

to the young Brother, which is drank with the greatest Applause by the whole Body, the new Mason sitting all the while. After which he, instructed by a Brother, takes a Bumper, and drinks "to the Worshipful Grand-Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the rest of the Officers, and Members of the Lodge, wishing them Success in all their public and private Undertakings, to Masonry in General, and that Lodge in particular, craving their Assistance:" To which they answer, "they will assist him." After he has drank, he throws his Glass from him, and brings it back Three Times, and then sets it down on the Table, the rest doing the same in exact Order. This they call Firing: then they clap their Hands Nine Times, divided into Three, and stop between each, keeping true Time.

The Reader having been led thus far, it is high Time to introduce the Apprentice's Lecture, which is intended, not only to amuse, but likewise to instruct him in the Part he is entered into. The Readiness of many of the Brethren in answering the Questions, add a Lustre to the Order, the Members vying with each other, who shall most contribute to the Edification of their new Brother.

The Entered Apprentice's Lecture.*

Mas. **B**rother, is there any thing between you and me?

Ans. There is, Right Worshipful.

Mas. What is it, Brother, pray?

Ans. A Secret.

Mas. What is that Secret, Brother?

Ans. Masonry.

* The Reader is desired to observe, that I here give the *Whole* of the Lectures, as delivered in the primitive Time; but the Modern Masons leave out at least one half.

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Mas. Then I presume you are a Mason?

Ans. I am so taken and accepted amongst Brothers and Fellows.

Mas. Pray what sort of Man ought a Mason to be?

Ans. A Man that is born of a Free Woman.

Mas. Where was you first prepared to be made a Mason?

Ans. In my Heart.

Mas. Where was you next prepared?

Ans. In a Room adjoining to the Lodge.

Mas. How was you prepared, Brother?

Ans. I was neither naked nor cloathed; bare-foot nor shod, deprived of all Metal; hood-winked, with a Cable Tow about my Neck, where I was led to the Door of the Lodge in a halting moving Posture, by the Hand of a Friend, whom I afterwards found to be a Brother.

Mas. How do you know it to be a Door, you being blinded?

Ans. By finding a Stoppage, and afterwards an Entrance or Admittance.

Mas. How got you Admittance?

Ans. By Three Knocks,

Mas. What was said to you within?

Ans. Who comes there?

Mas. Your Answer, Brother?

Ans. One who begs to have and receive Part of the Benefit of this Right Worshipful Lodge, dedicated to St. *John*, as many Brothers and Fellows have done before me.

Mas. How do you expect to obtain it?

Ans. By being Free-born, and well reported.

Mas. What was said to you then?

Ans. Enter.

Mas. How did you enter, and upon what?

Ans. Upon the Point of a Sword or Spear, or
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some Warlike Instrument, presented to my naked Left Breast.

Mas. What was said to you then?

Ans. I was asked if I felt any Thing.

Mas. What was your Answer?

Ans. I did, but I could see nothing.

Mas. You have told me how you was received, pray who received you?

Ans. The Junior Warden.

Mas. How did he dispose of you?

Ans. He delivered me to the Master, who ordered me to kneel down and receive the Benefit of a Prayer.

Brethren, let us Pray.

O Lord God, thou great and universal Mason of the World, and first Builder of Man, as it were a Temple; be with us, O Lord, as thou hast promised, when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt be in the Midst of them: Be with us, O Lord, and bless all our Undertakings, and grant that this our Friend may become a faithful Brother. Let Grace and Peace be multiplied unto him, through the Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ: And grant, O Lord, as he putteth forth his Hand to thy Holy Word, that he may also put forth his Hand to serve a Brother, but not to hurt himself or his Family; that whereby may be given to us great and precious Promises, that by this we may be Partakers of thy Divine Nature, having escaped the Corruption that is in the World, through Lust.

O Lord God, add to our Faith Virtue, and to Virtue Knowledge, and to Knowledge Temperance, and to Temperance Prudence, and to Prudence Patience, and to Patience Godliness, and to Godliness Brotherly Love, and to Brotherly Love Charity;

Charity; and grant, O Lord, that Masonry may be blest throughout the World, and thy Peace be upon us, O Lord; and grant that we may be all united as one, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Maf. After you had received this Prayer, what was said to you?

Ans. I was asked who I put my Trust in?

Maf. Your Answer, Brother?

Ans. In God.

Maf. What was the next Thing said to you?

Ans. I was taken by the Right-Hand, and he said, Rise up, and follow your Leader, and fear no Danger.

Maf. After all this, how was you disposed of?

Ans. I was led Three Times round the Lodge.

Maf. Where did you meet with the first Opposition?

Ans. At the Back of the Junior Warden in the South, where I gave the same Three Knocks as at the Door.

Maf. What Answer did he give you?

Ans. He said, who comes there?

Maf. Your Answer?

Ans. The same as at the Door, One who begs to have and receive, &c.

Maf. Where did you meet with the second Opposition?

Ans. At the Back of the Senior Warden in the West, where I made the same Repetition as at the Door. He said, who comes here? One who begs to have and receive, &c.

Maf. Where did you meet with the third Opposition?

Ans. At the Back of the Master in the East, where I made the Repetition as before.

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Maf. What did the Master do with you?

Ans. He ordered me back to the Senior Warden in the West, to receive Instructions.

Maf. What was the Instructions he gave you?

Ans. He taught me to take one Step upon the first Step of a right Angle oblong Square, with my left Knee bare bent, my Body upright, my Right Foot forming a Square, my naked Right-Hand upon the Holy Bible, with the Square and Compass thereon, my Left-Hand supporting the same, where I took that solemn Obligation or Oath of a Mason.

Maf. Brother, can you repeat that Obligation?

Ans. I will do my Endeavour, with your Assistance, Worshipful.

Maf. Stand up, and begin.

[Here the Oath is repeated, as mentioned before.]

After repeating this Obligation, they drink a Toast to the Heart that conceals, and to the Tongue that never reveals.

The Master in the Chair gives it, and they all say Ditto, and they draw the Glasses across their Throats, as aforefaid.

Maf. Now, Brother, after you received the Obligation, what was said to you?

Ans. I was asked, what I most desired?

Maf. What was your Answer?

Ans. To be brought to Light.

Maf. Who brought you to Light?

Ans. The Master and the rest of the Brethren.

Maf. When you was thus brought to Light, what were the first Things you saw?

Ans. Bible, Square and Compass.

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Maf. What was it they told you they signified ?

Ans. Three great Lights in Mafonry.

Maf. Explain them, Brother.

Ans. The Bible, to rule and govern our Faith ; the Square, to square our Actions ; the Compass is to keep us within Bounds with all Men, particularly with a Brother.

Maf. What were the next Things that were shewn to you ?

Ans. Three Candles, which I was told were three lesser Lights in Mafonry.

Maf. What do they represent ?

Ans. The Sun, Moon, and Master-Mafon.

Maf. Why fo, Brother ?

Ans. There is the Sun to rule the Day, the Moon to rule the Night, and the Master-Mafon his Lodge, or at least ought fo to do.

Maf. What was then done to you ?

Ans. The Matter took me by the Right-Hand, and gave me the Gripe and Word of an Entered Apprentice, and said, Rise, my Brother, BOAZ.

[Sometimes they shew you the Sign before this Gripe and Word is given, which is BOAZ : It is the Entered Apprentice's Word, and the Gripe thereto belonging is to pinch with your Right-Thumb Nail, upon the first Joint of your Brother's Right-Hand.]

Maf. Have you got this Gripe and Word, Brother ?

Ans. I have, Worshipful.

Maf. Give it to your next Brother.

[Then he takes his next Brother by the Right-Hand, and gives him the Gripe and Word, as before described : He tells the Master, that is right.]

According to the following Proof.

The 1st Brother gives him the Gripe.

The 2^d Brother says, What's this ?

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1st Bro. The Gripe of an Entered Apprentice.

2d Bro. Has it got a Name ?

1st Bro. It has.

2d Bro. Will you give it me ?

1st Bro. I'll letter it with you, or halve it.

2d Bro. I'll halve it with you.

1st Bro. Begin.

2d Bro. No, you begin first.

1st Bro. B O :

2d Bro. A Z :

1st Bro. B O A Z.

2d Bro. It is right, Worshipful Master.

Maf. What was the next Thing that was shewn to you ?

Ans. The Guard or Sign of an Entered Apprentice *.

Maf. Have you got that Guard, or Sign, of an Entered Apprentice ?

[He draws his Right-Hand a-cross his Throat (as aforesaid), to shew the Master that he has.]

Maf. After all this, what was said to you ?

Ans. I was ordered to be taken back, and invested with what I had been divested of ; and to be brought back to return Thanks, and to receive the Benefit of a Lecture, if Time would permit.

Maf. After you was invested of what you had been divested of, what was done to you ?

Ans. I was brought to the North-West Corner of the Lodge, in order to return Thanks.

Maf. How did you return Thanks ?

Ans. I stood in the North-West Corner of the Lodge, and, with the Instruction of a Brother, I

* The Guard or Sign, as they call it, is by drawing your Right-Hand across your Throat edgeways, which is to put you in mind of the Penalty of your Obligation, that you would sooner have your Throat cut across, than discover the Secrets of Masonry.

said, Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and the rest of the Brethren of this Lodge, I return you Thanks for the Honour you have done me, in making me a Mason, and admitting me a Member of this worthy Society.

Mas. What was said to you then ?

Ans. The Master called me up to the North-East Corner of the Lodge, at his Right-Hand.

Mas. Did he present you with any Thing ?

Ans. He presented me with an Apron, which he put on me : he told me it was a Badge of Innocence, more antient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle ; more honoured than the Star and Garter, or any other Order under the Sun, that could be conferred upon me at that Time, or any Time hereafter.

Mas. What was the next Things that were shewn to you ?

Ans. I was set down by the Master's Right-Hand, and he shewed me the Working Tools of an Entered Apprentice.

Mas. What were they ?

Ans. The 24 Inch Gauge, the Square, and common Gavel, or setting Maul.

Mas. What are their Uses ?

Ans. The Square to square my Work, the 24 Inch Gauge to measure my Work, the common Gavel to knock off all superfluous Matters, whereby the Square may sit easy and just.

Mas. Brother, as we are not all working Masons, we apply them to your Morals, which we call spiritualizing ; explain them.

Ans. The 24 Inch Gauge represents the 24 Hours of the Day.

Mas. How do you spend them, Brother ?

Ans. Six Hours to work in, Six Hours to serve God, and Six to serve a Friend or a Brother, as far
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as lies in my Power, without being detrimental to myself or Family.

I come now to the Entered Apprentice's Reasons: but as the Ceremony of drinking Healths among the Masons, takes up much of their Time, we must stop a little, in order to introduce some of them. The first is "To the Heart that conceals, and the Tongue that never reveals." Then "the King and Royal Family"; and "to all Brethren wheresoever dispersed."* The Pleasures they enjoy, the Purity of their Sentiments, and the Uniformity that always reigns in their Assemblies, is far from being tiresome or insipid. I am sensible that any body but a Free-Mason would take little Pleasure in what gives the Society Delight; but to a Mason every Thing that concerns the Order is important and interesting. I next proceed to the

Ente. Apprentice's Reasons. †

Maf. **W**HY was you neither naked nor clothed, bare-foot nor shod, with a Cable-Tow (or Halter) about your Neck?

Ans. If I had recanted, and ran out in the Street, the People would have said I was mad; but if a Brother had seen me, he would have brought me back, and seen me done Justice by.

Maf. Why was you hoodwink'd?

Ans. That my Heart might conceal, before my Eyes did discover?

Maf. The second Reason, Brother?

Ans. As I was in Darkness at that Time, I should keep all the World in Darkness.

* These Toasts or Healths are all drank with Three Times Three, which is performed in a most regular Manner, and an Huzza at the End of each, as before described.

† This in fact is only a Continuation of the Lecture.

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Maf. Why was you deprived of all Metal ?

Ans. That I should bring nothing offensive or defensive into the Lodge.

Maf. Give me the second Reason, Brother ?

Ans. As I was poor and pennylefs when I was made a Mafon, it informed me that I should affist all poor and pennylefs Brethren, as far as lay in my Power.

Maf. Brother, you told me you gave Three distinct Knocks at the Door: Pray what do they signify ?

Ans. A certain Text in Scripture.

Maf. What is that Text, Brother ?

Ans. Ask, and you shall have ; seek, and you shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Maf. How do you apply this Text in Mafonry ?

Ans. I fought in my Mind ; I asked of my Friend ; I knocked, and the Door of Mafonry became open unto me.

Maf. Why had you a Sword, Spear, or some other warlike Instrument, presented to your naked Left-Breast particularly ?

Ans. Because the Left-Breast is the nearest the Heart, that it might be the more a Prick to my Conscience, as it pricked my Flesh at that Time.

Maf. Why was you led Three Times round the Lodge ?

Ans. That all the Brethren might see I was duly prepared.

Maf. When you was made an Apprentice, why was your Left-Knee bare bent.

Ans. Because the Left-Knee is the weakest Part of my Body, and an Entered Apprentice is the weakest Part of Mafonry, which I was then entering into.

[Here the Brethren resume their Glasses, and drink a Health, sometimes to the Grand Master ; at other times to the Wardens, or other Officers, and then proceed.]

The Form of a Lodge.

Maf. **B**ROTHER, we have been talking a great while about a Lodge; pray what makes a Lodge?

Ans. Right Worshipful, a certain Number of Mafons met together to work.

Maf. Pray what Number makes a Lodge?

Ans. Three, Five, Seven, or Eleven.

Maf. Why do Three make a Lodge, Brother?

Ans. Because there were three Grand Mafons in the Building of the World, and alio that noble Piece of Architecture Man; which are fo complete in Proportion, that the Antients began their Architecture by the fame Rules.

Maf. The fecond Reason; Brother?

Ans. There were Three Grand Mafons at the building of *Solomon's Temple*.

Maf. Why do Five make a Lodge?

Ans. Because every Man is endued with Five Senses.

Maf. What are the Five Senses?

Ans. Hearing, Seeing, Smelling, Tafting, and Feeling.

Maf. What Ufe are thofe Five Senses to you in Mafonry?

Ans. Three are of great Ufe to me, *viz.* Hearing, Seeing, and Feeling.

Maf. What Ufe are they, Brother?

Ans. Hearing, is to hear the Word; Seeing, is to fee the Sign; Feeling, is to feel the Gripe, that I may know a Brother, as well in the Dark as in the Light.

Maf. Why fhould Seven make a Lodge?

Ans. Because there are Seven liberal Sciences.

Maf. Will you name them, Brother?

Ans. Grammar, Rhetorick, Logick, Arithmetick, Geometry, Mufick, and Astronomy.

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Maf. Brother, what do those Sciences teach you ?

Ans. Grammar teaches me the Art of writing and speaking the Language, wherein I learn according to the first, second, and third Concord.

Maf. What doth Rhetorick teach you ?

Ans. The Art of speaking and discoursing upon any Topick whatsoever.

Maf. What doth Logick teach you ?

Ans. The Art of reasoning well, whereby you may find out Truth from Fallhood.

Maf. What doth Arithmetick teach you ?

Ans. The Virtue of Numbers.

Maf. What doth Geometry teach you ?

Ans. The Art of measuring, whereby the *Egyptians* found out their own Land, or the same Quantity which they had before the overflowing of the River *Nile*, that frequently used to water their Country; at which Time they fled to the Mountains till it went off again, and this made them have continual Quarrels about their Lands.

Maf. What doth Musick teach you, Brother ?

Ans. The Virtue of Sounds.

Maf. What doth Astronomy teach you ?

Ans. The Knowledge of the Heavenly Bodies.

Maf. Why should Eleven make a Lodge, Brother ?

Ans. There were Eleven *Patriarchs*, when *Joseph* was sold into *Egypt*, and supposed to be lost.

Maf. The second Reason, Brother ?

Ans. There were but Eleven Apostles when *Judas* betrayed Christ.

Maf. What Form is your Lodge ?

Ans. An Oblong Square.

Maf. How long, Brother ?

Ans. From East to West.

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Maf. How wide, Brother?

Ans. Between North and South.

Maf. How high, Brother?

Ans. From the Earth to the Heavens.

Maf. How deep, Brother?

Ans. From the Surface of the Earth to the Center.

Maf. Why is your Lodge said to be from the Surface to the Center of the Earth?

Ans. Because that Masonry is Universal.

Maf. Why is your Lodge situated East and West?

Ans. Because all Churches and Chapels are, or ought to be so.

Maf. Why so, Brother?

Ans. Because the Gospel was first preached in the East, and extended itself to the West.

Maf. What supports your Lodge?

Ans. Three great Pillars.

Maf. What are their Names?

Ans. Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty.

Maf. Who doth the Pillar of Wisdom represent?

Ans. The Master in the East.

Maf. Who doth the Pillar of Strength represent?

Ans. The Senior Warden in the West.

Maf. Who doth the Pillar of Beauty represent?

Ans. The Junior Warden in the South.

Maf. Why should the Master represent the Pillar of Wisdom?

Ans. Because he gives Instructions to the Crafts to carry on their Work in a proper Manner, with good Harmony.

Maf. Why should the Senior Warden represent the Pillar of Strength?

Ans. As the Sun sets to finish the Day, so the Senior Warden stands in the West to pay the

Hirelings their Wages, which is the Strength and Support of all Business.

Maf. Why should the Junior Warden represent the Pillar of Beauty?

Ans. Because he stands in the South, at high Twelve at Noon, which is the Beauty of the Day, to call the Men off from Work to Refreshment, and to see that they come on again in due Time, that the Master may have Pleasure and Profit therein.

Maf. Why is it said that your Lodge is supported by those Three great Pillars, Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty?

Ans. Because Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty is the Finisher of all Works, and nothing can be carried on without them.

Maf. Why so, Brother?

Ans. Because there is Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn.

Maf. Had you any Covering to your Lodge?

Ans. Yes, a cloudy Canopy, of divers Colours, or the Clouds.

Maf. How blows a Mason's Wind, Brother?

Ans. Due East and West.

Maf. What is it o'Clock, Brother?

Ans. High Twelve.

Maf. Call the Men off from Work to Refreshment, and see that they come on again in due Time.

[The Entered Apprentice's Lecture being finished, it is customary for the Master to call upon one of the Brethren, who can best acquit himself for the following Song, which is always readily complied with.]

Song :

SONG: At the Conclusion of the Entered Apprentice's Lecture.

COME let us prepare,
 We Brothers that are,
 Assembled on every Occasion;
 Let's drink, laugh, and sing,
 Our Wine has a Spring;
 Here's a Health to an Accepted Mason.
Chorus. Let's drink, &c.

The World is in Pain,
 Our Secrets to gain,
 And still let them wonder and gaze on;
 They ne'er can divine,
 The Word or the Sign,
 Of a Free and an Accepted Mason.

'Tis this, and 'tis that,
 They cannot tell what,
 Why so many great Men of the Nation;
 Should Aprons put on
 To make themselves One,
 With a Free and an Accepted Mason.

Great Kings, Dukes, and Lords,
 Have laid by their Swords,
 Our Myst'ry to put a good Grace on;
 And ne'er been asham'd,
 To hear themselves nam'd,
 With a Free and an Accepted Mason.

Antiquity's Pride,
 We have on our Side,
 And it maketh Men just in their Station;

There's nought but what's good,
To be understood,
By a Free and an Accepted Mason.

We're true and sincere,
And just to the Fair,
Who will trust us on ev'ry Occasion,
No Mortal can more,
The Ladies adore,
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason.

Then join Hand in Hand,
T'each other firm stand,
Let's be merry, and put a bright Face on;
What Mortal can boast,
So noble a Toast,
As a Free and an Accepted Mason ?

While this Song is singing, they all stand round the Table, and when they come to the last Verse, they join Hands crossways, in the following Manner: The Right Hand Man takes Hold of the Left Hand of his Neighbour with his Right Hand; and the Left Hand Man takes Hold of the Right Hand of his next Brother with his Left Hand, so as to form a Chain by so many Links, and all join in the Chorus, jumping violently with their Feet on the Floor, and shaking the Hands up and down, linked together as above, keeping exact Time with both.

Every one now talks of what he pleases; and as it is generally half an Hour before they proceed to Business, those who perhaps have ordered a Supper retire into another Room; but before they are permitted, the Master proceeds to call *the Men off from Work*, as it is termed, which is done in this Manner: The Master whispers to the Senior Deacon, who sits on his Right Hand, and says,

says, " It is high Time to call the Men from " Work to refresh themselves;" the Senior Deacon whispers it to the Senior Warden; and it is communicated from him to the Junior Deacon, who carries it to the Junior Warden; he proclaims it openly to the Lodge, and sets his Column * upright, and the Senior Warden lays his down, which signifies that the Junior Warden is entrusted with the Care of the Lodge, while the Brethren refresh themselves.

In this Place it will be necessary to acquaint the Reader how he may discover an Entered Apprentice by drinking with him in Company. Take the Glafs with your Right-Hand, and draw it across your Throat, either before or after you drink, and if an Apprentice is present, he will immediately take Notice of it, by asking you some Question in Masonry, which you will readily answer from this Book. If he asks you the Meaning of your doing that? you may whisper to him, that it is the Penalty of the Obligation of an Entered Apprentice. From this Answer he will, at a proper Opportunity, proceed farther in his Inquiry.

The Brethren having now regaled themselves, they take their Seats, and the Master proceeds to set them on again, which is performed in the same Manner as the calling off, with this Difference, the Warden proclaims, " It is our Worshipful Master's Pleasure, that this Lodge is called from Refreshment to Work." The Junior Warden lays down his Column, and the Senior sets his up.

* The Senior and Junior Wardens Columns are about Twenty-five Inches long, and represent the Columns that support the Porch of Solomon's Temple; the Senior's is called BOAZ, and signifies *Strength*; the Junior's, JACHIN, and signifies, *to establish in the Lord*. See the First Book of Kings, Chap. VII.

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But as it often happens, that the Time will not permit for the Fellow Craft's Lecture, they close the Lodge, which is done much in the same Method as that of Opening. The Senior Warden declares it in the following Words, "It is our Master's Will and Pleasure that this Lodge stand closed till the First or Third Wednesday in next Month," according to the Night the Lodge is held. Then the Master, Wardens, Deacons, Secretary, &c. take off the Ensigns and Ornaments from their Necks, and every one is at Liberty to depart or stay longer, as they think proper; every Thing of Masonry is excluded; they talk of what they please, and sing various Songs, for the Amusement of each other.

I shall now proceed to the Second Degree of Masons, called *the Fellow-Crafts*; that is, one who has served his Time justly and lawfully as an Entered Apprentice, and desires to become more perfect in Masonry, by being admitted a Fellow-Craft. But in most Lodges at this Time, they are made Entered Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts the same Evening. The Ceremony is the same, though they have different Lectures, Pass-Word and Grip belonging to each.

The Fellow Craft's Lecture.

Mas. **B**ROTHER, are you a Fellow Craft?

Ans. I am. Try me, prove me.

Mas. Where was you made a Fellow Craft?

Ans. In a just and lawful Lodge.

Mas. How was you prepared to be made a Fellow Craft?

Ans. I was neither naked, nor cloathed, bare-foot, nor shod; in a halting moving Posture: deprived of all Metal, I was led to the Door of the Lodge by the Hand of a Brother.

Mas.