

MANUAL OF THE CHAPTER

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OREGON

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INTRODUCTION

Written instructions for the ritualistic ceremonies authorized for use by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon can be found in the Ritual, the Capitular Code of the Grand Chapter, the Manual of the Chapter and the Chapter Handbook.

The instructions contained in this document have been taken from approved documents or have been approved by usage over a period of many years. The intent of the Ritual Instructions and Etiquette is to provide a single document that provides guidance to the officers of constituent Chapters in Oregon that they may perform Good Work, True Work, and Square Work in the Chapter.

It must be further noted that ritualistic instructions not contained in the above documents, reference can be made to the ritual, laws, rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. Many such references shall be discussed below.

Rituals: The only authorized Ritual in this Grand Jurisdiction was adopted in 1939, revised in 1977, 1999, and 2014. This ritual include the ceremonies for opening and closing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and ceremonies for opening and closing a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters within the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon.

For all ritualistic work, including conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry, only the latest ritual adopted for use by the Grand Chapter of Oregon or authorized by the Grand High Priest for trial use, may be used.

All of the degrees of Capitular Masonry shall be conferred in accordance with Section 206-11 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon

Manual of the Chapter: The Manual of the Chapter is a guide to other ceremonies performed by Chapters and the Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction. The Manual includes such ceremonies as installation of officers, Reception of the Grand High Priest or his authorized representative, and reception of visitors.

Chapter Handbook: The Chapter Handbook was prepared by the Education Committee to provide a guide for the Chapters and their members.

Capitular Code: The Capitular Code contains the constitutional requirements for the governing of the Chapter.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Holy Bible: The Holy Bible shall be opened and closed with reverence. The Bible, whether opened or closed, shall lie squarely upon the altar. When open, the Square and Compasses shall be placed on the right page of the appropriate lesson in the Master's form.

The Holy Bible, shall be opened to the following verse:

- a. Mark Master Degree: Matthew 20, (Blue Ribbon)
- b. Past Master Degree: Ecclesiastes 12, (Purple Ribbon)
- c. Most Excellent Master Degree: 2 Chronicles 4,
(Red Ribbon)
- d. Royal Arch Degree: Ezra 2, (White Ribbon)

2. Giving the Signs: The D.G. and P.S. of the appropriate degree is given before addressing the Excellent High Priest (EHP) or Right Worshipful Master (RWM), the appropriate sign of the degree is given, as described in the Ritual.

3. Position of Attention: The Capitular position of attention is with the arms at the side, body erect except during prayers, opening and closing of the bible, and other times of reverence, the position of attention is the arms folded over the chest, left over the right.

4. Covering of the High Priest: As prescribed in the ritual, the EHP (RWM) must be covered while presiding over the Chapter (Lodge). When is costume the officers are to be covered as described in the

ritual. When not in costume the type of covering is not specified and left to the discretion of the presiding officer. Good taste should be observed. Common usage generally suggests a top hat, dress hat (regular or western), Miter, or other covering that maintains the dignity of the office.

5. Deviation from the Ritual: Intentional deviation from the adopted ritual is a violation of the Capitular code.

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

1. Forms Approved for Opening and Closing a Chapter: Constituent Chapters will follow the Ritualistic Opening and Closing for the appropriate Degree as found in the current, adopted Ritual by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. To open or close a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons by "waiving all ceremonies" is an intentional deviation of the Ritual and a Capitular offense.

During the opening a Chapter, with the minimum constitutional number (6) present, the following offices should be filled: EHP, King, Scribe, CoH, PS, and RAC. If seven Companions are present the Sentinel's position is filled. If eight, the secretary's position is also filled.

During the business portion of the meeting the Secretary's station must be filled and minutes recorded.

2. Closing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Opening a Lodge for Work: When closing a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and immediately opening a Lodge for the conferral of a degree, the "Optional Closing," in the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter of Oregon may be used.

3. Purging a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons: Before the opening ceremonies the Captain of the Host should be satisfied that all present are Royal Arch Masons. If there are any Companions present he cannot vouch for he should approach the Companion, introduce himself and satisfy himself that the Companion is a Royal Arch Mason. If he is not satisfied he should inform the EHP, prior to the opening of the Chapter, that there is a Companion present that he is not satisfied that he is a Royal Arch Mason. An examining committee should be appointed by the Excellent High Priest, following the procedures outlined in Section 258 of the Oregon Capitular Code.

4. Examining a Visitor: The Companions appointed to conduct an examination of a visitor must use tact and discretion. Ever remember, the Committee is to determine if the visitor is a Royal Arch Mason, not to determine his Capitular proficiency. It is important that an Examining Committee remember that the visitor may be a Royal Arch Mason who has not attended for a period of time and may need assistance. Also, remember that the DGs, PSs, and Ritual vary between Jurisdictions, variations are acceptable.

RECEIVING THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Or District Deputy on Their Official Visit

When receiving the Grand High Priest, District Deputy, or Grand Line Officer on their official visit, (here after called the Grand High Priest), the following ceremony should be observed: After the Chapter has been opened, the Grand High Priest, his official family, and selected Companions will go west of the altar, salute the EHP, and retire without comment. No business can be conducted while the Grand High Priest is out of the tabernacle.

When the Grand High Priest is prepared, the Sentinel gives seven raps on the Sentinel's door and waits for the Royal Arch Captain to attend the alarm. The Sentinel announces the Grand High Priest by saying, "Most Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon desires admission." OR, "Rite Excellent Companion John H. Jones, District Deputy of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon desires admission." OR "Right Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand King (Grand Scribe, or Grand Captain of the Host) of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon requests admission."

The Royal Arch Captain returns to his station and announces the request of the Grand High Priest to the Captain of the Host in the same manner. The Captain of the Host will inform the EHP of the request of the visitor in the same manner. The E.H.P. will then order the Captain of the Host, or a selected Companion, to

retire and escort the Grand High Priest into the tabernacle. The escort goes to the door, opens it without knocks, and informs the Grand High Priest that he has been given the privilege of escorting the Grand High Priest into the tabernacle. He then extends his right arm to the Grand High Priest and they enter the Chapter Room. As soon as they enter the Chapter Room, the EHP raps the gavel to call the Companions to attention.

The Grand High Priest is escorted due east to a point about two paces west of the altar, then turns north and proceeds to a point two paces west of the altar, stops, and faces east. Those accompanying the Grand High Priest will form a line approximately one pace behind the Grand High Priest, facing east. All salute the EHP with the due guard and penal sign of a RAM.

The escort says, "Excellent High Priest, I have the pleasure of introducing Most Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, and his official family. The EHP descends from the East, by way of the north, and walks to the Grand High Priest, (the escort assumes a position on the South end of the line formed by the official family), welcomes the Grand High Priest, extends his right arm to the Grand High Priest, escorts him to the East by way of the north, and places him on his right. The EHP says, "Companions, I have the pleasure of presenting Most Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. Join with me in extending to him the Private Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry, (finished) and a hearty welcome." The EHP presents the gavel to the GHP, uncovers, and GHP introduces his official family.

The Grand High Priest, or District Deputy may preside over the convocation or may return the gavel to the EHP. The Grand High Priest or District Deputy will deliver their message during Good of the Order and will close the Chapter.

On the official visit of the Grand King, Grand Scribe, or Grand Captain of the Host, the visiting officer will be escorted into the Chapter Room in the same manner as the Grand High Priest. The escort says, "Excellent High Priest, I have the pleasure of introducing Right Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, and his entourage". The EHP descends from the East by way of the north, walks to the visiting officer, (the escort assumes a position on the South end of the line formed by the entourage), welcomes him, extends his right arm and escorts him to the East, by way of the north, and places him on his right. The EHP says, "Companions, I have the pleasure of presenting Right Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, who is making his Official Visit. Join with me in extending to him the Public Grand Honors of Masonry, (finished) and a hearty welcome." The Excellent High Priest remains covered and retains the gavel, the EHP invites the visiting officer to introduce those accompanying him. Following introductions the EHP will seat the Chapter. The visiting officer may be asked to deliver his message during Good of the Order and may be offered the honor of closing the Chapter.

If the convocation is a joint Official Visit of the Grand High Priest, or the District Deputy, and the Grand King, Grand Scribe, or Grand Captain of the Host, the Grand officers will enter the tabernacle and the Grand High Priest, or District Deputy is escorted to the East in the usual manner. During the introductions of the official family the Grand High Priest or District Deputy will mention that the Grand King, Grand Scribe, or Grand Captain of the Host is also making his official visit to the Chapter. After being afforded the Public Grand Honors, and the gavel is return to the EHP, the EHP may direct the Captain of the Host to escort the visiting officer to the East and offered a seat on the north side of the King, or may seat the chapter and the visiting officer will take a seat on the sideline.

After the EHP turns the meeting over to the GHP, the GHP may ask the visiting officer to make his remarks. The GHP will then make his remarks and close the chapter. If the visiting line officer is sitting on the sidelines, he will make his remarks from the sidelines.

In the Ante Room, the Official Family should line up in the in the following order: Grand High Priest, District Deputy in his District, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests who are also current Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests in descending order by year, Past Elected Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Lecturer, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Masters of the Veils, Grand Chaplain, Grand

Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Capitular Reviewer, Grand Musician, Grand Sentinel, District Deputies not in their District, visiting High Priests and Companions selected by the Grand High Priest.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

1. Escort and Introductions: The following Officers may be, at the discretion of the EHP, escorted at each stated Convocation of a Chapter (An officer listed below may request to forego the honor in his home Chapter, after the first formal escort and introduction). The officers to be escorted are:

The Grand High Priest and District Deputy, on their official visit to the Chapter and the District Deputy must be escorted to the East, accorded the Private Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry, a hearty welcome, and offered seats in the East, on the right of the EHP.

At the discretion of the EHP, as a Masonic courtesy, the following should be escorted and introduced: Elected Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Past Elected Grand Chapter Officers are escorted to West of the altar, introduced, afforded appropriate Grand Honors, and escorted to the East by way of the north, by the Captain of the Host. They are greeted by the EHP, ascend the East, introduced by the EHP. and may be offered seats in the East.

Appointed Grand Chapter Officers and District Deputies are escorted to the altar by the Captain of the Host, introduced and escorted to the East on the south side of the Chapter where they are presented by the Excellent High Priest, accorded the Public Grand Honors of Masonry, and may be invited to a seat on the South of the EHP, space permitting, or the Captain of the Host escorts them to their seats.

At the discretion of the EHP, the following may be introduced from the sidelines and given a hearty welcome, or escorted West of the alter and accorded. The appropriate Grand Honors are:

- a. Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions (Private)
- b. General Grand Chapter GGHP (Private)
- c. District Deputy of the Grand High Priest in his District (All Jurisdictions, Public, if making his Official Visit, Private)
- d. Elected Grand Chapter Officers (all Jurisdictions) (Public)
- e. Past Grand High Priests who are Elected or Appointed Grand Chapter Officers (all Jurisdictions, Private)
- f. Past Elected Grand Chapter Officers in order of year served, all Jurisdictions. (Public)
- g. Appointed Grand Chapter Officers of all Jurisdictions, (Public)
- h. Excellent High Priests (Public)
- i. Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters of Oregon and Other Jurisdictions (Public)
- j. Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Masonic affiliated bodies may be recognized, at the option of the presiding officer. (Public)
- k. Grand Master of AF&AM of Oregon and Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions. (Public) (The Grand Master is always introduced last)

Introductions of Grand Officers and visiting EHPs are as follows: "It is my privilege to introduce Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. You will extend to him the Public Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry and a hearty welcome," or "It is my privilege to introduce Excellent Companion John H. Jones, Excellent High Priest of _____, No. __. You will extend to him the Public Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry and a hearty welcome."

If, for example, the visitor is a Grand Lodge Officer who is not a Past High Priest, the introduction would be the following: "It is my privilege to introduce Companion and Most Worshipful Brother John H. Jones, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon. You will extend to him the Public Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry and a hearty welcome."

The Grand Master and all other Grand Lodge Officers are entitled only to the Public Grand Honors of Masonry. The Private Grand Honors of Masonry are never given in Capitular Masonry.

If introducing a Grand Council or Grand Commandery officer in a Chapter, it is proper to introduce them, first, by their Chapter title (e.g. Companion, Excellent Companion, etc.) and then by their Council or Commandery title. For example, "I have the privilege to introduce Excellent Companion and Sir Knight John H. Johns, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oregon. You will extend to him the Public Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry and a hearty welcome."

A Companion is only escorted and introduced once. All of his titles should be given when he is introduced, for example, : "It is my privilege to introduce Most Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother John H. Jones, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon."

3. Addressing the Grand High Priest, or visiting Officer When He Closes a Chapter: When a visiting officer is closing the Chapter, he is addressed as Excellent High Priest.

Pronunciation Guide

From the Royal Arch Handbook, of the General Grand Chapter

Aaron	A-run	Japheth	JAY-feth
Ahollab	A-HO-li-ab	Jethro	Je-thro
Anath	A-nath	Jeroboam	JER-o-BO-am
Architect	ARK-i-tect	Jerusalem	Je-RU-sa-lem
Ascend	a-SEND	Josedech	JO-se-dek
Assiduity	Ass-i-DOO-ity	Joshua	JOSH-u-a
Babel	BAY-bel	Judean	Ju-DEE-an
Belshazzar	Bel-SHAZ-er	Latent	LAY-tent
Beneficent	be--NEF-i-sent	Mesopotamia	MES-o-po-TAME-ia
Bezaleel	Bee-ZAL-eel	Median	MID-i-an
Brethren	BRETH-ren	Nebuchadnezzar	NEB-yu-kad-NEZ-ar
Capitular	ka-PIT-u-lar	Omnipresence	OM-ni-PRES-ens
Chaldea	Kal-DEE-a	Omniscience	om-NISH-ens
Chaldees	KAL-dees	Perfectness	PER-fect-ness
Column	COL-um	Pharaoh	FAY-row
Consummation	kon-sum-AY- shun	Quarries	KWAR-ries
Darius	Dar-EYE-us	Rehohoam	REE-ho-BO-am
Deluge	DEL-youj	Sacerdotal	SAS-er-DOE-tal
Descend	Dee-send	Sacrifice	SAK-ri--FICE
Due Guard	DOO-Gard	Saith	seth
Euphrates	You-FRAY-tees	Shewbread	SHOW-bread
Exaltation	egs-ail-TAY-shun	Zerubbabel	ZER-rub-uh-bell
Haggai	HAG-a-eye	Tizri	TIZ-rye
Horeb	HO-reb	Zeredetha	Ze-RED-a-tha
Humble	HUM-bl	Zedekiah	Zed-e-KY-ah
Hypocrisies	hy-POK-ri-sees		
Impious	IM-pi-us		
Ineffable	in-EFF-a-bul		

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR A CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

THE EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST ELECT SHOULD: Sixty days prior to the installation select his Installing Officer, Installing Marshal and Installing Chaplain. The Installing Officer must be the present or a past High Priest. The Installing Officer must have a copy of the program (installation) to follow, go over it with the Excellent High Priest elect and be sure that the program is printed correctly, and that he can pronounce all the names correctly.

Have a PRACTICE INSTALLATION at least one/two weeks prior to the installation night.

The Installing Marshal will have placed the Jewels of the officers and the sword for the sentinel, the Charter of the Chapter, the by-laws of the Chapter, the Constitution and by-laws of the Grand Chapter and the Gavel, on a table near the presiding officers' desk.

If the installation is CLOSED, the Chapter will be open in the Royal Arch Degree.

If it is a PUBLIC installation the current Excellent High Priest (or a master of ceremonies appointed by him) will greet those attending and cause them to feel welcome. He will then ask for the United States FLAG to be presented and placed in the east. ALL STAND AT ATTENTION WHEN THE FLAG IS BEING ESCORTED AND PLACED. Pledge of allegiance or ode to the Flag, then the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Introduce Grand Officers of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, including District Deputy Grand High Priests, Excellent High Priests and Excellent High Priest Elect, Officers of other York Rite Bodies, Worshipful Masters, or their representatives.

He will then ask the officers elected and appointed to retire to the ante-room to be in readiness to march into the Chapter Room on the completion of these introductions. He will then continue to introduce others who are due this recognition, have them remain standing until all are recognized, then give them a most hearty welcome.

THE EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST: Ask the Installing Officers to please come to the East and form in front of the Excellent High Priests Station to be introduced, Installing Officer, Marshal and Chaplain. They will then go to their stations.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the officers elected and appointed for installation. (as the Installing Marshal is going to the anteroom)

INSTALLING OFFICER: XXX All rise and remain standing till the sound of the gavel. (Installing Officer explains the use of the gavel; three rapes XXX all rise, XX officers only, X all be seated, other directions will be given verbally.)

INSTALLING MARSHAL: Will escort the Excellent High Priest Elect (his left hand holding the right arm of the Installing Marshal into the Chapter room, other officers in order of rank, single file following, halting west of the Alter and facing East. (each officer standing in front of his chair).

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Chaplain, will you now deliver the prayer for these fine officers, XXX, all rise. After prayer all are seated. X.

NOTE: One of the following PRAYER may be offered after the officers chosen have entered the Chapter room, before the installation of the Excellent High Priest.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Grand Master of heaven and Earth; we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessing on the Companions elected and appointed to preside over and conduct the affairs of this Chapter for the ensuing year. Fill their hearts with Thy fear that their tongues and actions may promote Thy Glory. May they teach Thy judgments in truth, and Thy Laws in righteousness, and perform the duties of the office they occupy with an eye singly to Thy Glory and the good of the Craft.

Bless them, O LORD, and bless those whom Thou hast placed under them. Grant that when we shall have finished the work Thou hast assigned to us in this earthly temple, we may be admitted to the glories of that celestial temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

AMEN. So mote it be!

Or

Most holy and gracious Lord God, the ruler of heaven and earth, we approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessings on these Companions chosen to preside over this Chapter. Fill their hearts with Thy fear, that their tongues and actions may proclaim Thy Glory and Thy will; make them steadfast in Thy service, grant them firmness of mind, animate their hearts and strengthen their endeavors. May they inculcate Thy Laws and may the incense they shall put before Thee on Thine Alter prove acceptable to Thee. Bless them O LORD, and grant that when they shall have finished this earthly temple of their bodies they may be admitted to the glories of that second Temple of the Spirit, eternal in the heavens.

AMEN. So mote it be!

INSTALLING OFFICER: Officers elected and appointed will now take the following obligation: "Place your right hands over your hearts and repeat after me. I..... do promise and swear that I will serve Chapter No Royal Arch Masons for the ensuing year, and will perform all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen, and will support and maintain the By-Laws of this Chapter and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon to the best of my ability, so help me God." X The Chapter will be seated, and the officers elect seated in the West facing the East.

Installing Officer then instructs the Installing Marshal to present the officers as their office is called, whom he will introduce as follows: "INSTALLING MARSHAL: Excellent Sir, I present before you Companionwho has been elected (or appointed) to the station of and who now declares himself ready for installation".

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, you will present the Excellent High Priest elect for installation. Companion.... .., face the West. Companions, you behold before you Companion who has been duly elected your Excellent High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have reason to believe he should not be installed, you will make known your objections now, or forever hereafter hold your peace. If no objections are made, he will say: "Hearing no objections, I shall proceed with the installation. Companion face the East.

"Excellent Companion by the voice of your Companions you have been chosen to occupy the most important office in their power to bestow; and to me has been entrusted the pleasant duty of investing you with its insignia.

"It gives me great satisfaction to install you into the office of High Priest of this Chapter. It is an office of high honor to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed thereto. Your reputed Masonic knowledge precludes the necessity of a particular recital of those duties. I shall, therefore, observe only, that by frequent reference to the Constitution and By-Laws, and constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best able to fulfill them. And I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to serve with you will give strength to your endeavors, and support to your exertions.

"From our knowledge of your zeal and ability, we feel confident that you will discharge the duties of this important station in such a manner as will greatly redound to the honor of yourself, and to the Chapter over which you have been elected to preside. (In the office which you now occupy, you represent the High Priest Joshua, who led the people of Israel from Babylon to Jerusalem and started the rebuilding of the Temple of our Lord, and I trust that the spirit of your great prototype will animate you in all things. (Have High Priest ascend to the East). I cover you in the manner portrayed to us in the lessons of the Past Master Degree. I place into your hands this gavel, may you ever wield it justly and fairly, but fearlessly should the occasion demand it. (The High Priest now removes his hat.) Into your hands I now give for safe keeping during your

term of office, the Book of the Law, that Great Light of Masonry: the Charter and By-Laws of your Chapter; the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, which you will cause to be frequently read and punctually obeyed. And now, Excellent Companion....., permit me on behalf of the Craft here assembled, to offer you our most sincere congratulations on your elevation to the honored station you now fill. I doubt not that you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your Companions that their confidence has not been misplaced.

INSTALLING OFFICER: _XXX (all stand), Excellent High Priest, Behold your Companions. Companions of ._____. Chapter, behold your High Priest (if in public, give him the public Grand Honors. 3x3 ; if private, give private Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masons). Excellent sir, you may now install your officers if you so desire. (If the High Priest desires to install his Officers, he replaces his HAT and continues as Installing Officer, Installing Officer removes his HAT and seats himself on the right of the Kings station.

INSTALLING OFFICER: X seats Chapter.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the King for installation.

INSTALLING OFFICER: _Companion ._____, you have been elected King of this chapter, and now invest you with the badge of your office:

"Companion _____ the important station to which you have been elected requires from you exemplary conduct, and your duties demand your most assiduous attention. In the absence of the Excellent High Priest, you are to preside. You are to strengthen and support the authority of your Chief, and to aid him by your council and advice, when requested to do so. You represent Zerubbabel, Royal Prince of the House of Judah, who accompanied Joshua on his long and arduous journey to Jerusalem, following the Babylonish captivity, and who was instrumental in securing the release of the captives and the return of the holy vessels. You will now take your station at the right of the Excellent High Priest.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Scribe for installation.

Companion _____, you have been elected Scribe of this Chapter, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

The office of Scribe is very important and responsible. In the absence of the Excellent High Priest and King, you are bound to succeed them and perform their duties. You are now a dais officer, and with the High Priest and King compose the Trustees of this Chapter. You should make a careful study of the business processes of the Chapter, that you may be qualified to administer its financial affairs. Your office represents Haggai, the prophet, who foretold the restoration of Jerusalem and the glory of the second Temple. As the success and triumph of Joshua and Zerubbabel was largely due to the exhortations of Haggai, the prophet, so it is now your duty to wisely counsel your superiors and be an inspiration to your Companions. You will now take your station at the left of the Excellent High Priest.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Treasurer for installation.

Companion _____, you have been elected to the responsible office of Treasurer. I will now invest you with the badge of your office.

The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity. It is your duty to receive all monies from the Secretary, to keep a proper record thereof and pay them out only by order of the High Priest, and with the consent of the Chapter. You will now take your station to the right of the Council.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Secretary for installation.

Companion _____, you have been elected Secretary of this Chapter, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

It is your duty to receive all monies due the Chapter, and pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and to make a true record of all matters which should properly be written. You are to be prompt in making your reports to the Grand Chapter, and in conducting the correspondence of your Chapter. In the

discharge of these important duties let your behavior be marked with the promptness and discretion that will at once reflect credit to yourself and honor to the Chapter you represent. You will now take your station at the left of the Council.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Captain of the Host for installation.

Companion _____, you have been elected to the office of Captain of the Host and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

The office with which you are entrusted is of great importance and demands your most zealous consideration. The preservation of the most essential traits of our ancient customs, usages and landmarks, is within your province, and it is indispensably necessary that the part assigned to you in the immediate practice of our rites and ceremonies should be perfectly understood and correctly performed. Your office corresponds to the Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies. You will be ever attentive to the commands of your Chief, and always be near at hand to see them duly executed. You will now take your station in front of and to the right of the Council.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Principal Sojourner for installation.

"Companion _____, you have been appointed to the office of Principal Sojourner, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

The office entrusted to you, though subordinate in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your Chief, excepted. Your office corresponds with that of the Senior Deacon in the preparatory degrees. Among the duties required of you, the preparation and introduction of the candidates are not the last. As in our intercourse with the world, experience teaches that first impressions are often the most lasting, and the most difficult to eradicate, so it is of great importance in all cases that these impressions should be correct and just. Hence: it is essential that the officer who brings the blind by a way they know not, and leads them in paths that they have not known, should always be well qualified to make the darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. You will now take your station in front of and to the left of the Council.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Royal Arch Captain for installation.

Companion _____, you have been appointed Royal Arch Captain of this Chapter and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

Your office in the Chapter corresponds to that of the Junior Deacon in the preparatory degrees. It is your province jointly with the Captain of the Host to attend the examination of all visitors, and see that none are permitted to enter the Chapter but such as have traveled the rugged path of trial, and evinced their right to our favor and friendship. You will be attentive to and obey the commands of the Captain of the Host during the introduction of strangers among the workmen. The white banner entrusted to your care, is emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct which should actuate all those who pass the White Veil of the Sanctuary. I strongly charge you never to suffer anyone to pass your Veil without the Signet of Truth. You will now take your station in the Fourth Veil or entrance to the Sanctuary.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Masters of the Third, Second and First Veils.

Companions . _____, you have been appointed Masters of the Veils, and I now invest you with the badges of your office.

Companion _____, into your care as Master of the Third Veil, I give the Scarlet Banner. It is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch Degree.

Companion _____, into your care as Master of the Second Veil, I give the Purple Banner. It is an emblem of union and is the characteristic color of the intermediate Degrees.

Companion _____, into your care as Master of the First Veil, I give the Blue Banner. It is the appropriate color adopted and worn by our ancient Brethren of the three Symbolic Degrees.

Companions, I now charge you to guard well the Veils of our Order. You will now take your stations within the Veils.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Chaplain for installation.

Companion _____, you have been appointed Chaplain of this Chapter, and I now invest you with the badge of your office.

In the discharge of your duties you will be required to conduct the devotional exercises of our Chapter. The doctrines of morality and virtue which you are accustomed to teach to the world will form the appropriate lessons which you are expected to communicate to your Companions. You will now take your station in the north.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Marshal, present the Sentinel for installation.

Companion _____, you have been appointed Sentinel of this Chapter, and I now invest you with the badge of your office, and place this sword in your hands to enable you to repel the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and to guard against surprises.

It is your duty to guard the outer door of the Chapter and suffer no one to pass or repass but such as are duly vouched for, and to report to the Royal Arch Captain those who desire admission. I trust that a just regard for the honor and reputation of the institution will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust imposed in you. You will now take your station outside the door of the Chapter.

INSTALLING OFFICER: X X X. (ALL STAND)

Installing Marshal, you will now make the proclamation.

INSTALLING MARSHAL: By authority of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, I hereby proclaim that the officers of _____ Chapter No ____ have been duly installed with the public Grand Honors of Masonry, of three times three.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Installing Chaplain, you will pronounce the Benediction.

INSTALLING CHAPLAIN: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN !

INSTALLING OFFICER: X.

Preview Lecture -- Mark Master Degree

This should be read to the candidates in the ante room, while the business of the chapter is being conducted (they are in waiting).

My Brother;

You have been elected to receive the Degrees of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which consists of four, culminating in the august degree of Royal Arch.

The Degree of Mark Master which you will receive tonight is a most important one, so much so that England and some countries confine it to the jurisdiction of a separate Grand Body. In America, however, we give it to you as the introductory degree of the Capitular Rite.

You will recall that at the building of King Solomon's Temple, there were 3300 Masters or Overseers of the Work. In this degree the setting reverts to the quarries where skilled Fellowcraft present the work for approval of these Overseers that each stone may fit with that exact nicety previously described.

Each Fellowcraft was required to select for himself a distinctive mark. This mark chiseled on each stone was as complete identification as the written signature of today. A mark was held by the possessor in the same honor as his good name. It was frequently handed down from father to son and was in practical use in building of Cathedrals and public buildings down to the Feudal Ages in Europe. You will learn this evening it was also an acceptable pledge of credit in emergency. This mark, with a copy displayed when receiving wages, contributed much to that freedom from discord and confusion which prevailed among the workmen at the Temple.

The wages of a Fellowcraft were Corn, Wine and Oil, as preferred, but history records the wages were mostly grain. The term "penny a day" used in this degree refers to a stated wage and in no way associated with the small coin known today.

In previous degrees you were in darkness and were directed by a guide. Here you are at work in the open quarries, and after due instruction, you proceed alone with your specimen of your work to the Overseers and call for your wages in the same manner as other workmen.

You become skilled in forming a perfect ashlar used in wall construction. But what of the stones that form an arch which you have not been taught to frame? This lesson you will meet tonight, bearing in mind that the Temple you are building is your own Temple, the Temple of your present life, in which every stone is a good act or constructive deed, each bearing the mark of your own good name.

Preview Lecture -- Past Master Degree

My Brother;

The background of the degree you will receive tonight is most interesting.

The Past Master Degree in the Capitular Rite has seemed to many a degree belonging not to the Chapter but to the Lodge. There is no direct historical connection between this degree and the remainder of the Chapter degrees.

In Anderson's Constitutions of 1923, the Master-Elect about to be installed was called the "Candidate." The Grand Master asks his Deputy if he has examined and found the Candidate Master well skilled in the Noble Science and the Royal Art and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The Deputy answers in the affirmative. The Candidate is presented to the Grand Master who installs him with expressions that are proper and usual for the occasion but not proper to be written. These secrets were called "The Secrets of the Chair," but may not be wholly the same as our Past Master Degree.

History Informs us that when Chapters of Royal Arch Masons were under the government of Lodges in which the degree was then always conferred, no one could receive the Royal Arch Degree unless he had previously presided in the Lodge as Master, nor could a Brother who had never presided over a Lodge be installed as Master until he had received the Past Master Degree. The manner of installation was referred to above. When the Chapters became independent bodies, the regulation was not abolished because this would have been an innovation in Masonry which could not be tolerated. To avoid such a step the Degree as we now find it was incorporated in the Royal Arch system.

The Ritual And Furniture

The older rituals were in time modified, additional ceremonies used. The General Grand Chapter in its 1856 session established what we use today. The furniture we use is the same as for the Master Mason. The ritual is simple and impressive.

The three Great Lights of Masonry are as in a Lodge of Master Masons. No one may rule another nor a lodge without being familiar with the teaching embodied in the First Great Light. He has only to read and study carefully what he reads to become one of the great leaders of the world. The other two Great Lights are present, that, with their help, we may see more clearly, and we may square our actions and circumscribe our desires; we may learn if we will.

The three Lesser Lights are present and the Candidate may learn to control not only the Lodge over which he presides, but himself.

This Degree of Past Master with its lofty teachings of Harmony with Law, reward for diligence, responsibility and self-control, will be seen to have a place and an important one, in the Capitular system, and although it has no historical connection with the other Degrees of the Chapter, it does have a close logical and ethical relation with that which precedes and that which follows

Preview Lecture -- Most Excellent Master Degree

My Brother:

That you may fully understand the completeness of the Degrees you are receiving, it is fitting at this time that you know the origin of the Degree of Most Excellent Master as a unit of the Chapter Degrees. The formal degrees you have received have dealt with the structural features of the Temple. This Degree is founded on the interior and completion of the building. Masonry is a progressive Science. Likewise among the Fellowcraft presenting their work to the Overseers, the most skilled were selected for interior work. History records these workmen to have been the finest stone-squarers, sculptors of stone, polishers and setters of that time. Also were chosen those of highest art in carving of wood for overlay of gold.

Their labors produced marvels of excellence. Luxury and splendor everywhere prevailed. A Temple erected to God with a generous display of the finest, richest products God had given to man. King Solomon then arranged a most magnificent ceremony of Dedication and Consecration of the Temple. He invited all his Rulers and Members of His Royal Households, and all the High Priests and Prophets of his Realm to participate in the grandeur of that momentous occasion.

Then, in the presence of all this great assembly he summoned before him all the skilled workmen that had wrought physical glory to the finished edifice, and as a reward for their zeal and fidelity to the Craft, he Greeted them Most Excellent Masters, the highest honor then to be conferred upon an artisan.

Preview Lecture -- Royal Arch Degree

My Brother:

On this occasion we have the pleasure of conferring and you have the privilege of receiving the crowning Degree of Masonry, that of the Royal Arch. This degree is founded upon the building of the Second Temple, which was by no means a rebuilding of the renowned Temple of Solomon.

History records that the Temple of Solomon stood for 420 years when it was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of the Chaldeans. The second Temple erected by Zerubbabel stood nearly 500 years when it was taken down by Herod, and replaced by a third. The Temple of Herod, after standing about 100 years, was destroyed by the Romans under Titus. The Mosque of Omar now occupying the same site has stood about 1200 years.

With all these changes of possession, the ravages of War, Time and the elements of thirty centuries, the foundations built by Solomon remain unmoved. Those massive stones so durably laid are still in place, each said still to bear the marks of the quarry men.

In the Royal Arch Degree you will meet characters and conditions at the time of the destruction of the first Temple, when the people of Jerusalem were taken by thousands as captives to Babylon. You will witness the return of some of those captives over a long sojourn to help rebuild the Temple under the direction of Zerubbabel.

King David was by heritage in possession of the Sacred Ark of the Covenant and Tablets of Moses called the Book of Law, which for safety he kept under strong guard at the King's House. In his instructions to Solomon, he desired that a secret apartment be built in the Temple as an invulnerable protection to the Ark.

In the character of workmen you will discover these sacred articles among the ruins together with an accompanying discovery with which you will be vested with gratifying satisfaction.

As you go along as a Sojourner in this degree may we urge your closest attention to its significant symbols. The destruction of the Temple reminds us that in the destruction of an ambition of most cherished possession, we should with courage replace the loss and thus share the reward of an equal achievement. The Route taken by the return of the Captives signifies the Journey of Life. The desert places representing periods of Depression when even the giving of a drink shows that kindness comes in unexpected times and places. The rich valleys of Plenty refers to prosperous times when we should ourselves extend kindnesses to the less fortunate. In Life's Journey we have bridges to cross and we sometimes lose our way into abandoned paths, but the God of our Fathers -- the Eternal God that is-- the Great I Am -- will guide us to our greatest objective -- the long lost "Master's Word."