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**INSTRUCTIONS.**

A Subordinate Lodge consists of Ten Officers as follows :

**MOST WORTHY RULER**  
**MOST WORTHY ASSOCIATE RULER**  
**MOST WORTHY INSTRUCTOR**  
**MOST WORTHY PRELATE**  
**MOST WORTHY CONDUCTOR**  
**MOST WORTHY INNER GUARD**  
**MOST WORTHY OUTER GUARD**  
**MOST WORTHY FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
**MOST WORTHY RECORDING SECRETARY**  
**MOST WORTHY TREASURER**

Seven members constitute a quorum. No lodge should be dissolved as long as seven members remain.

**LODGE PARAPHERNALIA FOR A SUBORDINATE..**

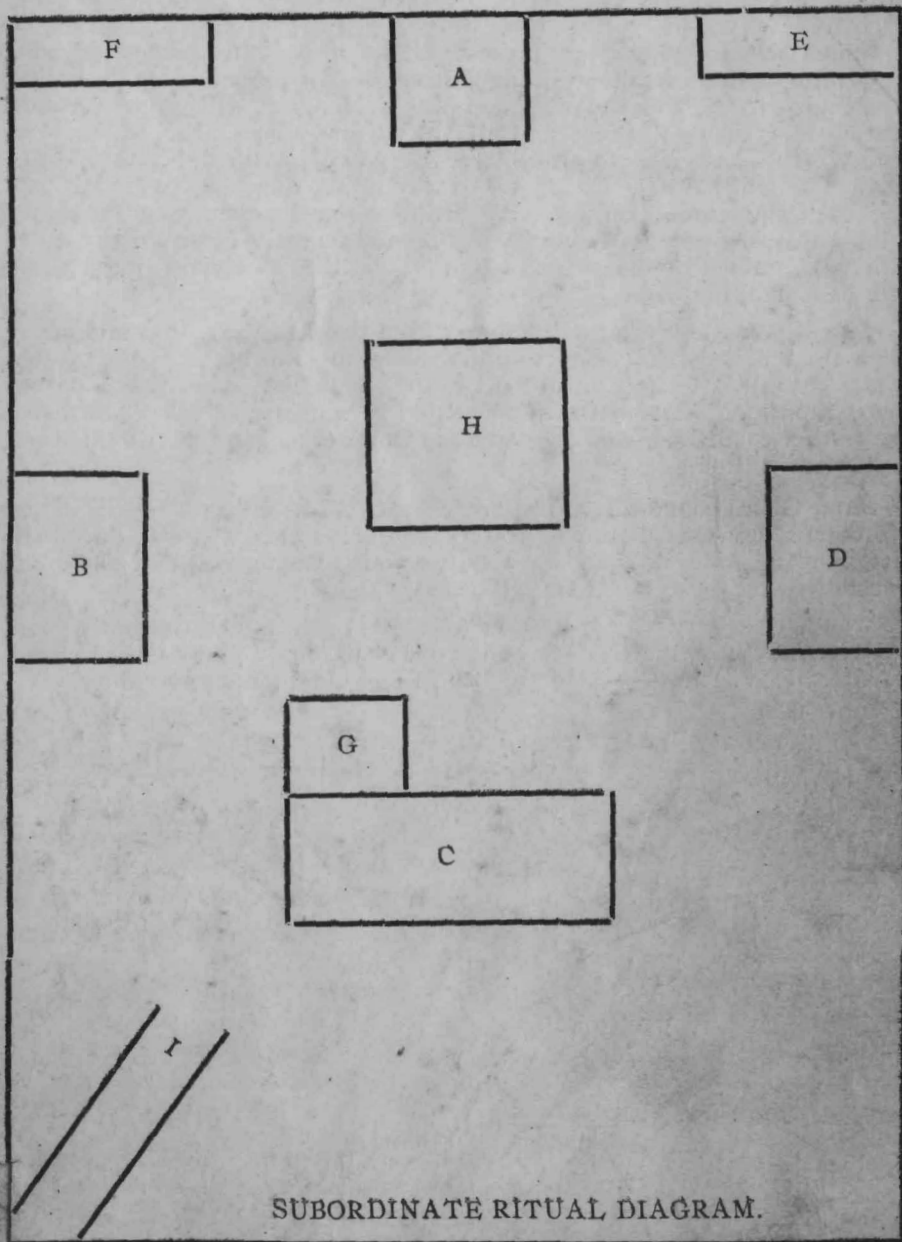
Ten Dress collars, white satin, silver trimmings, with initials of each officer.  
Sufficient number of white linen collars.

Working Regalia:—

Two Gavels, Bible, Nets, Life Line, Two Poles, Ballot Box, Two Swords, Outer and Inner Guard.

Batton for Marshal if desired.

**A MOST W. RULER**  
**B INSTRUCTOR**  
**C WORTHY ASSISTANT RULER**  
**D PRELATE**  
**E RECORDING SECRETARY**  
**F FINANCIAL SECRETARY**  
**G CONDUCTOR**  
**H ALTER**  
**I ANTE ROOM DOOR.**



SUBORDINATE RITUAL DIAGRAM.

When seven members are present, a Past officer can assume the chair providing either of the presiding officers be not present. On assuming the chair call the house to order and state — Members will properly regale themselves, then will proceed to fill the various offices, then will state to the Worthy Associate, to please have the house qualified. The Worthy Associate will have the Conductor to take up the quarterly password. After the Conductor examines every member commencing from the Associate Ruler, she or he will come to the altar and report, — Most Worthy Ruler I have examined the house and I find all qualified to remain except those who are standing.

The M. W. Ruler after ascertaining from the Fin. Secy. that said members are affiliated, shall direct said members to go to the Associate Ruler and secure the Pass and then report to the conductor. After they have reported to the Conductor, the M. W. R. will then state — I thank you sister or brother conductor, you may have the Outer Guard to report to me then take your station.

Outer Guard comes in to the altar, the M. W. R. will ask — Sister (or brother) Outer Guard state your duty? — Outer Guard — My duty is to attend to the outer door and to permit no one to enter without the usual formality, except by order from the chair.

M. W. R. — Very Good, Brother (or Sister) guard well the outer door. Relieve the Inner Guard and have him or her to report. Inner Guard comes to altar M. W. R. — Sister or Bro., Inner Guard state your duty.

Inner Guard — My duty is to receive the pass and permit no one to leave the lodge room without permission from the chair.

M. W. R. — Be mindful of your duty and take your station.

M. W. R. — Worthy Conductor state your duty.

Worthy Conductor — My duty is to officiate in opening and closing, take charge of regalia, and conduct candidates during initiation.

M. W. R. — Worthy Con., the importance of your office is of vital necessity to this lodge and order, be faithful and take your station.

W. R. to Prelate — What is your duty in the Lodge?

W. Prelate — My duty is to offer prayer, read the Bible and to seal obligations.

W. R. — Worthy Prelate, be mindful of your duty and seek to keep harmony amongst the brothers and sisters.

W. R. — Worthy Instructor, state your duty.

W. Instr. — It is my duty to instruct candidates into the secrets of our order, after the initiation.

M. W. R.—Worthy Instructor, make yourself efficient that you may prove a jewel to the order take your station.

M. W. R.—Fin. Sec'y., what becomes your duty in and out of the Lodge room?

W. Fin. Sec'y.—My duty is to receive all monies and to keep a correct account with the members and the lodge and to have my books ready at all times for inspection, and to obey all orders from the lodge.

M. W. R.—W. Fin. Sec'y., the importance of your office means the success of this lodge. I hope you will always be worthy in your station. Take your seat.

M. W. R.—Recorder, what is your duty?

W. Recorder—My duty is to keep a correct minute of all proceedings and to assist the Fin. Sec'y. and to act in his or her absence.

M. W. R.—W. Rec., be equally as faithful to your duty.

M. W. R.—W. Treasurer, what is your duty?

W. Treasurer—My duty is to receive all monies from whatsoever source, giving my receipt therefor. pay all orders properly drawn and signed with the seal of the lodge, by the Fin. Sec'y. and M. W. R., and to have my books for inspection at the discretion of the lodge.

M. W. R.—W. Treasurer, guard well the finance of the lodge. You may take your station.

M. W. R.—W. Associate, what is your duty?

W. Associate—My duty is to call the order of business and to co-operate with the M. W. R., and to preside during his or her absence.

M. W. R.—W. Associate, let us watch over the welfare of our brothers and sisters. Give four raps (4), members will rise, sing, "Are we Yet A-live?" or read 67 Psalm, after which, attitude of prayer, fingers interlocked across the breast, Prayer by the Prelate.

After prayer, Conductor comes to altar, gives the salutation sign. Fingers interlocked across the breast, addressing all officers, then call their names and say, I declare (calling the name of tabernacle) ready to be opened for the transaction of business. The M. W. R. will then state (calling name) as M. W. R. of (calling name of tabernacle) No. . . . of the G. U. O. of F. of G. of E. & W. H. by their chart and the power invested in me, declare said lodge open for all business that may come before it. Seat the lodge with one rap. Inner Guard, you may clear your

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nte room.

M. W. R.—W. Associate, what is the first order of business?

M. W. Associate—Roll of officers. After Sec'y has read roll of officers. Routine of business, by call of chair to Associate Ruler.

- 2 Minutes of previous meeting.
- 3 Absentees of last meeting.
- 4 Reading of Dr's certificate and report of Sick Committee.
- 5 Application of candidates.
- 6 Report of Committee on Candidates.
- 7 Balloting for candidates.
- 8 Reading of communications.
- 9 Initiation of candidates.
- 10 Roll of members, financial and unfinancial.
- 11 Deferred business
- 12 Report of committees.
- 13 Application for advancement in Order.
- 14 New business.
- 15 Nomination, election, obligation and installation of Officers.
- 16 Remarks from visitors and closing of Tabernacle.

M. W. R. will state in concluding the Order of Business: We will be glad to have a few remarks from any visitor, should there be any present.

M. W. R.—Associate Ruler, has all business been transacted properly?

W. Associate Ruler—It has, to my knowledge, M. W. R.

M. W. R. give four (4) raps. Officers and members, you will arise and form a circle around the altar, and assist me and the W. Associate Ruler to close (calling name of Tabernacle). W. Financial Sec'y, what is the receipts and the disbursements of the evening? After being told by the Secretary, W. Treasurer, can we bank any money? If so, I will accept a motion. Then will sing, "My Soul Be on Thy Guard." Each member giving right hand of fellowship around the room, officers returning to their stations while members remain standing. Prelate offers benediction.

M. W. R. (calling his or her name) By the authority of the chart of the U. O. of E. of G. of E. & W. H. and the power invested in me as Prelate, I do hereby declare (calling name of Tabernacle and its purpose) duly labor. Give one rap.

W. Prelate—Candidates, our Order is founded on three grand principles, benevolence, unity and love. Our object is to care for our sick and bury our dead, and to assist a worthy brother or sister when in distress, and to succor the widow and orphan, to lift higher the morals of our brothers and sisters when in our power to do so. W. Conductor, you will now present the candidates to our W. Associate Ruler.

W. Conductor to Associate—W. Associate, the W. Prelate asked me to present this candidate to you for further instructions.

W. Associate Ruler—Candidates, we welcome you in our midst, and may your presence with us be as bread cast upon the waters, seen and gathered after many days. I shall read to you from the 8th Chapter of St. Luke, the 22, 23, 24 and 25 verses after which you will be presented to our M. W. R. who will obligate you into this degree.

Candidates will march while the members sing, "Master, the Tempest is Raging," stopping at the M. W. R.

### MASTER, THE TEMPEST IS RAGING

1

Master, the tempest is raging, the billows are tossing high!  
The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness no shelter or help is nigh.  
Carest Thou not that we perish? How canst Thou lie asleep  
When each moment so madly is threatening a grave in the angry deep?

2

Master, with anguish of spirit I bow in my grief to-day;  
The depths of my sad heart are troubled—O, waken and save, I pray!  
Torrents of sin and of anguish sweep o'er my sinking soul,  
And I perish! I perish! dear Master—Oh, hasten and take control.

3

Master, the terror is over, the elements sweetly rest,  
Earth's sun in the calm lake is mirrored, and heaven's within my breast;  
Linger, O Blessed Redeemer, leave me alone no more,  
And with joy I shall make the best harbor and rest on the blissful shore.

### CHORUS.

The winds and the waves shall obey Thy will, Peace, be still!  
Peace, be still! Peace, be still!  
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea, or demons or men, or what-  
ever it be,  
No waters can swallow the ship where lies the Master of ocean and earth  
and skies;  
They all shall sweetly obey Thy Will, Peace, be still! Peace, be still!  
They all shall sweetly obey Thy Will, Peace, be still!



M. W. R. will state to the candidates—Candidates, you will kneel, place your right hand on your heart and left hand extending heavenwards and call your name and repeat after me the following obligation :

I now before God, my heavenly Father, and Jesus, His Son, and in the presence of these people, promise to devote myself during my whole life, to the love and service and obedience of the Order. I promise to walk in His steps so far as I know them now, or may hereafter learn through the Holy Scriptures, and to do His Will so far as I may be able, through the help of the Holy Spirit. I cordially unite myself with this tabernacle, and promise to share in its worship and works by attending the various meetings, by aiding the financial and social work of the Order, and by taking upon myself such responsibility as I believe belongs to me as a member of this tabernacle. Do you solemnly promise this?

Candidate—I do promise.

Do you solemnly promise to keep secret all the signs, pass words, grips, tokens and alarms of the Order and that you will not give them to any one, other than those qualified to receive them?

All this I promise to keep my pledge unbroken, so help me God.

Prelate will please seal the obligation; Candidates will arise.

M. W. R.—Beloved, you have been received into our tabernacle and have confessed your willingness before witness, and have given yourselves to this tabernacle in an everlasting covenant; we therefore welcome you into this tabernacle, and we do promise to aid you in your effort to lead a Christian life. May God bless you and keep you and give you peace (give four raps). Members rise and say Amen, even so, let it be—four times. Seat lodge. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever more—four raps, Amen, even so, let it be—four times.

The W. Conductor will conduct you to the W. Instructor, who will instruct you into the secrets of our works.

#### SIGNS OF RECOGNITION OF THE 1st. or WHITE DEGREE and INSTRUCTIONS

Members, on coming to the outer door, will give 9, 18, 24, 21 knocks, they will be answered by the outer guard with 9, 18, 24, 21, the members will whisper the quarterly pass word through the wicket; on entering the ante room he or she will regale themselves with a white collar, and give 9, 18, 24, 21 at the inner door, which will be answered by the Inner Guard in the same manner; the members will then whisper the same pass

word to the Inner Guard, which will admit the members, will come before the altar with bare hands, 9, 12, 17, 10 8, 21, 22,—interlocked thumbs touching. Cover the 11, 8, 4, 21, 23, draw across drop to side, addressing all officers. Officers will respond by placing right hand over heart, drop same to side. Members will place right 11, 4, 17, 7, on 11, 8, 21, 23, use word 12, 17,—10, 18, 7, we trust, members respond, Good evening, Brothers and Sisters.

### SIGN OF RECOGNITION

The right 11, 4, 17, 7, with thumb in 19, 4, 15, 6. Place on forehead in same manner. The answer, I am 22, 8, 4, 15, 7, for the 18, 21, 7, 8, 21.

### SIGN OF DISTRESS

Right 11, 4, 17, 7, with thumb in 19, 4, 15, 16, placed on left 22, 11, 18, 24, 15, 7, 8, 21, head resting on back of 11, 4, 17, 7, chin touching answering sign left 11, 4, 17, 6 with thumb in 19, 4, 15, 16, placed on right 22, 11, 18, 24, 15, 7, 8, 21, chin touching.

### DISTRESS SIGN IN DARK

Should a member be placed in an awkward position where they could not be seen, they would use the word 16, 3, 6, 18—12—4, 16—11, 8.

### THE GRIP

Use the Two, 9, 12, 21, 22, 23, fingers with thumbs touching, shake 23, 11, 21, 8, 8,—23, 12, 16, 8, 22.

### VOTING SIGN

12, 17, 7, 9, 27, finger extended 24, 19, 26, 4, 21, 7. The Key of Subordinate Ritual 9, 18, 24, 21.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installing Officer will take his or her station and will state :

M. W. R., I am here for the purpose of Installing your officers; have the Sec'y and Treasurer made their report? Answer being satisfactory, he or she will have the chairs vacated, filling same with visitors if possible; call the name of all officers. As their names are called they will line up around the altar, two by two, superior officers first, then march around the room three times, singing "Yield Not to Temptation." Kneeling at the altar, remove regalia; the Installing officer will take up the pass word of the 2nd or blue, 3rd or scarlet, 4th or black degree. Your all have been made acquainted with the duties intrusted upon you?

Officers answer—We have.

Installing Officer—Will you endeavor to serve in the office to the best of your ability?

Answer by officers—We will.

Installing Officer—You will place your right hand on your heart, left hand on the Bible, call your own names and repeat after me: I do, of my own free will and pleasure consent to serve this tabernacle in the capacity (calling names of each office), and do solemnly promise, in the presence of God and the brothers and sisters here assembled, to fulfill the duties of my office with fidelity, punctuality and dilligence, so help me God. Members respond, Amen. The Prelate will please seal the obligation.

The Installing officer with his assistants will take each officer by the tabernacle grip starting with the M. W. R., and conduct them to their office on presenting each officer, will state:

I present to you (brother or sister, calling by name) who has been elected for the ensuing term. The officer, on receiving the member, will state I trust my (Bro or Sis.) that you will not only prove a jewel to your tabernacle but to the interest of your work will be of human good to the Order in general. I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Installing officer here will present laws and use of gavel and rituals.

#### OFFICERS TO PASS OUT

The Installing officer will ask whether any officers to be passed; if so, he will call said officers before the altar and state: Officers and members, you have standing before you (Sis. or Bro) Is there any good reason why said Sister or Brother should not be made a Past Officer of this tabernacle? If so, speak out; if not, hereafter hold your peace.

#### FORM OF PASSING

Installing officer will have two Conductors to hold poles; start at the door, pass around the W. Prelate chair once, around the W. Instructor chair twice, around the W. R. chair three times, around the M. W. R. chair four times; the poles over each chair back to the altar, where the Installing officer will use a large handkerchief, where he will give the grip of the P. M. W. R., also the pass word

#### PASS WORD OF PAST M. W. R.

4, 17, 7.—23, 11, 8.—7, 18, 18, 21, 22.—18, 9.—23, 11, 8.—22, 12, 7, 8.—6, 11, 4, 16, 5, 8, 21, 22.—26, 3, 21.—23, 18, 26, 4, 21, 7.—23, 11, 8.—19, 15, 4, 6, 8.—23, 11, 4, 23.—26, 4, 22.—15, 8, 9, 23.—18, 17, 8, 7, 18, 18, 21.—23, 18, 26, 4, 21, 7.—23, 11, 8.—17, 18, 21, 23, 11.—4, 17, 23, 11, 18, 21.—7, 18, 18, 21.—23, 18, 26, 4, 21, 7.—23, 11, 8.—22, 18, 25, 23, 11.

## THE GRIP OF THE P. M. W. R.

21, 12, 10, 11, 23.—and 15, 8, 9, 23, hand 9, 12, 17, 10, 8, 21, 22, interlocked, to be covered with large handkerchief.

MOTTO—B. U. & L.

(Four raps, all officers only up).

## CHARGE TO OFFICERS

Brothers and Sisters, from the very nature of the constitution of our Order, some must 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 themselves are equally demanded of the members; their relation is reciprocal; the interest of both are inseparable, and without mutual co-operation the labor of neither can succeed; therefore let the avenues to your passion be strictly guarded, let no curious intruders find their way into the secret recesses of your retirement to disturb the harmony which should ever prevail among us as brothers and sisters, and the approval of your own conscience. And I, by the authority in me vested as installing officer, declare you fully installed, and may God bless you and cause His face to shine upon you, that you may be a benefit to your tabernacle and the Order in general. Members will sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

## BURIAL CEREMONY

Should the service be so arranged so as to permit marching, the members will form a line two by two. Members in front, officers in rear, led by a Marshall. On arrival at destination, M. W. R. gives four raps. Members assemble around casket, P. M. W. R. at head, W. Associate Ruler at foot, P. M. W. P. at middle. Inside and Outside Guard will rest two poles from foot to head. W. Financial Secretary will read a statement as to the member's connection, after which the M. W. R. will read.

## ADDRESS OF THE M. W. R.

Brothers and Sisters: We have been called together around this casket by the hand of Death, to pay the last tribute of respect to our departed Brother (or Sister) who our Creator in His wise providence has called from labor, we trust to rest; and while we are thus assembled let us not forget that we, too, will sooner or later be called to render an account of the deeds done in the body, for what man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hands of the grave? The light of revelation was given us to know that it is once appointed for man to die: and after death comes judgement, and it also informs us of the

Dust we come and unto dust we must return, and by this we are brought to the knowledge of the fact that we are inhabitants of frail tenements of clay, and by this silent witness here this day we learn they that are born of woman are of a few days, though years may be added to their life until we may count them by scores, their life will still be short on earth, ever surrounded with trouble, afflicted with pain and finally consumed by death. This fact is before us this day in the person of our deceased (Brother or Sister) who lies full length and breadth in this narrow house of convenience in which he or she may repose in the bosom of Mother Earth.

After reading by M. W. R., singing, the W. Prelate will offer prayer.

### PRAYER

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirit of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity. We give hearty thanks for the good examples of all thoughts, thy servants who have finished their course in faith do now rest from their labor, and we beseech Thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Four times. Amen.

### RESPONSIVE READING BY ALL

M. W. R.—My breath is corrupted, my days are extinct, the grave is ready for me.

Members respond—Lay down now, put me in assurity with thee, who is he that will strike hands with men?

M. W. R.—My days are passed, my purpose is broken off, even the thought of my heart.

Members—They change the night into day, the light is short because of darkness.

M. W. R.—If I wait, the grave is my house, I have made my bed in the darkness.

Members respond—I have said to corruption: Thou art my father, to the worm: Thou art my mother and my sister.

M. W. R.—And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall go down to the bars of the pit when our rest together is in the dust?

After responsive reading, members will circle casket together, singing "Farewell" four times, dropping evergreen last time around.

Worthy Prelate giving benediction.

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