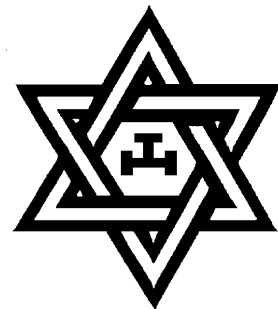


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**Ceremony Starts**

**Z.** - I now call upon \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_ to take charge of the Installation of officers.

**I.Z.** - *[Approaches East, receives gavel from Z., occupies the chair on left of Council.]*

**I.Z.** - Companions, I have been requested by the Excellent First Principal of this Chapter to install and invest the officers who have been elected and appointed for the ensuing year. Companion Scribe Ezra, have the minutes of the meeting relating to the election of officers been read and confirmed in open Chapter?

**Scribe Ezra** - They have, Excellent Sir.

**I.Z.** - Then you will read the names of the officers so elected. *[Scribe Ezra reads names.]*

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**I.Z.** - Companions, are you satisfied with your choice of officers?

**Companions** - I am. *[If not, the I.Z. will repeat the Election.]*

**I.Z.** - The Three Principals, Z. H. and J. will divest themselves of Chapter regalia and be seated among the Companions.

**I.Z.** - The Excellent Companions who have been appointed to install Z., H., and J. will occupy their respective chairs in the East. I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, have the Principals elect been examined, and are they well skilled in the several degrees and duly instructed in the mysteries of the Holy Royal Arch?

**D.C.** - They have been examined and have been found well skilled, duly instructed, and are ready to undertake the duties appertaining to their respective offices.

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, present the three Principals elect at the Altar.

**D.C.** - The Principals elect will present themselves west of the altar, with the Second Principal on the right and Third Principal on the left.

**D.C.** - Excellent Sir, I present these my Excellent Companions whom I know to be of great skill, true and trusty and lovers of the whole fraternity where so ever dispersed over the face of the earth, to receive at your hands the benefit of installation as Excellent Principals of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - *[To be given by the I.Z. only]* By the unanimous consent of the Companions already expressed, we declare you the Excellent Principals of this Chapter. Previous, however, to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to the

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*[Companions rise, assume sign of fidelity]*

**I.Z.** - Commencing with the First Principal elect, you will each in turn say I, \_\_\_ state your name \_\_\_ and then repeat after me in unison: In the presence of the Almighty, the All Powerful and Eternal God, and before His Sacred and Mysterious Name, in this assembly of Princes and Rulers of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and the Companions here assembled, do solemnly promise and swear that I will forever preserve inviolate the secrets entrusted to the office to which I have been elected, that my breast shall be the sacred repository of those secrets and that I will never divulge them to any person, unless it be to him who shall be fully entitled thereto according to the ancient regulations of the order, or in a council of Installed Principals regularly constituted. I do furthermore promise that in all things I will act impartially and, in conjunction with the other two principal, endeavour to exact obedience to the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter as well as conformity to the established rites and ceremonies and strive to preserve that bond of union and fraternal love which has ever been the foundation of our Masonic structure. To these several points I pledge fidelity under the penalties of all or any of my former obligations and I pray the Eternal Ruler of the Universe to keep me steadfast therein.

**I.Z.** - As a pledge of your fidelity, you will salute the V.O.T.S.L. three times with your lips. *[Done]*

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*[To be administered upon the V.O.T.S.L.]*

I, \_\_\_, do solemnly swear on my honour as a Mason, that I am a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in my Craft Lodge, and in my Chapter, having regularly received the Degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M., and the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in \_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_, in the Grand Chapter of \_\_\_, and I know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with the Companions of this Chapter. So help me the Most High.

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#### **PRESENTATION of CERTIFICATE to COMPANION**

*[This presentation is a suggested but optional form. It need not be committed to memory or followed exactly]*

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**Chaplain** - *[reads]* But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him. For the Lord seeth not as a man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called A-bin-a-dab and made him pass before Samuel, and he said, neither hath the Lord chosen this. Then Jesse made Sham-mah to pass by. And he said, neither hath the Lord chosen this. Again Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel, and Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of this brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. *[Companions drop SoF.]*

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**Chaplain** - Let us pray. [*Companions assume reverential sign*] We unite in heartfelt thanks to Thee, Almighty Father, for the manifold blessings received from Thine inexhaustible store; grant that our labours may produce the fruits of wisdom, sanctity and love, that while we are labouring to erect and preserve our earthly tabernacle to Thy name and glory, we may at the same time prepare our path to Thine eternal temple, where peace and joy reign for evermore. Amen.

**Companions** - So mote it be.

**I.Z.** - • [*All are seated.*]

#### **Open Council of Installed Principals**

**I.Z.** - All Companions who have not attained the office of First Principal, except the First Principal elect, will now retire under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. Officers of the Chapter will divest themselves of chapter regalia and leave it at their stations. The Director of Ceremonies will collect the regalia and place it on desk in north-east corner of chapter room.

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**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies you will escort \_\_\_\_ (new ranks) Companion(s) to the Altar. [*I.P.Z. does not go to the altar and is not obligated*]

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**Haggai and or Joshua** - I do.

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**I.Z.** - ●●● *[All rise, and assume sign of fidelity.]*

**I.Z.** - By virtue of the power in me vested as Installing Principal, I declare a Council of Installed Principals opened for the purpose of installing the Principals of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - ● *[All are seated.]*

#### **First Principal**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Excellent Companion \_\_\_\_, First Principal elect, to Excellent Companion \_\_\_\_ for installation.

**D.C.** - Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present my worthy Companion \_\_\_\_, who has been elected to fill the distinguished office of First Principal Zerubbabel of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Excellent Companion \_\_\_\_, you having taken the solemn Obligation of an Excellent First Principal, I am permitted to entrust you with the Secrets restricted to that office. They consist of a Sign, a Password, a Sacred Word and a Grip. The Sign of your chair is [1]. The Password is [2]. The SW is [3] and must be mentally pronounced by you when ascending the Throne and saluting your Sceptre of office. The Grip of a First Principal is given thus [4]. It is now my privilege to install you into the office of First Principal Zerubbabel of this Holy Royal Arch Chapter. I therefore invest you with the scarlet robe of a First Principal. The colour scarlet is emblematical of that fervency and zeal which should ever actuate all Royal Arch Masons and is peculiarly characteristic of this degree. I next invest you with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. It is a Triangle with an irradiated crown in the centre, an

Excellent Companion \_\_\_\_ will be the prompter.

**I.Z.** - ●●● *[All rise, and assume sign of fidelity.]*

**I.Z.** - By virtue of the power in me vested as Installing Principal, I declare a Council of Installed Principals opened for the purpose of installing the Principals of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - ● *[All are seated.]*

#### **First Principal**

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emblem of royalty. The Triangle was the signet of Zerubbabel and denotes supreme power, or the chosen of the Almighty.

Being thus invested, ●●●, I now place you in your chair, with the Grip [4] of a First Principal, and according to ancient custom, place on your head this Crown, and hereby constitute you a Prince and Ruler in Israel and the representative of Zerubbabel the Prince of the people, and First Principal of this Chapter. Lastly, I place In your Right Hand this Sceptre and in doing so, ask you ever to bear in mind that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be more gratifying to a generous mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessors stimulate you to a faithful discharge of your duties, so that when the King of Kings shall summon you to His immediate presence, you may receive from His hand a crown of glory which shall never fade away.

I.Z. ● [all are Seated]

#### **Second Principal**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will admit the Second Principal elect and all Second and Past Second Principals. [done] Excellent Companions, during your absence Excellent Companion \_\_\_ has been installed as First Principal of this Chapter, you will salute him with the reverential sign and be seated. The Second Principal elect will remain at the altar.

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Second Principal elect to \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_ for installation.

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**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Second Principal elect to \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_ for installation.

**D.C.** - Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present my

your particular duties are to act as the Senior Overseer and Captain of the Second or Purple Veil. Companion Third Sojourner, your particular duties are to act as the Junior Overseer and Captain of the First or Blue Veil.

#### **Director of Ceremonies**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of this chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_ I present to you Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_, you have been appointed Director of Ceremonies of this chapter, and I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your Office. Your jewel, the crossed staves, is the emblem of power and authority. It will be your duty to see that everything is done decently and in order, and that there be no confusion or mismanagement in the ceremonies or other business of the chapter. You will see that the chapter Room is properly prepared for all Convocations, and that Grand chapter officers and other visitors are properly received and assigned their places according to their rank, and give Grand Honours on all proper occasion. You will Marshal all procession, both within and without the chapter, and instruct the Companions in balloting and correct deportment. You will direct all practices and insure strict adherence to the Ritual and the ancient usages and customs, guarding at all times against innovation.

#### **Inner Guard**

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**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Inner Guard of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_\_ , you have been elected the Representative of Nehemiah the Scribe, and I have much pleasure in investing you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. It is similar to and has the same import as that of Scribe Ezra, to whom you will provide assistance. Your immediate duties are to receive all candidates for Exaltation and to conduct them through the several Degrees. You will also assist the Third Principal during the hour of refreshment. It will be your responsibility to see that the pedestal is properly prepared and to attend it during all Ceremonies. Upon the performance of these duties rests in a great measure the prosperity of this chapter.

**First, Second & Third Sojourners**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companions \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_ for investiture as First, Second and Third Sojourners of this chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_\_ I present to you Companions \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ for investiture as First, Second and Third Sojourners of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion Sojourners, it is my pleasure to invest you with the collar and jewel of your Offices, which is the square within the Triangle. Your duties, generally, shall be to assist in the preparation of the chapter room and to see that all chapter property is stored and secured. You will welcome all visitors, and inform the Director of Ceremonies of any requiring examination. During the hour of refreshment you will assist the Third Principal. Companion First Sojourner, your particular duties are to act as the Master Overseer and Captain of the third or Scarlet Veil. Companion Second Sojourner,

worthy Companion \_\_\_\_ who has been elected to fill the office of Second Principal Haggai of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Excellent Companion \_\_\_\_ , you having taken the solemn Obligation of an Excellent Second Principal, I am permitted to entrust you with the Secrets restricted to that office. They consist of a Sign , a Password, a Sacred Word and a Grip. The Sign of your chair is [5] The Password is [6]. The Sacred W is [7] and must be mentally pronounced by you when ascending the Throne and saluting your Sceptre of office. The Grip of a Second Principal is given thus [8]. It is now my privilege to install you into the office of Second Principal Haggai of this Holy Royal Arch Chapter. I therefore invest you with the purple robe of a Second Principal. The colour purple is an emblem of union and being formed by a due admixture of blue and scarlet, is intended to remind us of the intimate connection that exists between symbolic Masonry and the Royal Arch Degree. I also invest you with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. It is a Triangle, with the All-seeing Eye irradiated in the centre. Which should teach you that the Almighty is ever present and not only beholds your actions, but knows your innermost thoughts, for which, at the last day, He will call you to account.

Being thus invested, ●●●, I now place you in your chair with the Grip of a Second Principal [8] and, according to ancient custom, place this crown on your head, and hereby constitute you a Ruler in Israel, as the representative of Haggai, the Prophet and Second Principal of this Chapter . Lastly, I place in your Right Hand this Sceptre, and would call upon you to remember that the eye of God is in every place, taking strict and impartial

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**I.Z.** - • [all are seated.]

#### **Third Principal**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will admit the Third Principal elect and all Third and Past Third Principals. [done] Excellent Companions, during your absence Excellent Companion \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_ have been installed as First and Second Principal of this Chapter, you will salute them the reverential sign and be seated. The Third Principal elect will remain at the altar.

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Third Principal elect to \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_ for installation.

**D.C.** - Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present my worthy Companion \_\_\_ who has been elected to fill the office of Third Principal Joshua of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Excellent Companion \_\_\_, you having taken the solemn OB of an Excellent Third Principal, I am permitted to entrust you with the Secrets restricted to that office. They consist of a Sign, a Password, a Sacred Word and a Grip. The Sign of your chair is [9]. The Password is [10]. The Sacred W is [11], and must be mentally pronounced by you when ascending the Throne and saluting your Sceptre of Office. The Grip of a Third Principal is given thus [12]. It is now my privilege to install you into the office of Third Principal Joshua of this Holy Royal Arch Chapter. I therefore in-

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#### **Presentation of Gavel**

**I.Z.** - \_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_ you will please present the gavel to Excellent Companion \_\_\_, First Principal of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - In the discharge of your manifold duties let your character and behaviour ever be marked with kindness and discretion. Let me remind you that the harmony and unanimity of our Order should be your constant aim, and as the glorious sun at its meridian height dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the clouds of jealousy and discord should they ever appear among the Companions of your chapter. Excellent First Principal, it is my pleasure to present you with this gavel, the symbol of your authority. May you ever use it with discretion and justice.

#### **Ceremony ends**

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#### **Scribe Nehemiah**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Scribe Nehemiah of this chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_ I present to you Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Scribe Nehemiah of this chapter.

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**All Companions please rise.** Companions, may our chapter become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the ark of the covenant, and sacred as its most holy place. May the exercise of our charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of heaven be our encouragement and the testimony of a good conscience our support. May we be endowed with every good and perfect gift while travelling along the rugged path of life, and finally, may we all be admitted within the veil of heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal and [*sign of Fidelity*] may the Great Jehovah be ever with us and go with us all.

**All Companions - SO MOTE IT BE**

**I.Z.** - All officer bearers will please be seated.

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will make your proclamation.

**D.C.-** In the name of the Most High, and of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, I declare the officers of \_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_ , (with the exception of \_\_\_ ) duly installed and invested for the ensuing twelve months, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed in their stead, and I call upon you to salute them with Grand Honours. [*Three times in front of the throne*]

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vest you with the blue robe of a Third Principal . The colour blue approximates that of the three symbolic degrees of ancient Craft Masonry. It Is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence and teaches us that to the genuine Mason those virtues should be as expansive as the arch of Heaven itself. I also invest you with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. It is a Triangle, with the Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated in the centre, reminding you that the VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW is the guide to our faith and that It contains the revealed Will and Word which it is your duty to promulgate.

Being thus invested, ●●●, I now place you in your chair, with the Grip [12] of a Third Principal and, according to ancient custom, place this Crown on your head and hereby constitute you a Ruler of Israel, as the representative of Joshua the High Priest Third P of this Chapter. Lastly, I place in your Right Hand this Sceptre, an emblem of power, denoting the priestly office. Let it remind you of the dignity of the position you sustain, at the same time impressing upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God, thus showing that perfection is not attained this side of the grave, but that perfect holiness belongs unto Him alone.

**I.Z.** - ● [*all are Seated*]

#### **Immediate Past Zerubabel**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will now present the Immediate Past Zerubbabel to \_\_\_ Excellent Companion \_\_\_ [*must be a P.Z.*] for investiture.

**D.C.** - I present to you my worthy Excellent Companion \_\_\_ to be invested as Immediate Past Zerubbabel of this Chapter.

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**I.Z.** - Excellent Sir, it is now my privilege to invest you into the Office of Immediate Past Zerubabel of \_\_\_\_ Chapter. I therefore invest you with the C to which is attached the Jewel of your Office . Your Jewel is a Triangle, which was the Signet of Zerubbabel, containing an irradiated crown in the centre, the whole placed in a circle. You have now drawn forth all the Copestones, and discharged the duties of the last and most supreme degree in Freemasonry, the Holy Royal Arch. You are now justly entitled to claim from me, as a reward, the Password of a Past Zerubbabel. The Password is [*in a whisper 13*] and it means [*in a whisper 14*]. Your Station is on the Left of Joshua.

#### **Recess**

*[The chapter may wish to admit all Companions first. This recess would then follow the presentation of the Warrant, Constitution and Bylaws.]*

**I.Z.** - ● ● ● I now declare a short recess to enable the Companions present to congratulate the newly installed Principals. The Principals will leave their sceptres on the dais. [*Principals leave the throne and stand on the level in front of the throne. Companions may be reminded to keep their remarks brief.*]

#### **Close Council of Installed Principals**

**I.Z.** - ● ● ● [*Calling the Chapter to order; all rise. Principals form Triangle with Sceptres, others stand at sign of fidelity.*] The purpose for which this Council of Installed Principals was convened is now completed and I therefore declare it closed and work resumed in the Chapter.

● [*all seated*]

#### **Admission & Procession**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will permit all Com-

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angle. You are to be regular in attendance at all meetings of the chapter. I present you with the implement of your office which will enable you to guard the approaches to the chapter and prevent intrusion and interruption to our Mysteries.

#### **General Address**

**I.Z.** - **Principals will please rise.** Excellent Principals, the stations you are called upon to fill are important not only respecting the correct practice of our Rites and Ceremonies, and the internal economy of the chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the institution will be found to rise or fall according to the skill and discretion with which its concerns are managed and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

**All office bearers please rise.** Companion office bearers, precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties you are required to teach unto others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves. Do you desire that the demeanour of your companions toward you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct toward your superiors in office. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere, who stand in need of and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims for preferment are founded upon superior attainments. Let no ambitious passion be suffered to induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who

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#### **Close Council of Installed Principals**

**I.Z.** - ● ● ● [*Calling the Chapter to order; all rise. Principals form Triangle with Sceptres, others stand at sign of fidelity.*] The purpose for which this Council of Installed Principals was convened is now completed and I therefore declare it closed and work resumed in the Chapter.

● [*all seated*]

#### **Admission & Procession**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will permit all Com-

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angle. You are to be regular in attendance at all meetings of the chapter. I present you with the implement of your office which will enable you to guard the approaches to the chapter and prevent intrusion and interruption to our Mysteries.

#### **General Address**

**I.Z.** - **Principals will please rise.** Excellent Principals, the stations you are called upon to fill are important not only respecting the correct practice of our Rites and Ceremonies, and the internal economy of the chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the institution will be found to rise or fall according to the skill and discretion with which its concerns are managed and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

**All office bearers please rise.** Companion office bearers, precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties you are required to teach unto others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves. Do you desire that the demeanour of your companions toward you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct toward your superiors in office. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere, who stand in need of and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims for preferment are founded upon superior attainments. Let no ambitious passion be suffered to induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who

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**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_\_, I present to you, \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_, for investiture as Organist of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_\_, you have been appointed Organist and I have pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your duty is to preside at the organ and to arrange and conduct the musical ceremonies of the Chapter.

#### **Stewards**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present \_\_\_\_ Companions \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_\_ for investiture as Stewards of this chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_\_, I present to you, \_\_\_\_ Companions \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ for investiture as Stewards of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companions \_\_\_\_, you have been appointed Stewards and I have pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the triangle. It will be your duty to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions, and also to see that the jewels, clothing, furniture and other arrangements necessary for chapter convocations are made available and in Readiness.

#### **Tyler**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies you will present \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_ for investiture as Tyler of this chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_\_ I present to you Companion \_\_\_\_ for investiture as Tyler of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_, you have been elected Tyler of this chapter, I now invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your jewel is a sword within a tri-

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panions to enter and direct them to stand in two columns on the North side of the Chapter room, keeping well to the West and salute with the reverential sign.

**I.Z.** - Companions, during your absence Excellent Companions \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ have been duly installed as First, Second and Third Principals respectively of this Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. You will now pass in procession in pairs, headed by the Past Principals of this Chapter. In passing the newly installed Principals you will salute them with the reverential sign under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. *[They do so and halt on North side of Chapter room facing inward.]*

#### **Prayer**

**I.Z.** - ●●● *[all rise]* Companions, let us pray.

**Chaplain** - Almighty God, who hast permitted us this day to number our worthy Companions among the rulers of our order, be graciously pleased to grant that their future life may at all times be regulated by Thy Holy Law. Inspire them and us, with humility: make us obedient to Thy commands. Vouchsafe those mercies to us which Thou didst not withhold from Thine ancient people, so that at the close of this our mortal career, we may be numbered among those whom Thou shalt be pleased to admit into Thy Temple of eternal bliss and glory. Amen.

**I.Z.** - ● *[All are seated]*

#### **Warrant, Constitution & Bylaws**

**I.Z.** - \_\_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_\_, you will now present the warrant, constitution and bylaws to the council.

**G.S.D. [or P.Z.]** - Excellent Principals, please stand. I now deliver into your care this warrant, your authority for holding this chapter; you will receive it as a sacred

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trust and never permit it to be used for any other purpose that those expressed in it. To your care and custody, Excellent Companion Zerubbabel, it is especially entrusted. I present you once more with the V.O.T.S.L., the great light in every degree of masonry; also the constitution of the Grand Chapter and the by-laws of this chapter. You will cause them to be punctually obeyed. Excellent Companion Zerubbabel, it is your special charge to see that the officers of this chapter faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices and are examples to their Companions of diligence and industry, that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the chapter are kept, regular returns to Grand Chapter and the dues punctually paid. Please be seated.

#### **Remaining Officers**

**I.Z.** - Zerubbabel, you will now enter on the active duties of your office by naming the remaining elected and appointed officers of the Chapter. Companions, as your name is called, you will rise, assume the sign of fidelity, and collectively take an obligation relating to your duties as officers of this chapter. *[done]*

**I.Z.** - Companions, do you solemnly promise to discharge the duties of your offices faithfully and zealously and uphold and maintain the Constitution of Grand Chapter as well as strict conformity to the established rights and ceremonies?

**Companions** - I do.

**I.Z.** - Please be Seated. *[I.Z. will now complete the remaining investitures as follows.]*

#### **Treasurer**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Compan-

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#### **Treasurer**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Compan-

my pleasure to invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your Jewel, the crossed wands, is an emblem of power and authority. It will be your duty to see that the chapter room is properly prepared for each convocation and that there is no mismanagement or confusion in the ceremonies or business of the chapter; to assign Grand Chapter Officers and other visitors to places according to rank, and to give Grand Honours when called upon by the First Principal, to marshal all processions both within and without the chapter; to assist the Installing Principal at the Annual Installation of Officers, and to proclaim such Installation; to direct all practices, ensuing strict adherence to the ritual, and while encouraging progress, guard against innovations. A working knowledge of the Constitution and the Book of Ceremonies is essential for the proper performance of your duties.

#### **Historian**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion for investiture as Historian of this Chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_, I present to you for investiture, Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Historian.

**I.Z.** - \_\_\_ Companion \_\_\_, you have been appointed Historian of this chapter. It will be your duty to collect and record all data relative to the formation, history and progress of this chapter, and to submit an Annual report thereon. I now place you in your chair, which is at the left of the Scribe Ezra's Desk.

#### **Organist**

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**I.Z. - Master of the Third Veil**, the rich and beautiful colour of your veil, being scarlet, typifies fervency and zeal. It is the appropriate colour of the Royal Arch Degree. May you ever be fervent in the exercise of your duty to the Chapter, as well as zealous in your endeavours to promote the happiness of all men.

**I.Z. - Master of the Second Veil**, your veil being purple, a colour formed by a due admixture of blue and scarlet, is a symbol of harmony and unanimity. It should be therefore admonish you to cultivate and improve that spirit of harmony and unanimity among your Companions.

**I.Z. - Master of the First Veil**, the colour of your veil is light blue, a colour peculiar to the three ancient of symbolical degrees, and one of the most durable and beautiful colours in nature. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence, and may these virtues be to you as expansive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

#### **Director of Ceremonies**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of this Chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_, I present to you for investiture, Companion .?, for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of the Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_, you have been appointed (or elected) Director of Ceremonies of this chapter and it is

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**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_, you have been appointed (or elected) Director of Ceremonies of this chapter and it is

ion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Treasurer.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_, I present to you Companion \_\_\_, for investiture as Treasurer of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_, you having been elected Treasurer of this chapter, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office, a key placed within a triangle, which sufficiently denotes your duty and I entertain no doubt that you will justify the confidence reposed in you by your Companions.

#### **Scribe Ezra**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_, who has been elected Scribe Ezra of this Chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_, I present to you Companion \_\_\_, for investiture as Scribe Ezra of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_, you having been elected the representative of Ezra the Scribe, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office, a triangle with crossed pens inscribed which sufficiently points out your duty in keeping the records, issuing summonses and making returns to Grand Chapter. I have no doubt that you will fulfil those important duties with benefit to the Chapter and credit to Yourself.

#### **Scribe Nehemiah**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Scribe Nehemiah of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_, you having been appointed the representative of Nehemiah the Scribe, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. It is similar to, and has the same import as that of Scribe Ezra. Your immediate duties are to report

ion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Treasurer.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_, I present to you Companion \_\_\_, for investiture as Treasurer of this chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_, you having been elected Treasurer of this chapter, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office, a key placed within a triangle, which sufficiently denotes your duty and I entertain no doubt that you will justify the confidence reposed in you by your Companions.

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and receive all candidates for exaltation, to assist Scribe Ezra, and in his absence perform the duties pertaining to this Office.

**Principal Sojourner**

**I.Z.**- Companion Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion \_\_\_ to Companion \_\_\_ for investiture as Principal Sojourner of this Chapter.

**D.C.** - Companion \_\_\_ , I present to you Companion \_\_\_ , for investiture as Principal Sojourner of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Companion \_\_\_ , you have been elected to fill the office of Principal Sojourner of this Chapter, one equal in importance to any therein, the Principals excepted. Your duties are to conduct all candidates through the ceremonies of exaltation, to act as Senior Deacon in the Mark, and Most Excellent Master degrees, also to report all alarms to the First Principal. Upon the performance of these duties rests in a great measure the prosperity of the Chapter, and I have much pleasure in investing you with the Collar and jewel of your Office, which is a triangle with an irradiated square thereon. The triangle has been considered a sacred emblem and the square is an emblem of truth and perfection which, being irradiated, denotes that these are divine attributes. By aid of the divine power thus depicted, may you so improve your allotted time as finally to be made perfect in the Grand Chapter Above.

**Senior and Junior Sojourners**

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**Masters of the Veils**

**I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companions \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; to Companions \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; for investiture as Masters of the Veils of this Chapter.

**D.C.** - Companions, I present to you Companions \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ ; for investiture as Masters of the Veils of this Chapter.

**I.Z.** - Masters of the Veils, the passing of the Veils in our ceremony may be considered as emblematical of the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness, and their return from Babylon to Jerusalem. They allude to the coverings of the tabernacle erected by Moses in the wilderness. They are of different colours, blue, purple, scarlet and white, and each has it's own significance.

**I.Z.** - **Master of the Fourth Veil**, the white veil is entrusted to your care. It is, I hope, emblematical of that

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