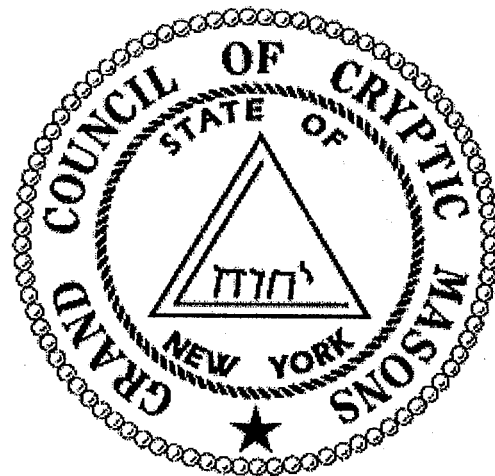


INSTALLATION CEREMONY
FOR
THE OFFICERS
OF
A CONSTITUTENT COUNCIL



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OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS MAY BE INSTALLED BY ANY PRESENT OR PAST GRAND COUNCIL OFFICER, OR BY ANY PRESENT OR PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER IN GOOD STANDING IN ANY REGULARLY CONSTITUTED COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS. THE INSTALLATION TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF THREE OFFICERS: ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER, COMPANION MARSHAL AND COMPANION CHAPLAIN.

EACH OFFICER SHOULD BE WEARING THE APRON OF THE OFFICE INTO WHICH HE IS TO BE INSTALLED. ALL OFFICERS' JEWELS AND IMPLEMENTS SHALL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR OR NEAR THE ALTAR IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE MARSHAL CAN QUICKLY SELECT THE APPROPRIATE JEWEL AND/OR IMPLEMENT FOR THE OFFICER BEING INSTALLED.

THE OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED SHALL BE ESCORTED INTO THE SECRET VAULT BY THE MARSHAL IN ORDER OF RANK. (THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER, DEPUTY MASTER, PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, ETC.) AND LINED UP WEST OF THE ALTAR FACING THE EAST FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING THE OBLIGATION TOGETHER. FOLLOWING THE OBLIGATION, THE CHAPLAIN SHALL RENDER A PRAYER. THE OFFICERS SHALL THEN BE SEATED BY THE MARSHAL (PREFERABLY IN A GROUP ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SECRET VAULT).

WHEN DIRECTED BY THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER TO PRESENT AN OFFICER FOR INSTALLATION, THE MARSHAL SHALL ESCORT THE RESPECTIVE OFFICER WEST OF THE ALATR, WHO SHALL COME TO THE SIGN OF FIDELITY, AND THE MARSHAL SHALL ANNOUNCE HIS NAME AND THE APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR. THE MARSHAL SHALL INVEST THE OFFICER WITH JEWEL AND/OR IMPLEMENT OF HIS OFFICER DURING THE CHARGE. FOLLOWING THE CHARGE TO EACH OFFICER, THE MARSHAL SHALL ESCORT THE OFFICER TO HIS STATION IN THE SECRET VAULT.

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THE ORDER OF INSTALLATION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS (THE ORDER PRESENTED HERE IS THE PREFERABLE SEQUENCE, BECAUSE IN MOVING UPWARDS IN RANK, THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER IS INSTALLED LAST, WHICH REPRESENTS THE CLIMAX OF THE INSTALLATION; HOWEVER, IF THE REVERSE ORDER WITH THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER FIRST IS DESIRED, IT CAN BE SO FOLLOWED.)

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

HISTORIAN

MUSICIAN

SENTINEL

STEWARD

MARSHAL

CHAPLAIN

CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

TRUSTEE

RECORDER

TREASURER

PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

DEPUTY MASTER

ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

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THE OBLIGATION

Illustrious Master: COMPANIONS, YOU WILL SAY "I", STATE YOUR FULL NAME, AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

"DO SOLEMNLY PROMISE THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY, AND TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED OR ELECTED IN THIS COUNCIL, AND THAT I WILL STRICTLY CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS OF THIS COUNCIL, AND THE CONSTITUTIONS AND GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SO FAR AS THEY MAY COME TO MY KNOWLEDGE. SO HELP ME GOD."

COMPANIONS, GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CHAPLAIN. COMPANION CHAPLAIN WILL YOU LEAD US IN PRAYER.

PRAYER

Companion Chaplain:

MOST HOLY AND GLORIOUS LORD GOD, THE GREAT AND MIGHTY FATHER OF ALL MEN, WE, THY HUMBLE SERVANTS, DESIRE TO APPROACH THEE WITH REVERENCE, AND TO IMPLORE THY BLESSING UPON THE COMPANIONS SELECTED TO PRESIDE OVER AND CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF THIS COUNCIL, AND NOW ARE PROSTRATE BEFORE THEE. FILL THEIR HEARTS, WE BESEECH THEE, WITH THY FEAR, THAT THEIR TONGUES AND ACTIONS MAY PROMOTE THY GLORY. MAKE THEM STEADFAST IN THY SERVICE. GRANT THEM FIRMNESS OF MIND. ANIMATE THEIR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ENDEAVORS. MAY THEY BE ENABLED

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TO TEACH THY JUDGMENTS AND THY LAWS. BLESS THEM, O LORD, AND BLESS THE WORK OF THEIR HANDS. ACCEPT US IN MERCY. HEAR THOU FROM HEAVEN, THY DWELLING-PLACE, AND FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS. GLORY BE TO GOD, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. *

(The Marshal seats the Officers and presents each Officer individually for installation when asked. The Marshal introduces each Officer to the Illustrious Master as follows: ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER, I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT TO YOU COMPANION [Name] WHO HAS BEEN [APPOINTED/ELECTED, NAME OF OFFICE] OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR.)

CHARGE TO THE HISTORIAN

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED HISTORIAN OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. IT SHALL BE YOUR DUTY TO COMPILE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL IMPORTANT AND NOTEWORTHY EVENTS THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THE YEAR, TO KEEP AND MAINTAIN ALL HISTORICAL RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE USEFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNCIL. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE HISTORIAN TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

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CHARGE TO THE MUSICIAN

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APOINTED MUSICIAN OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. IT SHALL BE YOUR DUTY TO PRESIDE AT THE ORGAN (*OR PIANO*) AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE MUSIC FOR EVERY COMMUNICATION. IT IS, THEREFORE, NECESSARY THAT YOU BE PUNCTUAL IN YOUR ATTENDANCE AND THAT YOU COOPERATE CORDIALLY WITH THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER, SO THAT THE RITUAL MAY BE ATTRACTIVELY RENDERED AND THE COMPANIONS PRESENT HAVE ADDED PLEASURE AND PROFIT FROM YOUR WORK. COMPANION MARSHAL CONUCT THE MUSICIAN TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED SENTINEL OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL AND IMPLEMENT OF YOUR OFFICE. MAY THE SWORD PLACED IN YOUR HANDS ENABLE YOU TO GUARD AGAINST THE APPROACH OF PROFANES AND TO SUFFER NONE TO PASS, OR REPASS, EXCEPT SUCH AS ARE DULY QUALIFIED AND HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD. YOUR REGULAR AND PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE WILL AFFORD THE BEST PROOF OF YOUR ZEAL FOR THE COUNCIL. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE SENTINEL TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

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CHARGE TO THE STEWARD

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED STEWARD OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL AND IMPLEMENT OF YOUR OFFICE. MAY THE SWORD PLACED IN YOUR HANDS SERVE AS A CONSTANT ADMONITION TO YOU TO SET A GUARD AT THE ENTRANCE OF YOUR THOUGHTS, TO PLACE A WATCH AT THE DOOR OF YOUR LIPS, TO POST A SENTINEL AT THE AVENUES OF YOUR AFFECTIONS, THEREBY EXCLUDING EVERY UNWORTHY THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, AND ENABLING YOU TO PRESERVE YOUR CONSCIENCE VOID OF OFFENSE TOWARD GOD AND MAN. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE STEWARD TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

CHARGE TO THE MARSHAL

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED MARSHAL OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. THE DUTIES OF YOUR OFFICE REQUIRE BUT LITTLE ELUCIDATION. IT IS YOUR DUTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL, TO ATTEND TO THE EXAMINATION OF VISITORS, AND TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE THAT NONE ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER BUT SUCH AS HAVE PROVED THEIR TITLE TO OUR FAVOR AND FRIENDSHIP. I PRESENT YOU WITH THE IMPLEMENT OF YOUR OFFICE, IN THE CONFIDENT BELIEF THAT IT IS ENTRUSTED TO COMPETENT AND FAITHFUL HANDS. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE MARSHAL TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

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CHARGE TO THE CHAPLAIN

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED CHAPLAIN OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. YOUR GOOD INCLINATIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY AID YOU IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THOSE SOLEMN SERVICES WHICH CREATED BEINGS SHOULD CONSTANTLY RENDER TO THEIR GREAT CREATOR, AND WHICH, WHEN OFFERED BY ONE WHOSE HOLY PROFESSION IT IS TO POINT TO HEAVEN AND LEAD THE WAY, MAY, BY REFINING OUR MORALS, STRENGTHENING OUR VIRTUES, AND PURIFYING OUR MINDS, PREPARE US FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PRESENCE OF OUR SUPREME GRAND MASTER, WHERE HAPPINESS WILL BE AS PERFECT AS IT IS ENDLESS. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE CHAPLAIN TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

CHARGE TO THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. THE OFFICE TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED IS ONE OF MUCH IMPORTANCE IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS COUNCIL. IT IS YOUR DUTY THAT THE GREAT LIGHT IS EVER GIVING OFF LUSTER IN THE COUNCIL AND THAT HOSPITALITY AND BROTHERLY LOVE BE ILLUSTRATED TO ALL. IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR DUTIES, OF WHICH YOU ARE DOUBTLESS FAMILIAR, BE FERVENT AND ZEALOUS; YOU WILL THUS SECURE THE RESPECT AND ESTEEM OF YOUR COMPANIONS AND THE APPROBATION OF YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

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CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. HAVING ATTAINED THIS RANK IN THE COUNCIL, I PRESENT YOU WITH THE INSIGNIA OF YOUR OFFICE. GUARD WELL YOUR POST, AND SUFFER NONE TO PASS IT BUT THE SELECT, THE FAITHFUL, AND THE WORTHY. BE EVER ATTENTIVE TO THE COMMANDS OF YOUR CHIEF, AND BE ALWAYS NEAR AT HAND TO SEE THEM DULY EXECUTED. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

CHARGE TO THE TRUSTEE

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TRUSTEE OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING {Number} CRYPTIC YEAR (S) AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. YOUR DUTIES, THOUGH NON-RITUALISTIC IN NATURE, ALONG WITH YOUR COMPANION TRUSTEES, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPLETE ASSETS OF THIS COUNCIL, OTHER THAN THOSE FUNDS MAINTAINED BY THE TREASURER FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS. YOUR LOVE FOR THE CRYPTIC CRAFT, COUPLED WITH YOUR ABILITIES TO CONSERVE THAT WHICH IS PLACED IN YOUR HANDS FOR SAFEKEEPING, MAKES YOUR STEWARDSHIP VITAL TO THE PROSPERITIES OF THIS COUNCIL. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE TRUSTEE TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

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CHARGE TO THE RECORDER

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED RECORDER OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. THE QUALITIES WHICH SHOULD DISTINGUISH YOU IN DISCHARGING THE VARIOUS DUTIES ANNEXED TO YOUR STATION ARE: CORRECTNESS IN RECORDING THE PROCEEDINGS OF YOUR COUNCIL; JUDGMENT IN DISCRIMINATING BETWEEN WHAT IS PROPER AND WHAT IS UNPROPER TO BE WRITTEN; REGULARITY IN MAKING THE RETURNS TO THE GRAND COUNCIL; INTEGRITY IN ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MONEYS THAT MAY PASS THROUGH YOUR HANDS; AND FIDELITY IN PAYING THE SAME OVER TO THE TREASURER. THE POSSESSION OF THESE QUALITIES HAS DESIGNATED YOU AS A SUITABLE COMPANION FOR THE IMPORTANT OFFICE TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED, AND I ENTERTAIN NO DOUBT BUT THAT YOU WILL DISCHARGE ALL THE DUTIES INCUMBENT ON YOU WITH FIDELITY AND HONOR. AND WHEN YOU SHALL HAVE COMPLETED THE RECORDS OF YOUR TRANSACTIONS HERE BELOW, AND FINISHED THE TERM OF YOUR PROBATION, MAY YOU BE ADMITTED TO THE GRAND COUNCIL ABOVE, AND FIND YOUR NAME RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE RECORDER TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

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CHARGE TO THE TREASURER

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TREASURER OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. IT IS YOUR DUTY TO NUMBER AND WEIGH OUT THE SHEKELS OF THE SANCTUARY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE HELPLESS ORPHAN. THE QUALITIES WHICH SHOULD DISTINGUISH YOU ARE ACCURACY AND FIDELITY. ACCURACY IN KEEPING A FAIR AND TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. FIDELITY IN CAREFULLY PRESERVING THE PROPERTY AND FUNDS OF THE COUNCIL, AND IN RENDERING A JUST ACCOUNT OF THE SAME WHEN REQUIRED. YOUR INTEREST IN THIS COUNCIL, YOUR ATTACHMENT TO THE CRYPTIC CRAFT, AND YOUR KNOWN INTEGRITY OF CHARACTER ARE A SURE GUARANTY THAT YOUR DUTIES WILL BE FAITHFULLY PERFORMED. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE TREASURER TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE THIRD OFFICE OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR, AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. IT IS YOUR DUTY TO SOUND THE SILVER TRUMPET AT EARLY DAWN AND EVE OF DAY, WHEN THE SUN'S FIRST AND LAST BEAMS GILD THE MOUNTAIN-TOPS, TO ANNOUNCE HIGH NOON, AND PROCLAIM THE TIME OF REST AND LABOR.

IN THE ABSENCE OF EITHER OF YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICERS YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES ANNEXED TO HIS STATION RESPECTIVELY; AND AS THE INTERESTS OF YOUR COUNCIL OUGHT NEVER TO SUFFER FROM THE WANT OF INTELLIGENCE IN ITS OFFICERS, YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO

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URGE UPON YOU THE NECESSITY OF BEING ALWAYS QUALIFIED AND FULLY PREPARED TO MEET THE EMERGENCY, SHOULD IT EVER ARISE.

HAVING BEEN ADMITTED TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF KINGS, YOU WILL BE FREQUENTLY REMINDED THAT THE OFFICE OF MEDIATOR IS BOTH HONORABLE AND PRAISEWORTHY. LET IT, THEREFORE, BE YOUR CONSTANT CARE TO PRESERVE HARMONY AND UNANIMITY OF SENTIMENT AMONG THE MEMBERS OF YOUR COUNCIL. DISCOURAGEMENT WHATEVER MAY TEND TO CREATE DIVISIONS AND DISSENSIONS AMONG THE BRETHREN IN ANY OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF MASONRY. AND AS THE GLORIOUS SUN AT ITS MERIDIAN DISPELS THE MIST AND CLOUDS THAT OBSCURE THE HORIZON, SO MAY YOUR EXERTIONS TEND TO DISSIPATE THE MIST OF JEALOUSY AND DISCORD, SHOULD ANY SUCH EVER UNFORTUNATELY ARISE IN YOUR COUNCIL. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY MASTER

COMPANION, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE SECOND OFFICE OF THIS COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING CRYPTIC YEAR AND WILL NOW BE INVESTED WITH THE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE. THE DUTIES OF THIS IMPORTANT OFFICE TO WHICH YOUR COMPANIONS HAVE ELEVATED YOU WILL REQUIRE YOUR CONSTANT AND EARNEST ATTENTION. YOU ARE TO OCCUPY THE SECOND SEAT IN THE COUNCIL, AND IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO AID AND SUPPORT YOUR CHIEF IN ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF HIS OFFICE. IN HIS ABSENCE YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PRESIDE IN THE COUNCIL, AND TO

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DISCHARGE ALL THE IMPORTANT DUTIES ANNEXED TO HIS STATION.

ALTHOUGH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A KING, AND ELEVATED IN RANK ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS, YET MAY YOU NEVER FORGET THAT IN ALL THE DUTIES YOU OWE TO GOD, YOUR NEIGHBOR, AND YOURSELF, YOU AND THEY STAND UPON THE SAME LEVEL OF EQUALITY. LET THE BRIGHT EXAMPLE OF YOUR PREDECESSOR IN THE GRAND COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM STIMULATE YOU TO FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF EVERY DUTY, AND WHEN THE KING OF KINGS SHALL SUMMON YOU TO HIS IMMEDIATE PRESENCE, MAY YOU RECEIVE FROM HIS HAND A CROWN OF GLORY THAT SHALL NEVER FADE AWAY. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE DEPUTY MASTER TO HIS STATION IN THE COUNCIL.

ADDRESS AND CHARGE TO ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION, I FEEL GREAT PLEASURE IN RECEIVING YOU AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THIS COUNCIL. IT IS A STATION HIGHLY HONORABLE TO HIM WHO DILIGENTLY AND FAITHFULLY PERFORMS THE DUTIES IT IMPOSES UPON HIM. BEFORE INVESTING YOU, HOWEVER, WITH THE APPROPRIATE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE, I MUST REQUIRE YOUR UNEQUIVOCAL ASSENT TO THE FOLLOWING INTERROGATORIES:

- 1.) DO YOU SOLEMNLY PROMISE THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR BEST ENDEAVORS TO CORRECT THE VICES AND PURIFY THE MORALS OF YOUR COMPANIONS, AND TO PROMOTE THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF YOUR COUNCIL?

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- 2.) THAT YOU WILL NOT SUFFER YOUR COUNCIL TO BE OPENED WHEN THERE ARE LESS THAN NINE REGULAR SELECT MASTERS PRESENT?
- 3.) THAT YOU WILL NOT SUFFER ANY ONE TO PASS THE CIRCLE OF PERFECTION IN YOUR COUNCIL, IN WHOSE INTEGRITY, FERVENCY, AND ZEAL YOU HAVE NOT ENTIRE CONFIDENCE?
- 4.) THAT YOU WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE OR HOLD INTERCOURSE WITH ANY COUNCIL THAT DOES NOT WORK UNDER SOME REGULAR AND CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY?
- 5.) THAT YOU WILL NOT ADMIT A VISITOR INTO YOUR COUNCIL WHO HAS NOT BEEN REGULARLY AND LAWFULLY INVESTED WITH THE DEGREE CONFERRED THEREIN WITHOUT HIS HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN FORMALLY HEALED?
- 6.) THAT YOU WILL FAITHFULLY OBSERVE AND SUPPORT SUCH BY-LAWS AS MAY BE MADE BY YOUR COUNCIL, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE ORDER?
- 7.) THAT YOU WILL PAY DUE RESPECT AND OBEDIENCE TO THE GRAND OFFICERS, WHEN DULY INSTALLED, AND SUSTAIN THEM IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR LAWFUL DUTIES?
- 8.) DO YOU SUBMIT TO THESE REQUIREMENTS, AND PROMISE TO OBSERVE AND PRACTICE THEM FAITHFULLY?

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Illustrious Master-Elect's Response: I DO.

WITH ENTIRE CONFIDENCE IN THE RECTITUDE OF YOUR INTENTIONS, AND IN THE INTEGRITY OF YOUR CHARACTER AS A SELECT MASTER, I NOW INVEST YOU WITH THE APPROPRIATE JEWEL OF YOUR OFFICE.

I NOW DELIVER INTO YOUR HANDS THE BY-LAWS OF THIS COUNCIL AND ITS CHARTER UNDER WHICH YOU ARE TO WORK. YOU WILL RECEIVE THEM AS A SACRED DEPOSIT, AND NEVER PERMIT YOUR CHARTER TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN THOSE EXPRESSED IN IT, AND SAFELY TRANSMIT IT TO YOUR SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE.

HAVING BEEN HONORED WITH THE FREE SUFFRAGES OF YOUR COMPANIONS, AND ELEVATED TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE WITHIN THEIR GIFT, IT BECOMES YOUR DUTY TO SET THEM AN EXAMPLE OF DILIGENCE, INDUSTRY, AND FIDELITY; TO SEE THAT THE OFFICERS ASSOICATED WITH YOU FAITHFULLY PERFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES, AND THAT THE INTEREST AND REPUTATION OF YOUR COUNCIL ARE NOT ENDANGERED BY IMPRIDENCE OR NEGLECT. THE IMPORTANT TRUSTS COMMTTED TO YOUR CHARGE WILL CALL FORTH YOUR BEST EXERTIONS, AND THE EXERCISE OF YOUR BEST FACULTIES.

AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WISE KING OF ISRAEL, IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO RECITE THE SECRET TRADITIONS, AND ILLUSTRATE THE MORAL PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER, TO CHERISH THE WORTHY, AND TO HOLD IN DUE VENERATION THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

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BY A FREQUENT RECURRENCE TO THE BY-LAWS OF YOUR COUNCIL, AND THE GENERAL REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, YOU WILL BE ENABLED TO FULFILL THE IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS RESTING UPON YOU WITH HONOR TO YOURSELF AND WITH CREDIT TO THE CRYPTIC CRAFT.

AND MAY HE, WITHOUT WHOSE APPROVING SMILES OUR LABORS ARE ALL IN VAIN, GIVE STRENGTH TO YOUR ENDEAVORS AND SUPPORT TO YOUR EXERTIONS. COMPANION MARSHAL CONDUCT THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER TO HIS STATION IN THE EAST AND MAKE THE NECESSARY PROCLAMATION.

(The Marshal conducts the Illustrious Master to his station in the East and from the East makes the following Proclamation):

PROCLAMATION

Companion Marshal: IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND BY ORDER OF [Presiding Officer's title and name], I PROCLAIM THE OFFICERS OF [Name] COUNCIL, No. [number], DULY INSTALLED. GRAND HONORS!

Installing Illustrious Master:

COMPANIONS GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CHAPLAIN. COMPANION CHAPLAIN WILL YOU LEAD US IN PRAYER.

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*(The Chaplain shall then conclude the installation ceremonies
by delivering the following or some other form of prayer.)*

PRAYER

Companion Chaplain:

ETERNAL AND EVER BLESSED JEHOVAH, MOST HUMBLY
DO WE BESEECH THEE TO LOOK DOWN WITH AN EYE OF
FAVOR UPON THIS COUNCIL, NOW ASSEMBLED BEFORE
THEE. BLESS, IF IT SHALL PLEASE THEE, THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THIS HOUR, AND GRANT THAT EVERY TRANSACTION OF
THIS BODY MAY TEND TO THY GLORY AND TO OUR
ADVANCEMENT IN KNOWLEDGE AND VIRTUE, AND TO THY
GREAT NAME SHALL BE ASCRIBED ETERNAL PRAISES,
WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

Companions Respond: SO MOTE IT BE.

CHARGE TO THE COUNCIL

Installing Illustrious Master:

COMPANIONS, FROM THE NATURE OF OUR BELOVED
INSTITUTION, SOME MUST OF NECESSITY RULE AND
OTHERS OBEY. AND WHILE JUSTICE AND MODERATION
ARE REQUIRED OF THE OFFICERS IN THE DISCHARGE OF
THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, SUBORDINATION AND RESPECT
FOR THEIR RULERS ARE EQUALLY DEMANDED OF THE
MEMBERS. THE RELATION IS RECIPROCAL. THE INTERESTS
OF BOTH ARE INSEPARABLE, AND WITHOUT MUTUAL
COOPERATION THE LABORS OF NEITHER CAN SUCCEED.
LET THE AVENUES TO YOUR PASSIONS BE STRICTLY

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GUARDED. LET NO CURIOUS INTRUDER FIND HIS WAY INTO THE SECRET RECESSES OF YOUR RETIREMENT, TO DISTURB THE HARMONY WHICH SHOULD EVER PREVAIL AMONG THE SELECT AND CHOSEN. IN SO DOING, YOU WILL BEST SECURE THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR COUNCIL, THE RESPECT OF YOUR COMPANIONS, AND THE COMMENDATION OF YOUR CONSCIENCES. AND MAY HE WHOSE WATCHFUL CARE IS OVER ALL THOSE WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM, EVER KEEP AND PRESERVE THE COUNCIL TO HIS OWN GLORY. AMEN.

Companions Respond: SO MOTE IT BE.

(The Installing Illustrious Master then proceeds to thank the installing team, and they take a seat among the Companions. He extends his congratulations to the Officers of the Council and finally extends his congratulations to the newly installed Illustrious Master and gives to him the gavel of authority. Then he takes a seat among the companions.

The Newly Installed Illustrious Master proceeds to extend his thanks to the Installing Team for their service and then delivers whatever message he wishes to the Officers and members of the Council before he proceeds to close in due form.)