All form up and return to original position in North).
- DC: Wor. Brethren and Brethren, please rise. (Done). We will join in singing the third verse of our Installation Ode. (Done). Be seated, Brethren.
- WIM: (I.P.M. rises, and addresses the newly-Installed W.M.) Worshipful Master (Wor. Master stands) I will now explain to you the Jewel of your office, which is the Inverted Square. (Wor. Master sits). The Square denotes, in a moral sense, the duty of regulating your every action by truth and right, and of harmonising your conduct with the principles of morality and virtue; and, although you have been installed into the high position of Wor. Master, you are not to rule tyrannically, but behave courteously towards your Brethren; and that, however exalted may be your station in life, you have certain duties to perform towards those who are not so fortunate as yourself; and, for the fulfillment of those duties, you will one day have to give an account to the Great Architect of the Universe, in Whom you should place your reliance. (WM stands).
I present to you the Volume of the Sacred Law, which is never closed while the Lodge is working or in session. It teaches us to love God, at the same time pointing out that unless our motives are founded on that love and our every action springs from it, all the morality in the world is of no avail.

CHARTER, CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS & MALLETT

(The Charter is held on the corner of the pedestal by the I.M. and I.P.M. The Wor. Master places his hand on it.)

- I.P.M.: I now present to you the Charter of your Lodge from the U.G.L. of Q. It has been the treasured charge of many esteemed Brethren, and, in entrusting it to your care,

I feel it will lose none of its lustre, but will be transmitted to your successor, pure and unsullied as you now receive it.

(Wor. Master sits, Charter returned to its former position.)

I.P.M: Brethren, the Charter now presented to the newly installed Wor. Master is that issued to this Lodge by the U.G.L. of Q. on its formation in 1921. By tradition, on nights of Installation only this second Charter is displayed. It is the original Charter presented to Scotia Lodge on its Consecration in 1918 by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

(Newly installed Master stands.)

WIM: I now present to you the Book of Constitutions of the U.G.L. of Q., which I recommend to your careful perusal. There is scarcely a difficulty that may arise in your Lodge, but a reference to this book will put you right.

Also, a copy of the By-Laws of the Lodge which, together with a Book of Constitutions, must be presented to every Initiate, so that he may not plead ignorance of their contents.

I place in your hands the Mallet, which, from time immemorial, has been the symbol of authority over the Brethren. As the Chisel demonstrates the advantages of discipline, so the Mallet, by its forceful application to the Chisel (I.M. demonstrates with items from Wor. Master's pedestal) causing it to cut off and remove excrescences and to smooth surfaces, teaches us to correct irregularities and reduce man to a proper level, so that, by quiet deportment, he may, in the School of Discipline, learn to be content. What the Mallet is to the Chisel, enlightened reason is to the passions. It curbs ambition, represses envy, moderates anger, and checks every rising frailty. (Wor. Master sits, I.M. gives one knock !, all rise and adopt Sign of Benediction). And may the Great Architect of the Universe in His infinite mercy and goodness, direct you in all your undertakings, and especially preserve you from any breach of the duties of the high office into which you have now been installed.

DC: Brethren, we will now sing "Support to the Master". (Done). Be seated, Brethren.

INVEST I.P.M.

I.M: Wor. Master, your first duty will be to invest your I.P.M.

W.M: Wor. Bro..... (names I.P.M., both rise), I now have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. You have so ably fulfilled the duties of Wor. Master for the preceding twelve months, I know I can rely on your full support during my term of office.

I.P.M:(makes a suitable reply, and then says...) Wor. Master, I now present to you the Lodge's Aged Masons, Widows and Orphans Building Fund Jewel, the Grand Temple Restoration Fund Jewel, and the Bursary Fund Jewel, all of which must be worn by you at all Lodge meetings and all Lodge Festive Boards. They must be passed on to your successor on the night of his Installation. (Both sit).

(Item of Harmony, if previously arranged).

INVESTITURES

DC: Wor. Bro. Deacons (Deacons assemble in N.E., with sufficient room between them for Officers to be invested).

DC: The following Officers who have been elected for the ensuing twelve months will please rise (names each Office and Officer; They rise as called, and line up from N.E. corner):

- Worthy Senior Warden Bro.....
- Worthy Junior Warden Bro.....
- Chaplain Wor. Bro.....
- Treasurer Wor. Bro.....
- Secretary Wor. Bro.....
- Assistant Secretary Wor. Bro.....

(Deacons take up positions at start and end of line; when last Officer is in position, all turn to right; J.D. leads Officers, who assemble at sides and west of Altar, S.D. follows; DC calls on Investing Officer, then collects Regalia for that group of Officers. W.I.M. knocks !, Wardens repeat, and all rise; Deacons arch wands).

Invest. Officer: Brethren, you will kneel on both knees, place both hands on the V.S.L. and repeat after me the following Obligation, commencing with your names in full and naming the office to which you have been elected:

“I,, do hereby agree to accept the office of of this Lodge Scotia No. 263, and solemnly promise to the best of my ability to discharge faithfully, zealously and conscientiously its duties during the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been elected and installed in my stead; that I will do my utmost to forward the interests of the Lodge, and to support the Wor. Master in his various duties. So help me, God”.

Brethren, you will seal this Obligation on the V.S.L. Kiss the Book once. (Deacons break wands, step back). Rise, duly obligated (here name each Office. As each is raised, he moves back to form a straight line West of the altar, between the Deacons).

DC: Be seated, Brethren.

(J.D. leads group of Officers to S.E. corner, S.D. follows; Invest. Officer turns to face Officers, DC beside him; DC hands Collar and Jewel (and Implement) to Invest. Officer as required)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Bro as S.W. of the Lodge (S.W. steps forward to Invest. Officer.)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., you have been elected Senior Warden, and in consequence I invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your jewel is the Level. Symbolically, it indicates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share in the same hope; that, though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should tempt us to forget that we are Brethren; and that in all Masonic concerns you are to consider your Brethren as standing strictly on your own level.

(S.W. steps to the left).

- DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Bro.....as J.W. of the Lodge
(J.W. steps forward to Investing Officer.)
- Invest. Officer: Bro....., you have been, by the voice of the Lodge, elected to fill the Office of Junior Warden, in consequence of which I invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your Jewel is the Plumb Rule, and denotes that your promotion to that Office is a recognition by the Brethren of your uprightness and integrity; it also reminds you that those virtues should be conspicuous in the conduct of every Brother whose privilege it is to wear that Jewel.
Worthy Wardens, these columns, the symbols of your Office, I entrust to your care, not doubting your vigilance and attention.
I place in your hands these Mallets as emblems of power; they will enable you to preserve order in the West and South respectively.
Worthy S.W., you will keep your column in an erect position whilst the Brethren are at labour, as they are then under your superintendence; but in an horizontal position while your Lodge is at refreshment.
Worthy J.W., you will keep your column in an horizontal position while the Lodge is at labour, and in an erect position while the Lodge is at refreshment, as the Brethren are then under your immediate supervision.
Worthy Wardens, by virtue of your office you are now members of Grand Lodge, and it is expected that you will regularly attend its communications, so that this Lodge will be properly represented.
(Deacons conduct Wardens to their positions.)
- S.D: Wor. Bro, I present to you Bro, who has been obligated and invested as Senior Warden of the Lodge
- S.W: Bro, having been obligated and invested Senior Warden of the Lodge, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office (Done)
- J.D: Wor. Bro., I present to you Bro, who has been obligated and invested as Junior Warden of the Lodge
- J.W: Bro, having been obligated and invested Junior Warden of the Lodge, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office (Done)
(Deacons return to their positions either end of remainder of group of Officers)
- DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro., as Chaplain of the Lodge. (Chaplain steps forward to Invest. Officer)
- Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., I have the honour to invest you as Chaplain of the Lodge. Your Jewel, the irradiated eye in a triangle, reminds us of the Divine Presence which is everywhere, and whose Word is the greatest of the three Great Lights of Freemasonry. On placing in your hands the V.S.L. (opened), I would remind you that it is never to be closed during the time that the Lodge is at labour or in session, as both in the opening and closing of the Lodge in each Degree, as well as in other ceremonies, the blessing of the Almighty is invoked. It will be your duty, as far as possible, to attend all meetings of the Lodge in order

that you may exercise your sacred Office in the devotional portion of our ceremonies. I congratulate you.

J.D: (escorts Chaplain to Chair) Wor. Bro....., having been obligated and invested as Chaplain of the Lodge, I have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office.

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro.as Treasurer of the Lodge. (Treasurer steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., you have been elected Treasurer of the Lodge, and I invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, the Key, which, speaking symbolically, means security. It is your duty to collect all contributions and fees, and to keep an exact account of the Lodge expenses. You are also to transmit to Grand Lodge the dues for registering entrants and affiliates, for diplomas, and all other fees or dues; and this, whether the Lodge sanctions it or not, these monies not being lawfully its property, but that of the U.G.L of Q., and for their transmission you are personally responsible. Your early and regular attendance will afford the best proof of your zeal and attachment. (Treasurer steps to the left)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro....., as Secretary of the Lodge. (Secretary steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., you have been elected Secretary of the Lodge, and I now invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your Jewel is the Crossed Pens. It will be your duty to record fully and accurately the transactions of the Lodge, particularly the details of Initiations, Passings and Raisings. You are required to issue the Summons for the several meetings of the Lodge, and make all necessary Returns to Grand Lodge. Your regard for Freemasonry and this Lodge will, I hope, induce you to discharge your duties with fidelity, and by so doing you will merit the esteem and approbation of the Brethren. (Secretary and Treasurer step to left)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present Wor. Bro..... as Assistant Secretary of the Lodge. (Asst. Secretary steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., I now invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Like the Secretary, your Jewel is the Crossed Pens. It will be your duty in the absence of the Secretary to discharge his duties to the best of your ability.

(Deacons – with Snr. Deacon leading – conduct invested Officers to the Table. DC and Invest. Officer follow, and stop at their respective chairs – all remain standing.)

S.D: Wor. Bro....., Wor. Bro....., Wor. Bro....., having been obligated and invested Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively, I have pleasure in placing you in your Chairs of Office.

(Deacons return to their Chairs – all standing Officers bow to Installing Master and are seated.)

DC: Wor. Brethren and Brethren, please rise (Done).

We will unite in singing “Support to the Wardens”. (Done)

Be seated, Brethren.

(DC and Snr. Deacon move to N.E. corner, and Jnr. Deacon to other end of line.)

DC: The following Officers who have been elected for the ensuing twelve months will please rise (names each Office and Officer; they rise as called, and line up from N.E. corner):

- Director of Ceremonies Wor. Bro.....
- Deputy Director of Ceremonies Wor. Bro.....
- Almoner Wor. Bro.....
- Organist Wor. Bro.....
- Senior Deacon Bro.....
- Junior Deacon Bro.....

(Deacons take up positions at start and end of line; when last Officer is in position, all turn to right; J.D. leads Officers, who assemble at sides and west of Altar, S.D. follows; DC calls on Investing Officer, then collects Regalia for that group of Officers. W.I.M. knocks !, Wardens repeat, and all rise; Deacons arch wands.)

Invest. Officer: Brethren, you will kneel on both knees, place both hands on the V.S.L. and repeat after me the following Obligation, commencing with your names in full and naming the office to which you have been elected:

“I,, do hereby agree to accept the office of of this Lodge Scotia No. 263, and solemnly promise to the best of my ability to discharge faithfully, zealously and conscientiously its duties during the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been elected and installed in my stead; that I will do my utmost to forward the interests of the Lodge, and to support the Wor. Master in his various duties. So help me, God”. Brethren, you will seal this Obligation on the V.S.L. Kiss the Book once. (Deacons break wands, step back) Rise, duly obligated (here name each Office. As each is raised, he moves back to form a straight line West of the altar, between the Deacons).

DC: Be seated, Brethren.

(J.D. leads group of Officers to S.E. corner, S.D. follows; Invest. Officer turns to face Officers, DC beside him; DC hands Collar and Jewel of Office (and Implement) to Invest. Officer as required.)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro....., as Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge (Lodge DC steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., you have been elected Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge, and I now invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, which is Crossed Staves. An active and tactful Brother in your Office is of incalculable service to his Lodge. It will be your duty to see that there be no confusion or mismanagement in the ceremonies of the Lodge, to receive visitors, to present them formally to the Wor. Master, and to assign them their place in accordance with their rank in the Craft and to give Honours at Masonic

Festivities. I present to you this Baton as a symbol of your Office. (Lodge D. of C. steps to the left)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro....., as Deputy Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge. (Dep. DC steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., I now invest you as Deputy Director of Ceremonies. Like the Director of Ceremonies, your Jewel is Crossed Staves. It will be your duty, in the absence of the Director of Ceremonies, to discharge his duties to the best of your ability. I present to you this Baton as a symbol of your Office.

(Snr. Deacon conducts both Officers to their Chairs)

S.D: Wor. Bro....., Wor. Bro....., having been obligated and invested as Director of Ceremonies and Deputy Director of Ceremonies respectively, I have pleasure in placing you in your Chairs of Office. (Two Officers sit, S.D. returns to N.E. corner)

DC: Wor. Bro. Investing Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro....., as Almoner of the Lodge. (Almoner steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., you have been elected as Almoner of the Lodge, and it affords me pleasure to invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your office, which is the Purse. Your duties are to keep in close touch with the members of the Lodge, and, should necessity arise through unforeseen circumstances, you will advise the Benevolent Committee. Be swift, tactful and compassionate

(Jnr. Deacon conducts Almoner to his Chair.)

J.D: Wor. Bro....., having been obligated and invested as Almoner of the Lodge, I have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office. (Almoner sits, J.D. returns to N.E. corner)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Wor. Bro....., as Organist of the Lodge. (Organist steps forward to Invest. Officer).

Invest. Officer: Wor. Bro....., I invest you as Organist of the Lodge with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, which is the Grecian Lyre. You are to associate yourself with the musical portion of our ceremonies, and much can be done by an accomplished and enthusiastic Organist to enhance the beauty and effectiveness of the ritual.

(J.D. conducts the Organist to his Chair.)

J.D: Wor. Bro....., having been obligated and invested Organist of the Lodge, I have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office. (Organist is seated, J.D. returns to N.E. corner)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Bro..... and Bro....., as Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon respectively of the Lodge (Both Deacons step forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., I invest you with the Collar and Jewel of Senior Deacon; it is the Mallet, and ought to teach you that skill without exertion is of

little avail, that labour is the lot of man; for the heart may conceive and the head devise in vain if the hand be not prompt to execute the design.

Bro....., I invest you with the Collar and Jewel of Junior Deacon; it is the Trowel. It teaches us to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection – that cement which unites us all into one sacred band, a society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, but the emulation of those striving who can work best and who can best agree.

Bro. Senior Deacon and Bro. Junior Deacon, it is your province to attend on the Wor. Master and Worthy Wardens, and to assist them in the active duties of the Lodge – such as in the reception of candidates into the degrees of Freemasonry and the immediate practice of our Rites. I commit to you these Wands as your Badge of Office.

(Installing S.D. conducts Lodge S.D., Installing J.D. conducts Lodge J.D., to their respective Chairs, Installing S.D. faces East)

S.D: Bro..... and Bro....., having been obligated and invested as Senior and Junior Deacons respectively of the Lodge, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chairs of Office.

(Installing Deacons return to North side ready for third group of Officers; Invest. Officer and DC follow; Invest Officer returns to his chair, DC to N.E. corner.)

DC: The following Officers who have been elected for the ensuing twelve months will please rise (names each Office and Officer; they rise as called, and line up from N.E. corner):

- Inner Guard Bro.....
- Tyler Bro.....
- President of the Stewards Bro.....
- Senior Steward Bro.....
- Junior Steward Bro.....

(Deacons take up positions at start and end of line; when last Officer is in position, all turn to right; J.D. leads Officers, who assemble at sides and west of Altar, S.D. follows; DC calls on Investing Officer, then collects Regalia for that group of Officers. W.I.M. knocks !, Wardens repeat, and all rise; Deacons arch wands.)

Invest.Officer: Brethren, you will kneel on both knees, place both hands on the V.S.L. and repeat after me the following Obligation, commencing with your names in full and naming the office to which you have been elected:

“I,, do hereby agree to accept the office of of this Lodge Scotia No. 263, and solemnly promise to the best of my ability to discharge faithfully, zealously and conscientiously its duties during the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been elected and installed in my stead; that I will do my utmost to forward the interests of the Lodge, and to support the Wor. Master in his various duties. So help me, God”. Brethren, you will seal this Obligation on the V.S.L. Kiss the Book once. (Deacons break wands, step back) Rise, duly obligated (here name each Office. As

each is raised, he moves back to form a straight line West of the altar, between the Deacons).

DC: Be seated, Brethren.

(J.D. leads group of Officers to S.E. corner, S.D. follows; Invest. Officer turns to face Officers, DC beside him; DC hands Collar and Jewel of Office (and Implement) to Invest. Officer as required.)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Bro....., as Inner Guard of the Lodge (I.G. steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., the Crossed Swords with which I invest you indicate that you are to suffer none to pass and repass but such as are duly qualified; and enjoin you, emblematically, to set a guard over your thoughts, a watch on your lips, and to post a sentinel over your actions. Your duty is to admit Freemasons on proof, to receive candidates in due form, and to obey the commands of the Worthy Junior Warden. I present to you this Poniard, as a Symbol of your Office. (S.D. conducts I.G. to his Chair)

S.D: Bro....., having been obligated and invested as Inner Guard of this Lodge, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office. (S.D. returns to North side).

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Bro....., as Tyler of the Lodge (Tyler steps forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., I invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, which is the Sword. I commit this Sword into your hands to enable you effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers. It also reminds you that you ought to prevent the approach of any unworthy thought or deed, and to preserve a conscience void of offence towards God and towards man. (J.D. conducts Tyler to the West, where he salutes with the Sword. The door is opened, and the Tyler placed in his Chair.)

J.D: Bro....., having been obligated and invested as Tyler of the Lodge, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chair of Office. (Done. Door is closed, J.D. returns to North side).

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present to you Bro..... as President of Stewards, Bro..... as Senior Steward, and Bro..... as Junior Steward of the Lodge. (Three Officers step forward to Invest. Officer)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., I invest you as President of the Stewards with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, which is the Cornucopia and Cup. Your duties will be of a supervisory capacity in seeing that the Stewards fulfill their office faithfully. (Pres. of Stwds steps to the left)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., I invest you as Senior Steward with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, also the Cornucopia and Cup. Your duties will be to supervise the Assistant Stewards in the serving at the Festive Board Tables. (Snr. Stwd. and Pres. of Stwds. step to the left)

Invest. Officer: Bro....., I invest you as Junior Steward with the Collar and Jewel of your Office, also the Cornucopia and Cup. Your duties will consist of

supervision of the Assistant Stewards in the rooms set aside for the preparation of refreshments.

Brethren, you are each also generally to assist the Deacons and other Office Bearers in performing their respective duties. I commit to you these Rods, as Symbols of your Office.

(One Rod is handed to President of Stewards, and then to Senior Steward. Another is handed to the Junior Steward. Deacons conduct the three Officers to their Chairs. The rods are placed in their receptacles.)

S.D: Bro....., Bro....., and Bro....., having been obligated and invested President of the Stewards, Senior Steward and Junior Steward respectively, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chairs of Office (Installing Deacons return to North side ready for fourth group of Officers; Invest. Officer and DC follow; Invest Officer returns to his chair, DC to N.E. corner.)

DC: The following Officers who have been elected for the ensuing twelve months will please rise (names each Office and Officer; they rise as called, and line up from N.E. corner):

- Asst. Steward Bro.....
- Asst. Steward Bro.....
- Asst. Steward Bro.....

(Deacons take up positions at start and end of line; when last Officer is in position, all turn to right; J.D. leads Officers, who assemble at sides and west of Altar, S.D. follows; DC calls on Investing Officer, then collects Regalia for that group of Officers. W.I.M. knocks !, Wardens repeat, and all rise; Deacons arch wands.)

Invest.Officer: Brethren, you will kneel on both knees, place both hands on the V.S.L. and repeat after me the following Obligation, commencing with your names in full and naming the office to which you have been elected:

“I,, do hereby agree to accept the office of of this Lodge Scotia No. 263, and solemnly promise to the best of my ability to discharge faithfully, zealously and conscientiously its duties during the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been elected and installed in my stead; that I will do my utmost to forward the interests of the Lodge, and to support the Wor. Master in his various duties. So help me, God”. Brethren, you will seal this Obligation on the V.S.L. Kiss the Book once. (Deacons break wands, step back) Rise, duly obligated (here name each Office. As each is raised, he moves back to form a straight line West of the altar, between the Deacons).

DC: Be seated, Brethren. (J.D. leads group of Officers to S.E. corner, S.D. follows; Invest. Officer turns to face Officers, DC beside him; DC hands Collar and Jewel of Office (and Implement) to Invest. Officer as required.)

DC: Wor. Bro. Invest. Officer, I present Bro....., Bro....., and Bro....., as Assistant Stewards of the Lodge.

Invest. Officer: Bro....., (invests him, moves to next one),
 Bro....., (invests him, moves to next one, etc).

Brethren, you have been elected Assistant Stewards of the Lodge. Your Jewel is the Cornucopia and Cup. The duties of your Office are to introduce visitors and see to their accommodation; to take care that the tables are suitably provided for; and generally to assist the Deacons and other Office Bearers in performing their respective duties. I commit to your care these Rods as Emblems of your Office. (One rod is handed to first Assistant Steward; the other rod is passed through the hands of the other Assistant Stewards and retained by the last. Officers turn right, and are conducted to their Chairs by Jnr. Deacon, followed by Snr. Deacon.)

J.D: Brethren, having been obligated and invested as Assistant Stewards of the Lodge, I now have pleasure in placing you in your Chairs of Office. (Installing Deacons move to the North side, followed by the Investing Officer and DC Their wands are placed under the seats. The Installing DC moves next to the Lodge Deputy DC, the others move to their original seats in the Lodge and remain standing. The four Installing Officers bow to the Installing Master with the Sign of Fidelity, and resume their seats.)

CHARGE TO THE MASTER

(The Wor. Bro. giving the Charge is not called – he moves to the N.W. corner.)
 Worshipful Master, the Brethren having committed the Lodge to your care, you cannot be insensible to the importance of the charge, and to your responsibility for the faithful discharge of the duties connected therewith. The honour, the reputation, and the usefulness of this Lodge will materially depend upon the skill and ability with which you manage its concerns, whilst the happiness of the Brethren will be promoted by the zeal and assiduity with which you promulgate the tenets and principles of the Order. As a pattern for your imitation, consider that glorious luminary which diffuses light and lustre to all. In like manner, it will be your province to communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of your Lodge; to impress on them the dignity and value of Freemasonry, charging them to practice outside the Lodge those excellent precepts which are taught within; so that, when anyone is said to be a Freemason, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose heart is guided by justice, and whose hand is extended in benevolence.

CHARGE TO THE WARDENS

(The Wor. Bro. giving the Charge is not called – he moves to the North side opposite the Junior Warden and slightly towards the Senior Warden.)
 Worthy Wardens, (both Wardens rise, give the Sign of Fidelity and resume their seats) you are too well acquainted with the laws of Freemasonry to warrant any distrust that you will be found wanting in the proper discharge of the duties of your respective offices; suffice it to say that what you have seen praiseworthy in

others you will carefully imitate, and what in them may have appeared defective you will in yourself amend. You ought to be patterns of good order and regularity, as it is only by your own observance of the laws that you can expect obedience to them from others. You are assiduously to assist the Master in the discharge of the important duties of his office, and carefully to instruct those whom he may place under your charge. From the zeal you have shown towards our excellent institution, and the desire you have evinced to promote its interest, I entertain no doubt that your conduct will be such as to merit the approbation of your Brethren and the testimony of a good conscience.

SCOTIA'S CHARGE TO THE BRETHREN

(If the Grand Master or his Representative does not give this Charge, the Wor. Bro. giving it is not called – he moves to the second step in the East on the North side, about in front of the Master's column.)

Brethren, such is the nature of our constitution that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The Brethren who have been appointed to assist in the government of the Lodge are too well acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry and the practice of good manners to abuse the power with which they are entrusted; while you are too sensible and too generous to envy their preferment. From the knowledge I have of both the office bearers and members of this Lodge, I trust that all will have but one aim – to unite in the great design of communicating happiness. May you all enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can give within these sacred walls. May Freemasonry flourish in every part of the earth, and rise superior to all opposition! May it become influential in diffusing the light of Wisdom, in aiding the strength of Reason, in dispensing the beauties of Virtue, and in lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice! May it teach us to measure our actions by the rule of rectitude, to square our conduct by the principles of morality, and to guide our thoughts within the compass of propriety! Thus shall we learn in all lowliness to moderate the passions, whose excess deforms and disorders the very soul; while the Brother who has thus far discharged his duties as a Freemason can patiently await the arrival of that solemn moment when the soul will take wings to the realms above. Brethren, such are the genuine tenets and principles of our Order. May they be transmitted through this Lodge pure and unsullied through all generations! To obtain this end, let us continue to cultivate the moral and social virtues laid down on our Masonic tracing-board, to improve ourselves in everything that may make us agreeable and useful to our Brethren, and to act with a courtesy and a dignity becoming the high and venerable character of our Institution, (Wor. Master knocks !, Brethren rise) so that the Great Architect of the Universe may preside in our Temple and rejoice in our labours.

U.G.L.Q. ADDRESS TO THE BRETHREN

(if given by a member of United Grand Lodge)

Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution, that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must submit and learn; humility in each is an essential qualification. The Brethren who have been selected to assist the Worshipful Master in the ruling and governing of the Lodge are too well acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry and the laws of our Institution to warrant any fear that they will be found wanting in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, or that they will exceed the powers with which they have been entrusted; and you, Brethren, are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment. I trust, therefore, you will have but one aim, to unite in the grand design of being happy and of communicating happiness; and as Freemasonry has been formed and perfected with so much unanimity and concord, so may it long continue and remain a monument of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, which ages cannot wither nor adversity decay. May you enjoy every satisfaction which disinterested friendship can afford; may kindness and brotherly affection ever distinguish you as men and Freemasons. Within these peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. May Freemasonry flourish throughout the world and become influential in diffusing the light of wisdom, illustrating the beauty of virtue, and lessening the aggregate of human misery and vice. Firm in rectitude, may it rise superior to all opposition, like the bleak mountain which bears its brow with dignified composure to every tempest, and fearlessly presents its breast to the midnight storm. So may we, as Freemasons, remain ever firm and steadfast in the rectitude of our principles, and as our Order is founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, so may it teach us to measure our actions with the rule of rectitude, square our conduct by the highest standards of morality, and guide our conversation, and even our very thoughts, within the compass of propriety. Thus we shall learn to be modest and resigned, and to moderate the passions, the excess of which deforms the very soul. And he, among us, who has thus far faithfully discharged his duty as a Freemason may patiently, and even cheerfully, await the arrival of that solemn moment – a moment, Brethren, that must come to every one of us – the wisest of us knows not how soon – when the soul shall quit its perishable frame and wing its flight into the boundless and unexplored realms above, where divisions of time shall cease, and the glories of an endless eternity burst upon the view. Such, Brethren, are the genuine tenets and principles of our Order. May they be transmitted through your Lodge, pure and unsullied, from generation to generation. (Wor. Master knocks !, all rise with Sign of Fidelity). May the Great Architect of the Universe preside in our Temples, and under His all-seeing eye may we ever act with dignity becoming the high and venerable character of our antient and honourable Institution.

All: So mote it be!

I.D.C: Brethren, we will unite in singing “The Old Hundred”, followed by the first verse of the Royal Anthem. (Done).

I.DC: Be seated, Brethren.

I.M: (Stands) Worshipful Master, this now concludes the ceremony of your Installation and the Investiture of your Officers. I now hand you the Gavel, and place the Lodge in your care.

(Installing DC hands his baton to Lodge DC Installing Master and DC salute the Lodge Master, and both take their seats in the Lodge.)

(Wor. Master welcomes the Grand Master or his Representative, issues an invitation to attend the Festive Board. The Grand Master or his Representative responds.

Wor. Master request the Grand Master or his Representative to present I.P.M. Jewel, A.M.W.O.F. Jewels, and any other Jewels

Grand Master or his Representative, with Grand Officers, now retires.)

General Business

New Notice of Motion

Propositions for Initiation or Affiliation

WM: (Knock !) Brethren, for the first time of asking, does any Brother have aught to propose for the good of Freemasonry in general, or for this the Scotia Lodge in particular?

DC: Wor. Master, may the Lodge Stewards and reciprocal Stewards retire?

WM: They may, Bro. D.C. (Stewards retire)

WM: (Knock !) Brethren, for the second time of asking, does any Brother have aught to propose for the good of Freemasonry in general, or for this the Scotia Lodge in particular.

Welcome Visitors

Charity Box

Work for next Meeting, and those taking part

Special thanks to (Piper, Organist, fill-in Officers etc)

Proposed visits

Apologies to be recorded on sheet in Attendance Book

WM: (Knock !) Brethren, for the third time of asking, does any Brother have aught to propose for the good of Freemasonry in general, or for this the Scotia Lodge in particular?

WM: (Knock! repeated by Wardens) Brethren assist me to close this Lodge. (All Rise)
WJW., what is the constant care of assembled Freemasons?

WJW: To prove the Lodge close tyled, WM.

WM: Direct that duty to be done.

WJW: Bro. IG., you will prove the Lodge close tyled

IG: (knocks !!!, repeated by the Tyler) WJW., the Lodge is close tyled

WJW: WM., the Lodge is close tyled

WM: WSW., what is our next duty?

WSW: To see that the Brethren stand to order as EAF' masons, WM.

WM: To order, Brethren, as EAF' masons. (All stand to Order)

WM: WSW., where is your constant place in the Lodge?

WSW: In the West, WM.

WM: Why are you so placed?

WSW: To mark the setting sun, to close the Lodge by command of the WM. after having seen that every Brother has had his due

WM: Have the wages all been paid?

WSW: So far as due and demanded, WM.

WM: WSW, the labours of the evening being ended, and all the wages paid so far as due and demanded, you have my commands to close the Lodge. (Knock !!!)

WSW: Brethren, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, and by command of the WM., I declare this, the Scotia Lodge, holding of the UGL of Q'land and numbered on its roll 263, duly closed (Knock !!!)

WJW: And it is closed accordingly until our next Regular Meeting or such time as the WM may think proper to call the Brethren together again, of which they will receive due notice (Knocks !!!, repeated by I.G. and Tyler)

(Brethren break sign, come to Sign of Fidelity. IPM closes VSL in front of WM, WM closes his copy. Deacons join DC at Altar, VSL and Chpln's copy are closed Deacons uncope wands.)

DC: Brethren, nothing now remains, but in accordance with ancient custom, to lock up our secrets in the safe and sacred repository of our hearts, uniting in the act with the words Fidelity, Fidelity, Fidelity (all adopt Benediction Sign) and may God prosper the Craft. (all return to Sign of Fidelity)

TB closed, lights off.

WM: WSW, how should Masons meet?

WSW: On the Level, W.M. (lowers column, moves to front of his pedestal)

WM: WJW., how should Masons act?

WJW: On the Plumb, WM. (raises column, moves to front of his pedestal)

WM: And part on the Square. (All Brethren form Square). Brethren, so let us meet, act and part; and may the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon us and upon all true and faithful Brethren throughout the world. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

ALL: So mote it be

WM: Brethren, the Lodge stands closed, unclothed and untyled.

Wor. Bro. I. D. of C., do you have an announcement?

DC: I do, WM.

(I.D.C. invites Visitors and Brethren to Festive Board – and announces cost.)