## MASONRY

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A Universal and Genuine

### DESCRIPTION

OF

All its BRANCHES from the Original to this Present Time.

As it is deliver'd in the

Constituted Regular Lodges

Both in CITY and COUNTRY,

According to the

Several Degrees of Admission.

Giving an Impartial ACCOUNT of their Regular Proceeding in Initiating their New Members in the whole Three Degrees of MASONRY.

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L Enter'd Pren- 35 IL Fellow Crapt. 56 Ill. Master.

To which is added,

The Author's VINDICATION of himself.

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### Enter'd 'Prentice's DEGREE.

11]	Q. FROM whence came you?  A. From the Holy Lodge of St. John's.
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[2]	Q. What Recommendations brought you from
•	thence?
	A. The Recommendations which I brought
	from the Right Worshipful Brothers and Fellows
	of the Right Worshipful and Holy Lodge of St.
	John's, from whence I came, and Greet you thrice
	heartily well.
[3]	Q. What do you come here to do?
•	A. Not to do my own proper Will,
	But to subdue my Passion still ;
	The Rules of Masonry in hand to take,
	And daily Progress therein make.
[4]	Q. Are you a Mason?
• •	A. I am so taken and Accepted to be amongst
	Brothers and Fellows.
[5]	Q. How shall I know that you are a Mason?
1 2 3	A. By Signs and Tokens and perfect Points of
	my Entrance.
[6]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
1 7 1	Q. What are Signs?
[ - 1	A. All Squares, Angles and Perpendiculars.
[7]	Q. What are Tokens?
	A. Certain Regular and Brotherly Gripes.
	B Exam-

$\{8\}$	Exam. Give me the Points of your Entrance.
	Resp. Give me the first, and I'll give you the
	Second.
[9]	Exam. I Hail it.
	Resp. I Conceal it.
[10]	Exam. What do you Conceal?
•	Resp. All Secrets and Secrely of Masons and
	Masonry, unless to a True and Lawful Brother
	after due Examination, or in a just and worshipful
	Lodge of Brothers and Fellows well met.
[11]	Q. Where was you made a Mason?
•	A. In a Just and Persett Lodge.
[12]	Q. What makes a Just and Persect Lodge?
• •	A. Seven or more.
[ 13 ]	Q. What do they coolift on?
•	A. One Master, two Wardens, two Fellow-
	Crafts and two Enter'd 'Prentices.
[ 14 ]	Q. What makes a Lodge?
	A. Five.
[ 15 ]	Q. What do they conful of?
-	A. One Master, two Wardens, one Fellow-
	Craft, one Enter'd 'Prentice.
[16]	Q. Who brought you to the Lodge?
	A. An Enter'd 'Prentice.
[17]	Q. How did he bring you?
• •	A. Neither naked nor cloathed, bare-foot nor
	shod, deprived of all Metal and in a right moving
	Posture.
[ 18 ]	Q. How got you Admittance?
•	A. By three great Knocks.
[ 19 ]	Q. Who recoiv'd you?
-	A. A

A. A Junior Warden.

[20] Q. How did he dispose of you?

A. He carried me up to the North-East Parc of the Lodge, and brought me back again to the West and deliver'd me to the Senior Warden.

[21] Q. What did the Senior Warden do with you?

A. He presented me, and shew'd me how to walk up (by three Steps) to the Master.

[22] Q. What did the Master do with you?

A. He made me a Mason.

[23] Q. How did he make you a Mason?

A. With my bare-bended Knee and Body within the Square, the Compass extended to my naked Lest Breast, my naked Right Hand on the Holy Bible; there I took the Obligation (or Oath) of a Mason.

[24] Q. Can you repeat that Obligation.

A. I'll do my Endeavour. (Which is as follows.)

I Hereby solemnly Vow and Swear in the Presence of Almighty God and this Right Worshipful Assembly, that I will Hail and Conceal, and never Reveal the Secrets or Secresy of Masons or Masonery, that shall be Revealed unto me; unless to a Iruc and Lawful Brother, after due Examination, or in a Just and Worshipful Ladge of Brothers and Fellows well met.

I furthermore Promise and Vow, that I will not Write them, Print them, Mark them, Carve them or Engrave them, or cause them to be Written, Printed, Marked, Carved or Engraved on Wood

or Stone, so as the Fisible Character or Impression of a Letter may appear, whereby it may be unlawfully obtain'd.

All this under no less Fenalty than to have my Throat cut, my Tongue taken from the Roof of my Mouth, my Heart pluck'd from under my Lest Breast, them to be buried in the Sands of the Sea, the Length of a Cable-rope from Shore, where the Tide ebbs and slows twice in 24 Hours, my Rody to be burnt to Ashes, my Ashes to be scatter'd upon the Face of the Earth, so that there shall be no more Remembrance of me among Masons.

So bely me God,

[25] Q. What Form is the Lodge?
A. A long Square.

[26] Q. How long?

A. From Fast to West.

[27] Q. How broad?

A. From North to South.

[28] Q. How high?

A. Inches, Feet as

A. Inches, Feet and Yards innumerable, as high as the Heavens.

[ 29 ] Q. How deep?

A. To the Centre of the Earth.

[ 30 ] Q. Where does the Lodge fland?

A. Upon Holy Ground, or the highest Hill or lowest Vale, or in the Vale of Jebssaphat, or any other secret Place.

[31] Q. How is it situated?

A. Due East and West

Q Wby

[ 32 ]	Q. why io:
	A. Because all Churches and Chappels are or
	ought to be so.
[ 33 ]	Q. What supports a Lodge?
	A. Three great Pillars.
[ 34 ]	Q. What are they called?
,	A. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.
[ 35 ]	Q. Why fo?
•	A. Wildom to contrive, Strength to Support,
	and Beauty to adorn.
[ 36 ]	Q. What Covering have you to the Lodge?
	A. A clouded Canopy of divers Colours (or
	the Clouds.)
[ 37 ]	Q. Have you any Furniture in your Lodge?
	A. Yes.
[ 38 ]	Q. What is it?
	A. Mosaick Pavement, Blazing Star and In-
	dented Tarsel.
[ 39 ]	Q. What are they?
	A. Mesaick Pavement, the Ground Floor of
	the Lodge, Blazing Star the Centre, and Indent-
	ed Tarsel the Border round about it.
[ 40 ]	Q. What is the other Furniture of a Lodge?
	A. Bible, Compass and Square.
[41]	Q. Who do they properly belong to?
-	A. Bible to God, Compass to the Master, and
	Square to the Fellow-Crast.
[ 42 ]	Q. Have you any Jewels in the Lodge?
	A. Yes.
[ 43 ]	Q. How many?
	A. Six. Three Moveable, and three Immove-
	able. Q. What

[ 44 ]	Q. What are the Moveable Jewels?
	A. Square, Level and Plumb-Rule.
[45]	Q What are their Uses.
` •	A. Square to lay down True and Right Lines,
	Level to try all Horizontals, and the Plumb-
	Rule to try all Uprights.
[46]	Q. What are the Immoveable Jewels?
(,	A. Trasel Board, Rough Ashler, and Broach'd
	Thurnel.
[ 47 ]	Q. What are their Uses?
[ 47 ]	
	A. Trafel Board for the Master to draw his
	Designs upon, Rough Ashler for the Feilow.
	Craft to try their Jewels upon, and the Broach'd
	Thursel for the Enter'd 'Prentice to learn to
F 40 1	work upon.
[ 48 ]	Q. Have you any Lights in your Lodge?
	A. Yes, Three.
[ 49 ]	Q. What do they represent?
	A. Sun, Moon and Master-Mason.
	N.B. These Lights are three large Candles
	placed on bigh Candlesticks.
[50]	Q. Why & ?
	A. Sun to rule the Day, Moon the Night,
	and Master-Mason his Lodge.
[51]	Q. Have you any fix'd Lights in your Lodge?
	A. Yes.
[52]	Q. How many?
	A. Three.
	N.B. These fix'd Lights are Three Win-
	dows, supposed (the vainly) to be in eve-
	ry Room where a Lodge is held, but more

properly the four Cardinal Points according to the antique Rules of Majoury.

- [53] Q. How are they situated?
  - A. East, South and West.
- [54] Q. What are their Uses?

A. To light the Men to, at and from their Work.

- [55] Q. Why are there no Lights in the North?

  A. Because the Sun darts no Rays from thence.
- [56] Q. Where flands your Master?
  - A. In the Fast.
- [57] Q. Why &?

A. As the Sun rifes in the East and opens the Day, so the Master stands in the East [with his Right Hand upon his Left Breast being a Sign, and the Square about his Neck] to open the Lodge and to set his Men at Work.

- [58] Q. Where flands your Wardens?
  - A. In the West.
- [ 59 ] Q. What's their Business?

A. As the Sun sets in the West to close the Day, so the Wardens stand in the West [with their Right Hands upon their Left Breasts being a Sign, and the Level and Plumb-Rule about their Necks] to close the Lodge and dismiss the Men from Labour, paying their Wages.

[ 60 ] Q. Where stands the Senior Enter'd Prentice?
A. In the South.

Q. What

[61]	Q. What is his Business?
	A To hear and receive Instructions and welcome
	strange Brothers.
[62]	Q. Where stands the Junior Enter'd 'Pren-
	tice?
	A. In the North.
[63]	Q. What is his Buliness?
	A. To keep off all Cowans and Eves-drop.
	pers.
[ 64 ]	Q. If a Cowan (or Listner) is eatch'd, how
	is he to be punished?
	A. To be plac'd under the Eves of the Hou-
	ses (in rainy Weather) till the Water runs in at
	his Shoulders and out at his Shoos.
[ 65 ]	Q. What are the Secrets of a Mason?
	A. Signs, Tokens and many Words.
[ 66 ]	Q. Where do you keep those Secrets?
	A. Under my Lest Breast.
[67]	Q. Have you any Key to those Secrets?
	A. Yes.
[ 68 ]	Q. Where do you keep it?
	A. In a Bone Bone Box that neither opens nor
2.46.3	thuts but with Ivory Keys.
[ 69 ]	Q. Does it hang or does it lie?  A. It hangs.
f =0.7	Q. What does it hang by?
[ 70 ]	A. A Tow-Line 9 Inches or a Span.
f 4 s 1	Q What Metal is it of?
[71]	A. No manner of Metal at all; but a Tongue
	of good Report is as good behind a Brother's
	Back as before his Face.
	N.B.

The Key is the Tongue, the Bone Bone Box the Teeth, the Tow-Line the Roof of the Month.

- [72] Q. How many Principles are there in Mafonry?
  - A. Four.
- [73] Q. What are they?
  - A. Point, Line, Superficies and Solid.
- [74] Q. Explain them.
  - A. Point the Centre (round which the Master cannot err) Line Length without Breadth, Superficies Length and Breadth, Solid comprehends the whole.
- [75] Q. How many Principle-Signs?
  - A. Four.
- [ 76 ] Q. What are they?
  - A. Gututral, Pectoral, Manual and Pedestal
- [77] Q. Explain them.
  - A. Guttural the Throat, Pectoral the Breaft, Manual the Hand, Pedestal the Feet.
- [78] Q. What do you learn by being a Gentleman-Mason.
  - A. Secrefy, Morality and Goodfellowship.
- [79] Q. What do you learn by being an Operative Mason?
  - A. Hue, Square, Mould-stone, lay a Level and raise a Perpendicular.
- [80] Q. Have you seen your Master to-day?
  A. Yes.

ry Dissected
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[ 81 ]	Q. How was he Cloathed?
	A. In a Yellow Jacket and Blue Pair of Bree-
	ches.
	N. B. The Yellow Jacket is the Compasses,
	and the Blue Breeches the Steel Points.
[ 82 ]	Q. How long do you serve your Master?
	A. From Monday Morning to Saturday Night-
[ 83 ]	Q. How do you serve him?
	A. With Chalk, Charcoal and Earthen Pan.
[ 84 ]	Q. What do they denote?
	A. Freedom, Fervency and Zeal.
[ 85 ]	Ex Give me the Enter'd 'Prentice's Sign.
	Resp. Extending the Four Fingers of the Right
	Hand and drawing of them cross his Throat,
	is the Sign, and demands a Token.
	N.B. A Token is by joining the Ball of the
	Thum's of the Right Hand upon the first
	Knuckle of the Fore-finger of the Brother's
[ 04 ]	Right Hand that demands a Word.
[ 86 ]	Q. Give me the Word.
f on 3	A. I'll letter it with You.
[ 87 ]	Exam. BOAZ. [N. B. The Exam. fays B,
	Resp. O, Exam. A, Resp. Z, i. e. Boaz.] Give
	me another.
	Relp. JACHIN. [N.B. Boaz and Jachin
	were two Pillars in Solomon's Porch. 1 Kings,
[ 00 ]	chap. vii. ver. 21.]
[ 88 ]	Q. How old are you?
	A. Under Seven. [Denoting be bas not pass'd
	Master.

[ 89 ]	Q. What's the Day for?
	A. To See in.
[ 90 ]	Q. What's the Night for?
	A. To Hear,
[ 91 ]	Q. How blows the Wind?
	A. Due East and West.
[ 92 ]	Q. What's a Clock?
•	A. High Twelve.

The End of the Enter'd 'Prentice's Part.

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Fellow

## Fellow-Crost's DEGREE.

[ 93 ]	Q. A RE you a Fellow-Craft?
	Q. A RE you a Fellow-Craft?  A. I am.
[ 94 ]	Q. Why was you made a Fellow-Crast?
	A. For the lake of the Letter G.
[ 95 ]	Q. What does that G denote?
	A. Geometry, or the fifth Science.
[ 96 ]	Q. Did you ever travel?
	A. Yes, East and West.
[ 97 ]	Q. Did you ever work?
	A. Yes, in the Building of the Temple.
[ 98 ]	Q. Where did you receive your Wages?
	A. In the middle Chamber.
[ 99 ]	Q. How came you to the middle Chamber?
	A. Through the Porch.
[ 100 ]	Q. When you came through the Porch, what
	did you fee?
	A Two great Pillars.
[ 101 ]	Q. What are they called?
	A. J. B. i. c. Jackim and Beaz.
[ 102 ]	Q. How high are they?
	A. Eighteen Cubits.
[ 103 ]	Q. How much in Circumference?
	A. Twelve Cubics.

Q. When

[ 104 ]	Q. What were they adom'd with?
	A. Two Chapiters.
[ 105 ]	Q. How high were the Chapiters?   Fide 1 King',
	A. Five Cubits. Chap. 7.
106	Q. What were they adorn'd with?
	A. Net-Work and Pomegranates.
107	Q. How came you to the middle Chamber?
	A. By a winding Pair of Stairs.
108	Q. How many?
	A. Seven or more.
[ 109 ]	Q: Why Seven or more?
	A. Because Seven or more makes a Just and
	Persett Lodge.
[ 110 ]	Q. When you came to the Door of the mid-
	dle Chamber, who did you see?
	A. A Warden.
[ 111 ]	Q. What did he demand of you?
	A. Three Things.
[ 112 ]	Q. What were they?
	A. Sign, Token, and a Word.
	N.B. The Sign is placing the Right Hand
	on the Left Breast, the Token is by join-
	ing your Right Hand to the Person that
	demands it, and squeezing bim with the
	Ball of your Thumb on the first Knuckle
	of the middle Finger, and the Word is
	Jachin.
[ 113 ]	Q. How high was the Door of the middle
	Chamber?
	A. So high that a Cowan could not reach to
	stick a Pin in.

Q When you came into the middle, what did you see!

A. The Resemblance of the Letter G.

[115] Q. Who doth that G denote?

A. One that's greater than you.

[116] Q. Who's greater than I, that am a Free and Accepted Majon, the Master of a Lodge.

A. The Grand Architect and Contriver of the Universe, or He that was taken up to the top of the Pinnacle of the Holy Temple.

[117] Q. Can you repeat the Letter G?
A. I'll do my Endeavour.

### The Repeating of the Letter G.

Refp. In the midst of Solomon's Temple there stands u G,

A Letter fair for all to read and sec, But sew there be that understands What means that Letter G.

[118] Ex. My Friend, it you pretend to be
Of this Fraternity,
You can forthwith and rightly tell
What means that Letter G.

Resp. By Sciences are brought to Light Bodies of various Kinds, Which do appear to persett Sight;

Which do appear to perfect Sight;
But none but Males shall know my Mind,

[119] Fx. The Right shall. Resp. If Worthipful.

Ex Both

[ 120 ]	Ex. Both Right and Worshipful I am,
	To Hail you I have Command,
	That you do forthwith let me know,
	As I you may understand.
	Resp. By Letters Four and Science Five
	This G aright doch stand,
	In a due Art and Proportion,
	You have your Answer, Friend.
	N.B. Four Letters are Boaz
	Fifth Science Geometry.
[ 121 ]	Ex. My Friend, you answer well,
	If Right and Free Principles you discover,
	I'll change your Name from Friend,
	And henceforth call you Brother.
	Resp. The Sciences are well compos'd
	Of noble Structure's Verse,
	A Point, a Line, and an Outside;
_	But a Solid is the last.
[ 122 ]	Ex. God's good Greeting be to this our hap-
	py Meeting.
	Resp. And all the Right Worshipful Brothers
	and Fellows.
[ 123 ]	Ex. Of the Right Worshipful and Holy Lodge
	of St. John's.
	Resp. From whence I came.
[ 124 ]	Ex. Greet you, greet you, greet you thrice,
•	heartily well, craving your Name.
[ 125 ]	Resp. Timothy Ridicule.
•	Exam. Welcome, Brother, by the Grace of
	God.

N. B. The Reason why they Denominate themselves of the Holy Lodge of St. John's, ris, because he was the Fore-runner of our Saviour, and laid the sirst Parallel Line to the Gospel (others do assert, that our Savieur himself was accepted a Free-Mason whils he was in the Flesh) but how ridiculous and prophane it seems, I have to judicious Readers to consider.

The End of the Fellow-Crast Part.

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## The Master's Degree.

1126	O. A R.E. von a Master-Mason?
	Q. ARE you a Master-Mason? A. I am; try me, prove me, disprove
	me if you can.
1271	Q. Where was you pass'd Master?
	A. In a Persett Lodge of Masters.
[ 128 ]	Q What makes a Perfest Lodge of Masters?
1 1	A. Three.
[129]	Q. How came you to be pass'd Master?
	A. By the Help of God, the Square and my
	own Industry.
[ 130 ]	Q. How was you pals'd Master?
	A. From the Square to the Compass.
[ 131 ]	Ex. An Enter'd 'Prentice I presume you have
	been.
	R. Jackin and Boaz I have Gen;
	A Master-Mason I was made most rare,
	With Diamond, Ashler and the Square.
[ 132 ]	Ex. If a Master-Mason you would be,
( *** )	
	You must rightly understand the Rule of
	Three.
	And *M. B. shall make you free: *Muchicul
	And what you want in Malonry,
	Shall in this Lodge be shown to thee.
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R. Good Masonry I understand;
The Keys of all Lodges are all at my
Command.

[133] Ex. You're an heroick Fellow; from whence came you?

R. From the East.

[134] Ex. Where are you a going? R. To the West.

[ 135 ] Ex. What are you a going to do there?

R. To feek for that which was lost and is now, found.

[ 136 ] R. What was that which was loft and is now found? R. The Master-Mason's Word,

[137] Ex. How was it lost?

R. By Three Great Knocks, or the Death of our Master Hiram.

[138] Ex. How came he by his Death?

R. In the Building of Solomon's Temple he was Master-Mason, and at high 12 at Noon, when the Men was gone to refresh themselves, as was his usual Cu tom, he came to survey the Works, and when he was enter'd into the Temple, there were Three Rushans, suppos'd to be Three Fellow-Crasts, planted themselves at the Three Entrances of the Temple, and when he came out, one demanded the Master's Word of him, and he reply'd he did not receive it in such a manner, but Time and a little Patience would bring him to it: He, not satisfied with that Answer, gave him a Blow, which made him reel; he went to the other Gate, where being accosted in the same manner, and

Brethren.

and making the fame Roply, he received a groater Blow, and at the third his Quietus.

- Ex. What did the Ruffians kill him with? [ 139 ] R. A Setting Maul, Setting Tool and Setting Beadle.
- Ex. How did they dispose of him? [ 140 ] R. Carried him out at the West Door of the Temple, and hid him under some Rubbith till High 12 again.
- Ex. What Time was that? [ 141 ] R. High 12 at Night, whilst the Men were at Reft.
- Ex. How did they dispose of him afterwards? [ 142 ] R. They carried him up to the Brow of the Hill, where they made a decent Grave and buried him.
- Ex. When was he miss'd? [ 143 ]

R. The same Day.

- Ex. When was he found? [ 144 ] R. Fifteen Days afterwards.
- Ex. Who found him? [ 145 ]

R. Fifteen Loving Brothers, by Order of King Solomon, went out of the West Door of the Temple, and divided themselves from Right to Lest within Call of each other; and they agreed that if they did not find the Word in him or about him, the first Word should be the Master's Word; one of the Brothers being more weary than the rest, sat down to rest himself, and taking hold of a Shrub, which came easily up, and perceiving the Ground to have been broken, he Hail'd his D 2

Brethren, and pursuing their Search found him decembly buried in a handsome Grave 6 Foot East, 6 West, and 6 Foot perpendicular, and his Covering was green Moss and Turf, which surprized them; whereupon they replied, Muscus Domus Dei Gratia, which, according to Masonry, is. Thanks be to God, our Master has got a Mossy House: So they cover'd him closely, and as a sarther Ornament placed a Sprig of Cassia at the Head of his Grave, and went and acquainted King Solomon.

[ 146 ] Ex. What did King Solomon fay to all this?

R. He order'd him to be taken up and decently buried, and that 15 Fellow-Crafts with white Gloves and Aprons should attend his Funical [which sught amongs Masons to be perform'd to this Day.]

[ 147 ] Ex. How was Hiram rais'd?

R. As all other Masons are, when they receive the Master's Word.

[ 148 ] Ex. How is that?

R. By the Five Points of Fellowship.

[149] Ex. What are they?

Hand to Hand 1, Foot to Foot 2, Cheek to Check 3, Knee to Knee 4, and Hand in Back 5.

N.B. When Hiram was taken up, they took him by the Fore-fingers, and the Skin came off, which is called the Slip; the fpreading the Right Hand and placing the middle Finger to the Wrift, clasping the Fore-finger and the Fourth to the Sides

of the Wrift; is called the Gripe, and the Sign is placing the Thumb of the Right Hand to the Left Breast, extending the Fingers.

[150] Ex. What's a Master-Mason nam'd.

R. Cassia is my Name, and from a Just and Perfect Lodge I came.

[151] Ex. Where was Hiram inter'd?

R. In the Sanflum Sanflorum.

[ 155 ]

[152] Ex. How was he brought in?

R. At the West-Door of the Temple.

[ 153 ] Q. What are the Master-Jewels?

A. The Porch, Dormer and Square Pavement.

[ 154 ] Q. Explain them.

A. The Porch the Entring into the Santium

Santiorum, the Dormer the Windows or Lights

within, the Square Pavement the Ground Flooring.

Ex. Give me the Master's Word.

R. Whispers him in the Ear, and supported by the Five Points of Fellowship before-mentioned, says Machbenah, which signifies The Builder is smitten.

N.B. If any Working Majons are at IVork, and you have a defire to distinguish Accepted Majons from the rest, take a Piece of Stone, and ask him what it smells of, he immediately replies, neither Brass, Iron, nor Steel, but of a Majon; then by asking him, how old he is, he replies above Seven, which demotes he has pass'd Master.

The End of the Master's Part.