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PRESIDENT'S PAGES

Dear fellow researchers,

Do you ever wonder why you have become involved in masonic research? Is it to satisfy your own curiosity, to increase the knowledge that we have of the Craft, to find out information so that you can inform your brethren more about their Fraternity, or some other reason? It can be disappointing when one tries to present a paper to a lodge, on what is often named an 'education evening', only to find that many members of the lodge are absent, whereas they are more likely to be present if degree work or an exemplification of a degree is taking place.

Although I can understand that it is good to be present to support the candidate when he is being initiated, passed, raised or installed, I am surprised that these meetings, which brethren have seen on many occasions, are more attractive than a talk on some aspect of Freemasonry that may be new to them.

Of course, as presenters, we should do our part by presenting our research in as entertaining and enjoyable manner as possible but, even so, it would be good if we could convince our brethren that such educational sessions, with the speaker sharing his research, is something that they may enjoy. Speaking for myself, if I have a choice between hearing the results of someone's research or attending an exemplification of a degree, I would always choose the former.

Research can be a lonely pursuit but, with a number of lodges and other groups involved in masonic research and with masonic research conferences, the loneliness lessens as one is able to share one's research with others and obtain feedback on one's research.

It is here that the members of the ANZMRC, the research lodges, chapters and study circles, can assist by giving a forum in which to present one's research, listen to others' research and give and receive feedback. It also gives the opportunity to be mentored, either generally on research methods and resources or specifically on individual research topics.

At conferences, such as the biennial ANZMRC conferences, one has the opportunity to listen to the best lectures submitted for these conferences and, in the case of those organised by the ANZMRC, meet with researchers from many parts of New Zealand and Australia. The possibility of attending presentations by world class researchers has been possible through the tradition

of sponsoring travelling lecturers. At present, and particularly at a recent management meeting of the ANZMRC, how we will manage this in the future is being discussed. It is an important aspect of the ANZMRC brief that will continue in some manner in the future.

So, I suggest that we all encourage masonic research and, in particular, suggest to other Freemasons with an interest in research that they join local masonic research groups, have these groups join the ANZMRC if they are not already members, and attend the conferences conducted by the ANZMRC. Also, suggest to the 'powers that be' in your local lodge that meetings be held where the results of research are delivered. To quote from the Final Charge given in the First Degree to a newly initiated brother, he is told to consider himself "called upon to make some daily progress in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge".

Encourage your lodge to help facilitate this.

Fraternally,

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THE SECRETS
OF
FREEMASONRY
REVEALED,
BY A MASON;

WHO, BEING FULLY CONVINCED THAT THE ORDER EXERTS A
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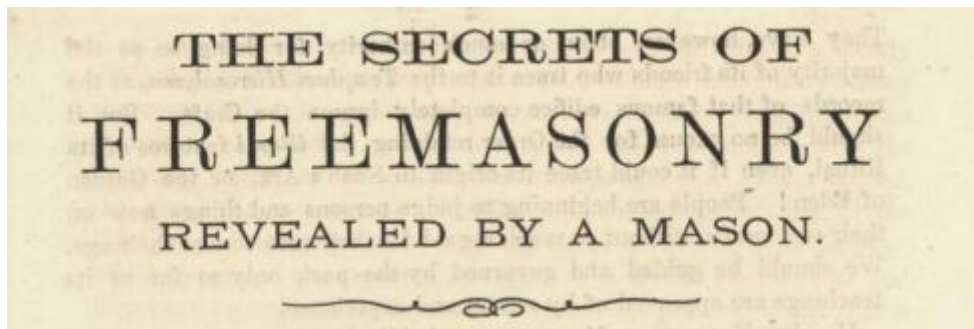
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*To the Masonic Fraternity and the Public; and especially to the Ladies
who should be Excluded From None of Our Societies or Clubs.*

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INTRODUCTION.

There appears to be nothing immutable in the universe, so far as we can comprehend it, but the Divine Nature and Laws of its Great Architect. Change seems to be indelibly impressed on all created things. Even inorganic matter is continually undergoing chemical transformations, and throughout the whole range of animate nature, vegetable and animal organic mutations are perpetually occurring.

As in the physical world there is not a particle of matter, in any condition, at actual rest; so, in the mental and moral world, 'perpetual motion' is just as visible and continuous.

We cannot remain stationery, as moral or religious beings, any more than quicksilver in the thermometer. We are ever ascending, with the good and conscientious, in the scale of useful knowledge, towards the Source of All Knowledge; or we are as surely descending to mingle, perhaps, with the 'common herd,' who are governed more by passion and prejudice than by reason and prudence; the height of whose ambition seems to be the gratification of their natural and acquired appetites, like our 'poor relations' in the forest!

All civilized governments and shrewd business corporations make provisions, in their constitutions and by-laws, for even the most radical alterations that may be thought necessary in the future. Social bodies and even religious sects should do likewise. *Excelsior*, instead of *Semper Eadem*, should be our motto in all our enterprises.

From these remarks, the reader will perceive the folly of any Social Order adopting an Unalterable Ritual! But a pitiable remnant of the once powerful 'Medes and Persians' survive to tell us about their 'unchangeable laws.' Excepting some respect for the Decalogue, Mosesism has likewise passed away. Modern Jews scarcely retain enough of their ancient rites to deserve the name. If my Masonic brethren believed in their Ritual being *infallible*, they could not be more tenacious of its jots and tittles. The writer has been

a Mason for several years; and, being fully convinced that Freemasonry exerts an evil influence on his Brethren and the Public, without further prefatory remarks, he briefly states his objections as follows:—

I. ITS CLAIMS TO ANTIQUITY OF ORIGIN are absurd, not being based on historic data, worthy of credence. Some whimsical writers have even traced the order to that foolish enterprize, the Tower of Babel! They have, however, about as much authority for doing so as the majority of its friends who trace it to the *Templum Hierosolyma*, as the records of that famous edifice completely ignore the Craft. But it should be no excuse for the Order retaining the *illegal* features of its Ritual, even if it could trace its origin to Noah's Ark, or the Garden of Eden! People are beginning to judge persons and things now on their *own merits*, without so much regard for their ancestors or their age. We should be guided and governed by the past, only so far as its teachings are approved of by reason and experience.

II. ITS NAME IS A MISNOMER, and ridiculous in our times, having lost its original significance. There are very few practical Masons in the Order. It was doubtless originated by them in the 'Dark Ages' when such societies were, perhaps, necessary. They are more injurious than useful in our times and should be discouraged. 'Speculative Masonry,' as the order is styled in its Ritual, is a pretty good name for it, as a great many of the brethren are very fond of 'speculating,' and not always very particular about the nature of the 'speculation.' But if the term Masonry is a misnomer, as now used, certainly the term *Freemasonry* is much more so, as it implies a still greater contradiction. In view of the real nature of the Order, its proper name should be *Slave masonry*, because

III. MASONRY IS AN ABSOLUTE DESPOTISM, by reason of its barbarous Oaths, *Silence or Open Rebellion being a Mason's only Alternatives!* Hence, so many of its best members *abandon the Order quietly and denounce it privately*; but *fear* the consequences of exposing *its absurdities*, and thus prevent the public from being *victimized by an Association of misguided men*, who try to interfere with the *liberty of conscience* of their brethren who may feel disposed to criticise the *illegal features* of the Order. The Craft not only object to "freedom of speech" on such matters, but even *try to secretly muzzle the press!* This is a nice state of things in view of our boasted privileges! "Once a Mason, always a Mason," is as preposterous as it is despotic. The Constitution of the Order in France is more liberal. It states distinctly that "Every Mason has the right of publishing his opinions on every Masonic question." See a pamphlet entitled, "Masonic Reform" published here in 1865, by "An Old Mason," (Mr. James E. Carnegie) which contains many excellent suggestions it would be well for the Craft to follow.

IV. MASONIC CANDIDATES ARE ALL DECEIVED as to the Nature of its Obligations, by being told by the W. M., just before taking the initial oath, that there is nothing in them “incompatible with your Civil, Moral, or Religious Duties!” Now, every Mason knows that statement to be a *deliberate, treacherous falsehood*, as a variety of savage *Death Penalties* are included in them, which no Church or State on earth would dare to sanction, if discussed in public! The reader can see for himself the extracts taken from the Masonic Oaths in actual use at present, in the following pages. If there is nothing wrong in them, the writer is greatly mistaken, as he considers them perfectly *diabolical*, and regrets having ever entered a Lodge again, after taking the first Oath. *Curiosity and the encouragement of friends*, induces thousands to continue passing from one Degree to another with the ‘tippling brethren,’ when their consciences and their ‘sober second, thoughts,’ suggest retreat. Another ugly advantage is taken of the Candidates, in merely announcing the Oaths *a word or two at a time*, which the dupes are expected to repeat in a similar manner; so that they have no opportunity to consider whether to proceed or not. It is truly amazing to think that such an *unlawful society* should receive the patronage of the people of all classes and conditions, from the Prince to the peasant! Many are at a loss to know how to account for this extraordinary popularity of an Order that has in it so much that is objectionable, both in theory and practice, and so little to recommend it. A complete explanation of that surprising fact would require a pamphlet much larger than this. It is certainly a gigantic humbug, continued from generation to generation, by means of impudent and treacherous misrepresentation! As an additional illustration of this feature of the Order, it may be further mentioned, that the ‘Crafty brethren’ get hold of as many prominent *young men* as possible, while at Schools, Colleges, and Universities, before they have formed fixed principles, for whom of course, its showy regalia would have special attractions. Hence the large number of eminent men, who, however, retain merely a nominal connection with the Craft.

V. MASONIC VIEWS OF MORALITY are as selfish as they are demoralising, in limiting *special respect for female virtue* to certain near relatives of Master Masons! (Brethren, see the M.M’s Oath.) This is a very serious evil in the Order, and accounts, in some measure, at least for the notorious immorality of many of its prominent Members. Even the limited number of the fair sex alluded to, are not always spared by those *libertines*, who often occupy prominent official positions in Lodges; which fact shows conclusively that the brethren pay but little attention to one of the most vital questions affecting the welfare of society. The female relatives of the members of the two inferior Degrees even are not included in the special injunctions of the

Masters. And of course all outside of the magic circle of the Craft would naturally be regarded as legitimate prey by the dissolute members. The attention of my brethren and the public is drawn particularly to this point, because morality seems to be regarded as a speciality of the Order! It will be seen in the following ceremonies that Freemasonry is defined to be “a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated in symbols.” Now, that definition of the Order sounds very nicely. But, unfortunately, in its practice, and general influence, one is tempted to paraphrase it thus: “A peculiar system of *immorality*, veiled in allegorical nonsense, and illustrated by *tippling* symbols” — bottles, glasses, &c. As a proper regard for morality, in its broadest sense, constitutes the very foundation of all true ideas of decent society and good government, surely its rules should be universal in their application. It is admitted that there are some nice allusions, in the Ritual, to virtue in a general way; but why have special injunctions regarding respect to be shown for the chastity of *certain women*, which should be extended to the whole sex?

VI. MASONIC VIEWS OF INTEGRITY ARE AS SELFISH as its morality, and equally injurious to its Members and the public. The Master’s Oath makes the candidate expressly declare, “that I will not defraud a brother Master Mason, or see him defrauded, of the most trifling amount, without giving him due and timely notice thereof.” Now, according to this injunction, a Master Mason could even defraud his own brethren in the Entered Apprentice, and Fellow Craft Degrees, and not violate his obligation! And, the writer knows by sad experience, that Masters do not even treat their own M.M. brethren “on the square” at times. Of course, so far as the outside public are concerned, they have no protection excepting civil law from the M.M., by the wording of his Oath, but must depend on his honor, which unfortunately, is often wanting. This and other Oaths of the Order have a tendency to induce brethren to entertain a *false confidence* in each other, only to be too often deceived and outrageously swindled. Rules regarding such cardinal virtues, intended for the control of large bodies of men, certainly should have no limitation. It is even objectionable to be selfish in our benevolence and business patronage, as we should regard all men and women, as our brothers and sisters, and equally entitled to our friendship and kind treatment. But to restrict our kindness and charity mainly to those most intimately connected with us is excusable, but undoubtedly *criminal* to make any distinction at all in our treatment of people regarding virtue and honesty. Surely in those respects the whole human family should be Mistress Masons as well as Master Masons! It is exceedingly astonishing that such an intelligent body of men should continue saddling themselves and their friends with such absurd obligations. The only explanation that

suggests itself to my mind, after several years' experience in the Order, is that, as before remarked, the better portion of its Members become disgusted with it, and quietly abandon it; and the majority of those who remain in it as active members, are of that free and easy, tippling sort that do not trouble themselves much about reforms of any kind.

VII. MASONIC RELIGIOUS TENETS, if indeed it has any at all, are certainly more liberal and accommodating than consistent. The Order undoubtedly recognises a 'Great Architect,' a 'Grand Geometrician', as the Supreme Being is called in the Ritual. Craft Masonry is, therefore, *Deistic*, and accepts Mahometans, Jews, and all who are not absolute Atheists as 'brethren.' But in the advanced Degrees, intended to recognise Christ, these *theistic brethren* are denounced with the "heathen"! The Knight Templar, with sword in hand, swears to defend his creed 'against all Jews, Turks,' &c.; yet the Order contains large numbers of Unitarian Asiatics and Europeans! But where is the basis, among such a mass of creeds, for "brotherly love," &c.? It is a hollow mockery! There can be no real union of feeling and genuine friendship in a society whose members differ so radically upon such a vital question as religion. It is impossible.

The careless Christian portion of the Order usually agree cordially on one point— *the worship of Bacchus!* Their Jewish brethren are generally too shrewd to debase themselves much with liquor, or spend their money so foolishly. Their weakness, perhaps, consists in a little too much devotion to the 'Golden Calf' — a decidedly less objectionable kind of idolatry, however, especially in its influence on the public. But how the Jews can content themselves in an Order in which they are classed with the 'heathen,' is a mystery. I am aware that those Christian Degrees are said to be rejected by the highest Masonic Authority — the so-called Grand Lodge of England — to please the Hebrews, and other Deists, doubtless. If that is really so, of course, no Christian should connect himself with it, if he cares anything about his faith. To find preachers acting with the Craft has always surprised me, when they know very well it is utterly impossible to reconcile Masonic obligations with Christ's teaching.

VIII. MASONIC BENEVOLENCE is a mere pretence, a cloak used to conceal their real objects — *self-indulgence and self-aggrandisement*. It is well known that the Craft spend more Time and Money in *tippling, extravagant feasts* than in acts of charity. Freemasonry, as a friendly, benevolent society, is an evident fraud. Connexion with it is more expensive than with any other similar social body extant. Yet, when fortune frowns on a 'brother,' he finds it rather difficult, and even humiliating, to obtain any aid from the Order at all commensurate with the amount he had paid into its treasury. Although

the writer has suffered severely by the treachery of his 'bibacious brethren,' still the above statement is made, not from personal experience, but observation. He has no desire to misrepresent the Order. It is severe enough to tell the truth about it. The small amount collected and expended for charitable purposes, by even metropolitan Lodges, should convince the public that the Craft feel but little concern in benevolent enterprises. But it would be rather interesting to have a correct statement of the amount spent annually by city Lodges in useless, debasing, tippling, gastronomic extravagance. This characteristic of the Order causes the bankruptcy and ruin of many a generous 'brother' and good business man, besides setting a bad example to the public.

IX. MASONRY UNDOUBTEDLY IMPEDES SOCIAL PROGRESS, by producing a Compromise between Good and Evil agencies. J This charge is further explained by stating, what is well known by the Craft at least, that nearly the whole Protestant pulpit and press are directly or indirectly controlled by Masons. Also the leading Teachers, Professors, Temperance 'Cliques,' and State Officials, from Premiers to 'Peelers.' Now, all these should be at least friends of Social Reform, if not active workers in that good cause. Unfortunately, we find that many of them are not so; and, worse still, that large numbers of their 'Masonic brethren' are Licensing Magistrates, 'Alcoholic Doctors,' Bottle Grocers, Publicans, Pawnbrokers, &c., very properly considered by thoughtful people, in some countries, to be dangerous enemies of the *peace, happiness, and prosperity of the people.* All those 'brethren,' good and bad, are expected to manifest toward each other feelings of 'brotherly love,' &c.! Hence the compromise and general winking at the great evils that are afflicting poor, erring humanity, especially in all our cities and towns. It also explains how so many *bad men*, notorious gamblers, and libertines, by 'red tape' and the aid of the Craft, are appointed to fill important offices of trust and influence, which they disgrace, besides demoralising the public by their depraved examples. The idea of selecting *law-breakers* to become *law-makers*, and *officials to execute law*, is, in the highest degree, preposterous. The better class of society should protest against such conduct.

X. MASONRY OFTEN DEFEATS THE "ENDS OF JUSTICE," in the interest of the Craft, by controlling so-called Courts of Justice. This evil is more common, wherever the Order exists, than the public have any conception of; and can only be detected by closely watching the proceedings in cases where Judges or Magistrates, and the plaintiffs or defendants, are Masons. It makes some difference, too, in such cases, as to which side has the 'Masonic counsel' employed. Many a decision is obtained "on the square," which both surprise and disgust the public, but which are perfectly well understood among the

'brethren.' Judges, &c., sworn to be impartial in dispensing justice, are occasionally so far influenced by the Craft, as to disgrace themselves by their rulings often attributable to their defective judgement, want of knowledge of the law, &c., but should be justly chargeable to the corrupt influence of Masonry. The phrase in the M.M.'s Oath, "or at my own option," is made an excuse for a great deal of improper conduct, not only in courts of law, but in the ordinary affairs of life. It is a serious matter to know that nearly all the Courts of Justice, of every description, throughout the British Empire, are directly or indirectly controlled by Masonry, which has itself no legal existence, and which imposes unlawful obligations on its members! This statement no conscientious 'brother' of mine will contradict. And it is equally true that

XI. MASONRY IS A DANGEROUS AND DEMORALISING ELEMENT IN SOCIETY, in Corrupting State Officials and Political Parties. Not only does the Order try to control the execution of law in its own interest, but it also endeavours to monopolise every Government Office of any consequence, from the highest to the lowest. And its success in this respect may be seen in every department of our Imperial and Colonial Governments. In fact, the whole British Empire is virtually under the Evil Influence of this *Illegal, Bibacious, Gastronomic, Secret Order!* This is no idle remark. Masons actually control the Army, Navy, Civil Service, almost every office worth having under the British flag.

As an Order, it has no political creed, but adopts, and tries to obtain control of every form of government on the earth, for selfish purposes. In France and America, for instance, Masons advocate *red-hot republicanism*; whilst in England, Prussia, &c. the Order almost favours the '*divine rights of Kings.*' Anything to get into lucrative and influential offices! A serious objection to the 'tippling fraternity' is, that they generally favour two great monopolies — Liquor and Land — which are the curse of the British Isles, and are also threatening the welfare and real prosperity of these colonies. There can be nothing expected from these Alcoholic, Masonic Governments, of our times, favourable to social reform. They are *twice as complicated and expensive as are necessary*, and are supported mainly by revenue obtained from *the degradation of the people* — as unwise as the foolish women who resort to prostitution (which destroys their physical, mental, and moral natures) for the means of living! The question is, how long will society submit to be pauperized and demoralized by *one traffic*, the greatest commercial swindle on earth?

XII. MASONRY IS AN UNLAWFUL ORDER, by reason of the Nature of its Oaths, and should therefore be suppressed, or be compelled to revise its Ritual,

expunging its illegal obligations, and thus make progress with the times. Why allow that Order, or any other association, to impose illegal duties on its Members? Why not include Masonry under the provisions of the Friendly Societies' Act? It is absurd in our day to permit an Order to exist in our midst, bound by barbarous Oaths, requiring, under certain circumstances, the execution of a variety of cruel Death Penalties! The Order is virtually an *Imperium in Imperio*, actually claiming, of course, *secretly*, certain rights only possessed by Sovereign States. Its obligations are dictated in violation of both the spirit and letter of all law, *human and divine*. Every conscientious Mason must admit this. There is not, as before remarked, a Church or State on earth that would dare to sanction its rules, if examined in public. And the reason Masonry has no legal status, is the desire of the Craft to continue its illegal features, which the State cannot formally approve of. Only Sovereign States claim the questionable right of Capital Punishment, for the gravest crimes known to law. And even some governments are beginning to see the impropriety of it, being as unwise as it is barbarous. Yet Masonic Oaths require a variety of modes of Capital Punishment, *for merely breaches of confidence!* Although this is undoubtedly so, yet we find the future 'King-Emperor' of Britain a Member of this illegal Order at home, and it must be admitted, in some respects, a very suitable figure-head for the Craft!

Masonic Oaths being the most objectionable feature of the Order, the attention of the reader has been drawn to them a good deal in these pages. It won't do for Masons, by way of excuse, to state that they are a mere 'dead letter,' never enforced, &c. If that is so, why retain them any longer? Why continue imposing such absurd, barbarous obligations on their Members? Why not establish, like the Oddfellows, Independent Lodges, on a Reformed Basis, adopting such rules and ceremonies that they need not be ashamed of, and therefore need not fear the criticism of any body. My Brethren may depend upon it that it is useless for them to try to control the Press or prevent Free Speech in our times.

The murders committed by the Craft in the past have deterred men from exposing their absurdities effectually. But times have changed a good deal in half a century. My desire is to show my brethren the folly of attempting to retain those objectionable Old Relics of the past. My misguided brothers have tried to end my days, and are yet plotting my ruin. My only trust is in God for protection, as I am well aware that those whose sworn duty it is to protect me, are in league with my *secret enemies*. They can continue their slanderous abuse, and their plotting as long as they please. *I shall do what I think is right, whatever may be the consequences.* These remarks have no reference to the majority of the Order, who are too honorable to think for a

moment, of enforcing their diabolical penalties. It is only a *brutish minority* under the control of perjured Government Officials, that I have any fears of at all. Yes, perjured Government Officials! How can a *loyal Mason* take an oath to uphold the authority, and enforce the laws of his country, without committing perjury in either capacity? It is impossible. He must repudiate one or the other of his obligations.

Secret Societies, as a rule, are all humbugs. They are generally as pernicious in practice, as they are surely ridiculous in theory, as nothing useful should be kept from the public. Secret Orders have caused great trouble in the world. There is no excuse at all for their existence in our times. They are generally under the control of *cliques* who use them as '*silver sluices*' or like flocks of sheep to be shorn, &c. by the 'Knowing Ones.'

The following pages contain extracts from the three Degrees of Craft Masonry, giving the Signs, Grips, Pass-words, Illegal Oaths, and enough of the Ceremony to enable the reader to understand the Order pretty well, without being swindled out of Large Fees and disgusted with Barbarous Obligations in joining the Craft.

Editor's note: The description of the ceremonies has not been included here for reasons of space. Please consult the NLA digitised copy if interested. The pamphlet is listed in Ferguson's *Bibliography of Australia* [Volume VII (1851-1900 Q-Z)] as Item 15551.

THE EMPIRE SENTINEL'S HANDBOOK AND RITUAL



Lieutenant Colonel David Cossgrove (1852-1920)

“a senior group called the Empire Sentinels, which contained ideas taken from Freemasonry.”

FOREWORD.

Although it is recognised that the Boy Scout scheme of training is unrivalled as a scheme for training in manliness, chivalry and handiness, it is a fact that a large majority of the lads leave the Organisation - especially in Australia and New Zealand where compulsory military training is in force - before they have had time to thoroughly imbibe its high ideals. It is also a fact, that through lack of training, many Scoutmasters devote their time to training their boys in drill, Scouting and handicrafts which though excellent in themselves do not touch the chief aim of the movement, namely - definite training in honouring God as the Great Ruling Force in the Universe.

Loyalty to king and country, patriotism, self-sacrifice if necessary in service for others, National training, and to train a lad to realise that success in any walk of life depends entirely upon an honest determination to perform his work however humble it may be, not as a servitude that has to be performed, but with the feeling that he is doing it in the very best possible way and that no one can do it better.

At 15 or 16 years of age boys are sceptical of everything. They want to find out things for themselves. As their manhood develops they want to assert

their physical strength, their moral: courage and their disregard of all restraint or authority.

Though sceptical of everything, these lads are eager to know, and keen to put their knowledge into practice.

It is with the idea of providing the right kind of knowledge at this critical period of the young man's life that the scheme herein has been drafted. In addition to the mystic ceremony of initiation. which by the way, has a peculiar fascination for all young people, the high ideals of Sir Robert Baden Powell's scheme are presented. in such a way, that the most wayward of boys must feel impressed and encouraged to emulate in religion. patriotism and chivalry the knighthood of a past century.

In the scheme there are three degrees of efficiency each based on the Scout promise, and a certain proficiency in handicrafts, business, etc.

The first is based on religious duty, with proof of ability to work. The second on Patriotism and good citizenship, and better work. The third on self-sacrifice in service for others and ability to perform still better work. As a means of carrying out the idea it is suggested that lectures, debates, etc. should be given on suitable subjects, that competitions in hobbies and handicrafts be held, that quarterly or half yearly exhibitions of work be arranged to which friends be invited. Committees should be set up to draft programmes of work, select subjects for discussion, arrange for lectures or papers and for competitions. Entertainment, Refreshment and Financial Committees should also be set up to attend to these matters.

It is recommended that Scout Officers should assist in forming "Watch-Towers" in their districts and help the Sentinels with the conduct of their meetings and initiations until such time as they have mastered the Ritual and the ideals of the scheme.

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EMPIRE SENTINELS.

An organisation for the building up of character, for strengthening the bonds of Empire and for the inculcation of manly virtues.

The organisation shall be known as "Empire Sentinels" and the building in which the meetings are held shall be called "The Watch Tower."

OFFICERS.

The Officers shall consist of (1) A Chief Sentinel. (2) A Sentinel of the South. (3) A Sentinel of the East. (4) A Sentinel of the West. (5) An Inner Guard. (6) An Outer Guard. (7) A Senior Watchman. (8) A Junior Watchman. (9) A Scribe, and (10) A Padre.

AIMS.

'The aims of the Organisation shall be:-

(a) To encourage young men who have served a period in the Boy Scouts or some kindred organisation to carry into their lives the high ideals of the Scout Organisation, and to make the Scout Law the law of their lives.

(b) To band together the young men of the Empire in a non-military, non-political and non-sectarian organisation, in order to maintain the high traditions of our Nation, and by personal example and every other lawful and honourable means endeavour to make it so good, honourable and useful that no other will want to destroy it.

(c) To impress upon them the necessity of rendering "Service for Others" and to further fit them to deal with any emergency that may arise of whatever nature and under whatever circumstances.

OBJECTS.

(a) To improve the Character of the Nation.

(b) To strengthen the bonds of Empire.

(c) To promote brotherly love and self-sacrifice in "Service for Others."

THE WATCH TOWER.

There shall be three degrees of Efficiency as hereinafter described:-

1. Sentinels of the 1st Watch.
2. Sentinels of the 2nd Watch.
3. Sentinels of the 3rd Watch.

A Sentinel of the 1st Watch shall be a young man of not less than ____ years of age who has served not less than ____ year_ in a recognised troop of Boy Scouts or some kindred organisation; who produces -a satisfactory Clearance from that body, or a certificate of good character from some

person of repute and who presents himself for initiation as a Sentinel of the "Watch Tower."

A Sentinel of the 2nd Watch shall be a Sentinel who has been initiated into the mysteries and duties of the 1st Watch and has passed the "Watch Tower" tests in First Aid to the injured and in Life Saving, and who presents himself for initiation as a Sentinel of the "Second Watch."

A Sentinel of the 3rd Watch shall be a Sentinel who has served in the 2nd Watch for not less than "Three months" who can repeat the "Sentinel Law" verbatim, who has passed not fewer than three of the "Watch Tower" Proficiency tests, and who presents himself for initiation into the mysteries and duties of the "Third Watch."

N.B. - The Watch Tower Tests Pamphlet may be had on application to the Dominion Secretary of the Boy Scout Council. Price three pence.

POSITION OF OFFICERS.

The Chief Sentinel shall be seated in the North with the Padre on his right front and the Scribe on his left front.

The Sentinel of the South shall be seated in the South with the Senior Watchman on his right and the Junior Watchman on his left.

The Sentinels of the East and West shall be seated in the East and West respectively.

The Inner Guard shall be posted inside the door of the Watch Tower and the Outer Guard on the outside of the door.

SYMBOLS OF OFFICE.

The Chief Sentinel - A pole surmounted by an arrow head.

Sentinel of the South - A pole surmounted by a cross bearing 4 stars.

Sentinel of the East - A pole surmounted by the figure of a rising sun.

Sentinel of the West - A pole surmounted by the figure of a setting sun.

Inner Guard - A pike.

Outer Guard - A halberd.

Watchmen - Poles 7 feet long with 4 white ribbons tied 1 foot from the top.

Sentinels' poles to be stood upright at right side of their desks during the "Watch".

Guards' and Watchmen's to be carried on duty but stood at their right when not on duty.

REGALIA.

Regalia may be worn if desired, design and quality to be left to the choice of each "Watch Tower."

If no regalia, be worn each watch should be distinguished by its shoulder ribbons: blue for 1st Watch; red for 2nd and white for 3rd. Officers should wear white ribbons in all Watches.

RITUAL.

The following Ritual shall be used at the Posting and Relief of each "Watch."

POSTING (Opening).

The Officers and accredited Sentinels of the Third Watch having taken their posts the Chief Sentinel will say 'Are the walls of the Tower manned for the Third Watch, Sentinel of the South?'

Sentinel of the South. "Inner Guard, are the walls of the Tower manned for the Third Watch?"

The Inner Guard gives the 3rd Watch signal number of knocks on the door and on these being repeated by the Outer Guard he turns to the Sentinel of the South, gives the Scout Salute with his pike and says: "The walls are manned for the 3rd Watch, Sentinel of the South."

The Sentinel of the South then turns to the Chief Sentinel and giving the Secret Sign of the 3rd Watch says: "The walls are manned Chief Sentinel." Chief Sentinel. "What is your duty Sentinel of the East?"

Sentinel of the East. "As the Sun rises in the East to dispel the darkness so do I rise in the East to inquire whether any spies have entered the Tower during the night."

Chief Sentinel. "Direct that duty to be done."

Sentinel of the East: "Call the roll of the 3rd. Watch Brother Scribe."

The Scribe calls the Roll and reports "All's well, Sentinel of the East."

Sentinel of the East: "The Roll of the 3rd Watch has been called and no Spies are present, Chief Sentinel."

Chief Sentinel: "Alert then Sentinels of the 3rd Watch!"

All. Stand and place their right hands on their hearts with their fingers in the position of the Scout's salute.

Chief Sentinel, "Brother Sentinels. The- walls of the Tower are manned, no spies are present and Sentinels are posted in the North, South, East and West. Are you prepared to acknowledge the Great Sentinel of the Universe and to honour His Name?"

All: "We are prepared Chief Sentinel."

Chief Sentinel: "The Padre will now invoke His blessing on our work".

Padre: Oh! Thou Who art the Great Sentinel of the Universe, Who watchest over all men and dost guide their footsteps in the dark as well as in light, We beseech Thee to guide our minds in our deliberations, our tongues in

our discussions and our feet in the paths of honour, loyalty and brotherly love. Bless our efforts on behalf of true Religion, Empire and humanity and enable us as good Sentinels to watch over our hearts lest the enemy enter and cause us to forget our great obligation." "Amen." (or So mote it be).

Chief Sentinel: The blessing of the Great Sentinel having been invoked, let us joining our Opening Song."

All: Sing the Opening Ode.

OPENING ODE.

(Tune: *Adeste Fideles*)

O come all ye brethren
Gathered in the Tower
To watch over our Nation's destinies;
Each guard your post well,
Keep out all intruders;
For none can tell how soon we
May need to guard our Empire
From foreign foe and heathen rule.
Be Prepared.

Let us as good Comrades
Gird on all our Armour
And prove ourselves most worthy sentinels,
Honouring God and
Giving loyal Service
To King- and Empire, always
Deny self for others,
And doing all we can to help our brother man.
AMEN.

Chief Sentinel "Be seated brother Sentinels, the Tower is now defended and Sentinels are posted in the 3rd Watch.

All: Sit.

Chief Sentinel "The Scribe will now read the report of the posting of the third Watch."

Scribe reads minutes of last meeting.

Chief Sentinel "Brother Sentinels you have heard the report of the 3rd Watch, is the report correct?" (If it is correct the members will make the sign of the 3rd Watch. If not the member or members desiring a correction will stand and make the Scout sign. If more than one member is standing

the Chief Sentinel will name one to state his objection. When all are seated he will put the question again, and say "The report is correct."

When the Chief Sentinel says "The report is correct, the Senior Watchman will move up by the right to the Scribe, give the Scout Salute with his pole to the Chief Sentinel then take the report book from the Scribe and carry it to the Chief Sentinel who will sign it and hand it back to him to return to the Scribe. This done the Senior Watchman will give the salute to the Chief Sentinel and return to his post.

After all business of the evening has been attended to the Chief Sentinel will say "Has any brother anything to propose for the benefit of the Organisation or for the good of the Empire?"

An opportunity will now be given to members to reply.

If no brother has anything to bring forward the Chief Sentinel will say "The Sentinels are relieved from duty for a time and the Tower may be opened for inspection by visitors.

Visitors will then be admitted, and the prearranged programme carried out. When the closing hour arrives the Chief Sentinel will thank those who have assisted with the programme and the visitors for their attendance and say "As the hour of our relief is at hand, will all except brother Sentinels be good enough to retire?"

RELIEF OF THE THIRD WATCH (Closing Ceremony.)

Chief Sentinel: "The business of the 3rd watch being ended what is your duty Sentinel of the West?"

Sentinel of the West: "As the sun sets in the West and marks the close of the day so I mark the close of our deliberations in the 3rd Watch by laying aside my symbol of office and repeating our Watchword, All's Well."

All the Sentinels will stand, make the sign of the 3rd Watch and say: "All's well -- All's well -- All's well."

SECOND WATCH.

Should there be members of the Second Watch in attendance and it is desired to admit them the Watch Tower should be opened in the 2nd Watch and 2nd Watch Sentinels admitted.

The door being closed and Officers posted as in the third Watch. the Chief Sentinel will say "Man the walls for the 2nd Watch, Sentinel of the South. Sentinel of the South. "Man the walls for the 2nd Watch brother, Inner Guard."

Inner Guard gives the knocks of the 2nd Watch.

Outer Guard replies.

Inner Guard: "The walls are manned Sentinel of the South."

Sentinel of the South: "The walls are manned Chief Sentinel."

Chief Sentinel: "The walls being manned what is your duty Sentinel of the South?"

Sentinel of the South: "As the Southern Cross marks the Celestial South so I mark that post in the Tower to see that no Spies are present."

Chief Sentinel: "Direct that duty to be done."

Sentinel of the South: "Brother Scribe call the roll of the 2nd Watch and see that no Spies are present." Scribe calls the roll.

Scribe: "The roll of the 2nd Watch has been called and no Spies are present."

Sentinel of the South: "The roll is called Chief Sentinel and no Spies are present."

Chief Sentinel: "Alert then brothers as Sentinels of the 2nd. Watch."

All: Stand as in the 3rd Watch but place only two fingers on the heart.

Chief Sentinel: "Brother Sentinels the walls of the Tower are manned for the 2nd. Watch, no Spies are present and Sentinels are placed in the North, South, East and West. Are you prepared etc., etc. as in 3rd Watch.

All: "We are prepared Chief Sentinel"

Chief Sentinel: "The Padre will now invoke His blessing".

Padre: "O Thou who watchest over all men and. directest their footsteps in honour, loyalty and love, we beseech Thee to protect us in our 2nd "Watch and make our deliberations profitable to ourselves, beneficial to Empire and pleasing to Thee. Amen."

Chief Sentinel: "The Padre having invoked the blessing of God upon our deliberations the Tower is now open, Be seated brother Sentinels of the 2nd Watch."

The same procedure is followed as in the 3rd Watch except that the sign of the 2nd Watch is used.

RELIEF OF THE SECOND WATCH (Closing Ceremony)

The ceremony for the closing of the 2nd Watch is the same as that for the 3rd. except that 2nd Watch is substituted for 3rd Watch and the words "All's Well" are repeated twice only by the members.

FIRST WATCH.

Should there be members of the 1st Watch present and it is desired to admit them the Tower should be opened in the 1st Watch and first Watch Sentinels admitted.

The door being closed the ceremony of posting is the same as in the 2nd Watch except that only one finger is placed on the heart and the Guards give the knocks of the 1st Watch.

When the walls have been manned for the 1st Watch the Sentinel of the South will say "The 'Walls are manned for the 1st Watch Chief Sentinel What then is your duty?"

Chief Sentinel: "As the arrow head of the Compass shows the North and points out the way to the Scout so am I placed in the North to point out your duties as Sentinels of the 1st Watch, to guide you in your deliberations and to warn you that there may be Spies in the Tower who may betray you to the enemy. Brother Sentinel of the South will you vouch for all the Sentinels of the 1st Watch who are present?"

Sentinel of the South: "I vouch for them all Chief Sentinel".

Chief Sentinel: "Alert then as Sentinels of the 1st Watch."

Chief Sentinel: Brother Sentinels the walls of the Tower are manned for the 1st Watch, no spies are present and Sentinels are potted in the North, South, East and West. Are you prepared to acknowledge the Great Sentinel of the Universe as your Guide and Mentor and to do honour to His Name?"

All: "We are prepared Chief Sentinel."

Chief Sentinel: "The Padre will now invoke His blessing."

Padre: "Oh Thou Whom we acknowledge to be our Guide and Mentor, we humbly beseech Thee to watch over our proceedings in this Watch Tower. Bless our efforts to raise the moral, mental and physical standard of our Nation and help us to keep our Promise of honour to Thee, loyalty to King and Empire and Service for Others." Amen.

Chief Sentinel: "The blessing of the Great Sentinel of the Universe having been invoked on our behalf I now declare this Watch Tower open for the transaction of business and ask your brotherly assistance towards making our Watch a pleasant and profitable one."

The remainder of the Ceremony is the same as that for the 2nd Watch and the Sentinels are relieved.

INITIATION CEREMONY. FIRST WATCH.

The Candidate will be prepared in the Anteroom by having his legs bared to the knees and his right arm to the elbow.

When the Candidate is ready the Outer Guard will give one loud knock followed by one low knock upon the door. The Inner Guard will say "There is an alarm at the gate Sentinel of the South."

Sentinel of the South. "There is an alarm at the gate Chief Sentinel."

Chief Sentinel. "Attend to it Sentinel of the South."

Sentinel of the South. "Open the gate Inner Guard."

The Inner Guard opens the gate and standing with his pike at the ready calls out in a loud voice "who comes there?"

Outer Guard. "A Friend from without who desires to be promoted to the rank of a Sentinel of the 1st Watch.

Inner Guard. "Advance Friend and give the sign."

Candidate takes one pace forward and with right hand gives Scout secret sign.

Inner Guard. "Pass friend, All's well."

The Candidate will then be led by the Watch men - Senior Watchman in front and Junior in rear - before the Sentinel of the South. The Senior Watchman will say "Sentinel of the South we present to you this friend from without who desires to be promoted to the rank of Sentinel of the 1st Watch and request that you will test him. in accordance with the usages of the Watch Tower."

Sentinel of the South. "Have you any credentials to present?"

Candidate. "I have." (hands them to Junior Watchman who lays them on desk before the Sentinel of the South.

Sentinel of the South. "I observe that you are a worthy friend tried and true. Are you prepared to undergo the Watch Tower tests to prove you worthy of the promotion you desire?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Sentinel of the South. "Prepare the Candidate for admission at the Eastern Gate."

The Watchmen will blindfold the Candidate and with much noise, rattle chains, Sentinels shuffle feet and make a commotion but without speaking.

Watchmen fasten chains round feet of Candidate. (If there are a number being initiated fasten all together with a long rope tied loosely round each neck, Senior Watchman holding one end of rope, Junior Watchman the other), and lead him by a rope round the Watch Tower, moving by the West and North to the Sentinel of the East.

Senior Watchman. "Sentinel of the East we present to you this Candidate for admission to the rank of Sentinel of the 1st Watch. He is bound, shackled and blindfolded; his knees and arm are bared, and he is ready to prove himself worthy to enter the Eastern gate.

Sentinel of the East. "Candidate for the rank of Sentinel of the 1st Watch, are you prepared to undergo the test of the Watch Tower to prove you worthy of promotion?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Sentinel of the East. "Down then upon your knees, place your right hand upon your heart and say after me:

On my honour I promise to do my best to honour God and to be loyal to my king and country. I acknowledge God to be the great ruling and guiding force in the Universe, and I believe that the Flag of my Country stands for freedom, faith and honour, and I shall do my best to keep it flying high.

Sentinel of the East. "Rise my brother, you have passed the test of the Eastern Gate and proved yourself worthy to advance to the Western Gate, but before doing so, I shall ask the Watchmen to remove your fetters. Let me also remind you of your promise. In order to be a good Citizen you must honour your God, you must be tolerant of the religious opinions of others, and in the Watch Tower you must never introduce a religious subject for discussion. These are matters that should be settled in the seclusion of your own chamber. You must be loyal to the king and country and do all you can to uphold the honour and glory of the British Empire – an Empire on which the sun never sets, you can do this best by living a good honourable and upright life, by obeying cheerfully the laws of the country in which you live, by qualifying yourself for the duties of citizenship and by discountenancing everything that is low, mean and vulgar. In conclusion I charge you to be dutiful to your parents, affectionate to your brothers and sisters, and as a friend to be true. I charge you to bear yourself in modesty and in moderation, extend your benevolences to all, pursue learning, cultivate arts and thereby develop intellectual faculties, and perfect moral powers, and lastly I charge you to seek the public good, and promote common interests. Should an emergency arise offer yourself courageously to the State, and thus guard and maintain, as did the knights of old, the prosperity of the British Empire, and be not only a faithful subject of the King but render illustrious the best traditions of your forefathers. I now commend you to the Sentinel at the Western Gate for a further test."

The Senior Watchman will lead the Candidate very slowly across the Tower to the Sentinel of the West. The Sentinels should put on their blue cloth masks and the lights should be turned down.

On the tables or desks of the North, South, East and West Sentinels should be upraised the following transparencies:-

1. A large Star above an Arrow head for the Sentinel of the North.
2. The four stars of the Southern Cross for the Sentinel of the South.
3. The rising sun for the Sentinel of the East.
4. The setting sun for the Sentinel of the West.
5. A skull and cross bones resting on a coffin for the Padre.
6. An open volume for the Scribe.

(N.B.- The transparencies may be made by the numbers thus. Draw the designs on Cartridge paper, darken all the paper around the designs, then oil the designs carefully. Tack the prepared paper on a frame about 18 x 10 inches with sides and ends about 8 inches deep, or on boxes of that size with tops and bottoms removed. A small lamp or candle placed inside each, shows up the designs and enables the Officers to read).

The Candidate having been placed before the Sentinel of the West the Senior Watchman says, "Sentinel of the West by direction of the Sentinel of the East we present to you this Candidate for promotion to the rank of a Sentinel of the 1st Watch."

Sentinel of the West. "Worthy Candidate from the East, you have passed successfully the first test. Are you prepared to undergo the test of the Western Gate?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Sentinel of the West. "Then place your hand on your heart and repeat after me."

"I promise on my honour to do my best to help others at all times and to do at least one good turn to someone every day."

Sentinel of the West. "You have passed the test at the Western Gate and may now be released from the cord that binds you."

(Watchman. removes the rope from the Candidate's neck).

Sentinel of the West. "Before you proceed to the Northern Gate for the 3rd and last test, let me remind you of your promise of service for others. No trait in the character of men is more noble, nay more divine than cheerful and willing service for others. As a worthy Sentinel of the Watch Tower you must be prepared to save life even at the risk of your own, to help injured persons, to share home duties, to make yourself useful to old people, to the weak and helpless and specially to women and children. You must regard the doing of these things as a privilege and not as an unpleasant duty, and before you retire to rest each night you should recall the events of the day

to satisfy yourself that you have kept your solemn obligation. I now commend you to the Sentinel of the North for your final test at the Northern Gate.”

Senior Watchman takes the Candidate by the hand and leads him in front of the Chief Sentinel.

Senior Watchman. “Chief Sentinel, by direction of the Sentinel of the West I present to you this Candidate from the Sentinels of the East and West who has passed the Watch Tower tests at the Eastern and Western Gates and has proved himself worthy to be posted as a Sentinel of the 1st Watch.”

Chief Sentinel. “Worthy Candidate from the South, East and West, you are presented by the Senior Watchman who reports that you have passed the Watch Tower test, at the Eastern and Western Gates and that you have proved yourself worthy to be posted as a Sentinel of the 1st Watch. Are you prepared to undergo the final test to prove you worthy of that honour?”

Candidate. “I am prepared.”

Chief Sentinel. “Do you know the Empire Sentinel Law?”

Candidate. “I do”

Chief Sentinel. “Then place your hand on your heart and repeat after me “On my honour I promise to do the best that I can to obey the Sentinel Law and to make it the Law of my Life.”

Chief Sentinel. “You have passed the third and last test successfully and proved yourself worthy to be proclaimed a Sentinel of the 1st Watch.”

“I shall now ask your brother Sentinels to mark their appreciation of your success by firing seven volleys taking the time from me.”

All. Strike palms together seven times in unison.

Chief Sentinel. “Watchman remove the bandage from the Candidate’s eyes.”
(He removes it)

All. Remain very still.

Chief Sentinel. “Brother Sentinel I welcome you to the Watch Tower and ask you to look around upon your brethren. You will observe that they are disguised, for like good Sentinels, they see without being seen. See the lamps at the gates which you passed and mark what each represents. The pole Star like the Arrow head of the Mariner’s Compass shows the North to guide the wayfarer on his path, so I am posted here to point out your duty as a Sentinel of the Watch Tower and guide you in the way you should go. Turn about and observe the Southern Cross. It marks a point in the heavens which is opposite to the North and is the guiding Constellation in the South, so the Sentinel of the South is posted there to mark that point in the Watch

Tower through which you entered from the Outer world as a Candidate for promotion to the rank of Sentinel of the Watch Tower and to point the way in your journey to the Northern Gate. Behold the rising sun; it marks the Eastern Gate to which you were led, bound, blind and in fetters. It marks the East from which the Wise Men came in search of the "Light of the World." Hither you were led in search of light upon our Organisation, there you found it and your feet were unfettered so that henceforth you might walk with freedom and circumspection as a good Sentinel of the "Watch Tower."

"Turn to the West and note the Setting Sun. It marks the closing day, and the Western Gate. Hither you were led at the close of your journey to receive further instruction in good citizenship and service for others, and to have the cords that bound you to your fellows removed, so that you might realise your individual responsibility as a citizen of the greatest Empire the World has ever seen. (Candidate turns to North). On passing the final test at the Northern Gate your eyes were unbound, signifying the fact that you now see clearly the value of religion, patriotism, chivalry and purity of life in maintaining the integrity of our Empire. I now commend you to the Padre for his Counsel and Blessing."

Padre. "Brother Sentinel look upon these emblems of death and ponder well the words of wisdom you have heard in your progress through the Tower. As all men must die and their bodies become as the emblems before you, it behoves you as a good Sentinel of the Empire to so order your life, that you may leave behind you a name for honour, patriotism, chivalry, and manly virtue, that will entitle it to be engraved upon the Empire's Roll of Honour and serve as an example for all men to follow. In conclusion I charge you to commit to memory the ten precepts of the Sentinel Law. Observe them well and you will become a worthy Sentinel who from your 'Coign of Vantage' in the Watch Tower will be able to promote peace and happiness in the Empire, and thus assist in directing the destinies of Nations. May the God whom you profess watch over and protect you as a Sentinel of the Watch Tower and enable you to keep your solemn promises. Amen."

"Pass on brother Sentinel, 'All's Well'"

Watchman. "Worthy Scribe I present to you brother· ___ who has just been promoted to the rank of a Sentinel of the 1st Watch, and who desires to enter his name upon the Roll."

Scribe. "I welcome you brother Sentinel of the 1st Watch and ask you to enter your name on the Roll of the Watch Tower of the Empire Sentinels."

(When the Candidate has signed his name he steps back into his position in front of the Chief Sentinel. The Senior Watchman hands the- Junior Watchman a blue shoulder knot which he fastens on the Candidate's left shoulder. The Sentinels remove their masks while the Inner Guard removes the symbols of Office and turns up the lights).

Chief Sentinel "I shall now give you the secret sign, grip and countersign of the 1st Watch." (The Chief Sentinel comes down from his desk and gives the sign, grip and countersign. When this has been done he will say: "You are now equipped for duty and will take your post in the Watch Tower. 'All's Well.'")

All: Repeat "All's Well"

The Watchmen will lead the Candidate to his seat.

Chief Sentinel. "Sentinels are relieved from duty for a time to welcome their new brother." Members will now go to the new brother, shake hands as Sentinels of the 1st Watch, and welcome him to the Watch Tower.

Refreshments may be served if desired, and if no further business is to be done the Watch Tower may be relieved as laid down in the Ritual.

INITIATION CEREMONY.

SECOND WATCH.

The Candidate will be prepared in the Anteroom by having his coat removed, his sleeves rolled up, a workman's apron put on, and have a white calico cap on his head. He will have in his hand a "Good Turn" Card containing a list of services rendered to others since his admission to the rank of a "Sentinel of the 1st Watch." also a recognised Certificate of proficiency in some handicraft or profession.

When the Candidate is ready, the Outer Guard will give the 2nd Watch Tower signal, i.e., two loud and two soft knocks.

Inner Guard. "Sentinel of the South there is an alarm at the gate."

Sentinel of the South. "There is an alarm at the gate Chief Sentinel"

Chief Sentinel. "Attend to it Sentinel of the South."

Sentinel of the South. "Open the Gate Inner Guard."

Inner Guard opens the gate and coming to the ready position with his pike, calls out in a loud voice "who comes there?"

Outer Guard. "A worthy Sentinel of the 1st Watch who desires promotion to the 2nd Watch."

Inner Guard. "Advance Sentinel and give the sign, i.e., Secret Sign of 1st Watch.

Candidate takes one pace forward and gives the sign.

Inner Guard. "Pass brother Sentinel, All's Well."

The Watchmen now take him in front of the Sentinel of the South and the Senior says "Sentinel of the South we present to you this worthy Sentinel of the 1st Watch who desires promotion to the rank of Sentinel of the 2nd Watch."

Sentinel of the South, "Worthy Sentinel. have you any credentials to prove you worthy of' this promotion?"

Candidate. "I have Sentinel of the South."

The Junior Watchman collects them and lays them on the desk before the Sentinel of the South.

Sentinel of the South. Brother Sentinel I perceive that your record is good. Are you prepared to undergo the tests to prove you worthy to be promoted to the 2nd Watch?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Sentinel of the South. "Watchmen prepare the Candidate for the tests."

(Watchmen blindfold Candidate, tie his hands behind his back and lead him to the Sentinel of the East, by the West and North, leading him by a rope round his neck. If there are more than one Candidate the rope may tied at each neck. The Senior Watchman leading and the Junior following).

Senior Watchman. "Sentinel of the East we present to you this Sentinel of the 1st Watch, bound, blindfolded and led by a rope round his neck to undergo the test of the Eastern Gate."

Sentinel of the East. "Brother Sentinel are you prepared to undergo that test?"

Candidate. "I am, Sentinel of the East."

Sentinel of the East. "Repeat then to me the ten sections of the Sentinel Law." (The Candidate should be word perfect in these before entering the Tower). Candidate repeats them.

Sentinel of the East. "I congratulate you brother Sentinel upon having passed the test successfully. Watchmen release the Candidate's hands as a sign that he has passed the test at the Eastern Gate." Watchmen release them.

Sentinel of the East. "I now commend you to the Sentinel of the West for a further test. Watchmen, lead the Candidate to the Western Gate." (While this is being done the Inner Guard and Officers will prepare the Tower as in the 1st Watch and members will put on their red masks).

Senior Watchman. "Sentinel of the West we present to you this Sentinel from the South and East for a further test to prove him worthy of promotion to the rank of a Sentinel of the 2nd Watch."

Sentinel of the West. "Brother Sentinel I perceive by your unbound hands that you have passed the 1st Test successfully. Are you prepared to undergo the 2nd test?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Sentinel of the West. "On what do you lay claim to promotion?"

Candidate. "On my service for others and my proficiency certificates."

Sentinel of the West. "Well answered brother Sentinel, you have passed the second test and as a proof of your success your halter will be removed."

(Watchmen removes halter). "I commend you to the Chief Sentinel for your final test and instruction. Watchmen lead our brother to the Northern Gate."

Senior Watchman. "Chief Sentinel we present to you our brother Sentinel who has passed the tests at the Eastern and Western Gates and who desires the final test to prove him worthy of promotion to the rank of a Sentinel of the 2nd Watch."

Chief Sentinel. "Brother Sentinel I perceive from your condition that you have passed the tests of the South, East and Western Gates. Are you prepared to undergo the final test?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Chief Sentinel "Have you kept your promise?"

Candidate. "Try me and prove me."

Chief Sentinel. "State what you believe to be your most useful act of service for others during the past month." (Candidate states it.)

Chief Sentinel "I congratulate you my brother. In doing this you have conquered self and illustrated the truth of our motto 'Vincit qui se Vincit'." (He conquers who conquers himself)

Chief Sentinel. "What is the sign of the 1st Watch?" (Candidate gives it.)

Chief Sentinel. "What is the grip?" (Candidate gives it).

Chief Sentinel. "What is the countersign?" (Candidate gives it).

Chief Sentinel "What are the objects of our brotherhood?"

To improve the character of our Nation.

To strengthen the bonds of Empire.

To promote brotherly love and self sacrifice in service for others.

Chief Sentinel "Well answered my brother, you have proven yourself worthy of promotion to the rank of the 2nd Watch and to see your brothers on duty. Watchmen remove the bandage from our brother's eyes."

All. Keep very still.

Chief Sentinel. "Brother Sentinels, I introduce to you our brother who has passed all the tests of a Sentinel of the 2nd Watch. Before he receives his

final instructions I ask you to welcome him with a salute of fourteen guns taking the time from me.”

All. Clap hands fourteen times in unison.

Chief Sentinel. “My brother you have been welcomed by your brothers of the 2nd Watch. Let me now impress upon you the importance of the step you have taken and remind you of what you are expected to do:

FIRST. You are expected to report yourself here for duty as often as possible.

SECOND. You are expected to carry out your promise as faithfully as circumstances permit.

THIRD. You are to live a good clean life and to hold the honour of your neighbour’s wife and daughter as a sacred thing.

FOURTH. You are to assist in promoting the public good whenever possible, and you are never to turn a deaf ear to the cry of the weak or helpless.

I now commend you to the Padre for his advice and blessing.”

Padre “Brother Sentinel I have watched your progress Northward with great interest. I have noted your earnestness and the readiness with which you proved your fitness for promotion to the 2nd Watch. You have taken a very important step upwards towards manliness and nobility of character and I would impress upon you the great necessity for watchfulness in regard to your own conduct outside of the Watch Tower. Precept is good but example is better, therefore endeavour always so to act that you will be proof to every attack upon your manhood and thus become a pillar of strength to your weaker brother and a brick in the wall that surrounds your Empire.

May the Great Sentinel of the Universe enable you to do this and especially to help you to resist the practice of that secret sin which is undermining the health, strength and manhood of our Nation and make you a man of wisdom and virtue whom all will delight to honour. Amen.”

Chief Sentinel. Brother ____ you may now remove your working dress as your work for the day is done.” (Candidate removes his cap and apron.)

“You will now enter your name on the Roll of the Second Watch, after which I shall give you the sign, grip, and countersign, and the Watchmen will present you with the colours of the 2nd Watch.”

(When the Candidate signs his name on the Roll he will step back to his former place. The Chief Sentinel will give him the sign, grip and countersign, and the Watchman will remove the colours of the 1st Watch and replace them with the red ribbons. The Members at the same time

remove their masks. The Inner Guard turns up the lights and the symbols of office are removed).

Chief Sentinel. "My brother I now proclaim you a Sentinel of the Second Watch properly equipped for duty. All's Well, All's Well."

All. Repeat "All's Well, All's Well" and the Watchmen lead the Candidate to his seat).

Chief Sentinel. "Sentinels are relieved from duty for a time to welcome their new brother."

(Members will now go to the new brother, shake hands as Sentinels of the 2nd Watch and welcome him to the Watch Tower). Refreshments may be handed round if desired and if no further business is to be done the Watch Tower may be relieved as laid down in the Ritual.

INITIATION CEREMONY.

THIRD-WATCH.

The Candidate will be prepared in the ante room having his coat removed, a small apron tied around his waist, a towel thrown over his shoulder and have, in his left hand, a salver bearing his Credentials.

The Watch Tower will be prepared by having the lights turned down, the Symbols of office lit up. (These should be transparencies made as instructed in the First Watch, or small linen flags tacked on frames will do.)

The Sentinel of the South's symbol is the Flag of St. George. Sentinel of the East's the flag of St. Andrew. The Sentinel of the West's the flag of St. Patrick and the Chief Sentinel's the Union Jack.

All the assembled members will put on their white masks and the desks of the Sentinels of the South, East, West and the North should be draped with their respective flags.

When all are ready, the Outer Guard will give the alarm of the third watch, i.e., three loud and three low knocks.

Inner Guard. "There is an alarm at the gate Sentinel of the South."

Sentinel of the South. "There is an alarm at the gate Chief Sentinel."

Chief Sentinel. "Attend to it."

Sentinel of the South. "Open the gate Inner Guard."

Inner Guard opens the gate and coming to the ready with his pike calls out in a loud voice "Who comes there?"

Outer Guard. "A worthy Sentinel of the Second Watch who desires to be promoted to the rank of a Sentinel of the Third Watch."

Inner Guard. "Advance worthy Sentinel and give the sign."

Candidate advances one pace, and. gives the sign of the Second Watch.

Inner Guard. "Pass brother, all's well. (He will then be taken by the Watchmen and led in front of the Sentinel of the South).

Senior Watchman. "Sentinel of the South. I present to you this worthy Sentinel of the Second Watch who desires promotion to the rank of a Sentinel of the Third Watch."

Sentinel of the South. "My brother are you prepared to undergo the tests to prove you worthy of promotion to the rank of Sentinel of the Third Watch?"

Candidate. "I am prepared."

Sentinel of the South. "Upon what do you rely for admission to that test?"

Candidate. "Upon my daily Good Turns, my readiness to serve others, and upon my proficiency in _____ (Here name the hobby or handicraft certificates, or Employers' testimonials presented).

Senior Watchman takes the salver from the Candidate and lays it on the desk before the Sentinel of the South.

Sentinel of the South (examining the credentials). "Brother Sentinel of the Second Watch, I perceive that you have done well, and are worthy to undergo the test of St. George -- the patron Saint of England.

Place your right hand on your heart and raise your left hand as high as your head, forefinger pointing upward remaining fingers and thumb closed, and repeat after me.

"On my honour I shall do my best to lead a clean life.

I shall never refuse to help the weak or the oppressed, and I shall endeavour to emulate St. George of England by preparing myself for every emergency that may arise."

Sentinel of the East. "My brother I congratulate you upon having successfully passed the test at St. George's gate and you may proceed to St. Andrew's, but before doing so, let me charge you to ponder over your promise. Let your character be as unsullied as the "field" of the flag you see before you, and may you remember that the red cross is a mark of a merciful mission, and that all who claim its protection shall be shielded from harm.

You may now proceed to St. Andrew's gate. (Senior Watchman leads him to Sentinel of the East).

Senior Watchman. Sentinel of the East I present to you this worthy brother who desires promotion to the Third Watch and who has passed the test at St. George's gate."

Sentinel of the East. "My brother I congratulate you upon your success. Are you ready to undergo the test of St. Andrew?"

Candidate. "Ready, aye, Ready."

Sentinel of the East. "Place your hand upon your heart, and hold your left as high as your head, first two fingers pointing upward, remainder closed, and repeat after me. On my honour I promise to do my best to cultivate a true public spirit, believing that God will by some means or other make opportunities for me to exercise it, and help me to do good without expectation of reward and be 'Ready, aye, Ready' at the call of duty."

Sentinel of the East. "My brother you have passed the test at St. Andrew's gate and have proved yourself worthy to proceed to St. Patrick's. Before doing so however let me charge you to ponder well over your promise of service for the public good. Let it be your ambition to carry out your duty however humble it may be to the best of your ability, not because you will profit thereby, but because you want to feel that no one has ever performed that particular work so well, and that you are doing it partly for your Country and your Empire. Pass on my brother and be 'Ready, aye, Ready'" (The Watchmen lead the Candidate to the Sentinel of the West).

Senior Watchman.

"Sentinel of the West, I present to you this worthy brother who desires promotion to the Third Watch and who has passed successfully the tests at St. George and St. Andrew's gates."

Sentinel of the West. "My brother I also congratulate you upon your success and compliment you upon your perseverance in proceeding this far. Are you 'for Faith and Fatherland,' willing to undergo the test of St. Patrick?"

Candidate. "I am, For the Shield of God Shelters Me."

Sentinel of the West. "Then place your right hand upon your heart and raise your left as high as your head, first three fingers pointing upward, thumb on nail of little finger and repeat after me. On my honour I promise to do my best to do nothing to hurt or offend anyone else. At whatever I am working to try and win honour and a name for honesty. Never to break a promise. To die poor rather than live shamefully. To perform humble offices with cheerfulness and grace, and to do good unto others."

Sentinel of the West. "I congratulate you my brother upon having passed so successfully the test at St. Patrick's gate and as your tour of duty is over for the night I ask you to lay aside your working dress and enjoy the reward of your labours. Watchmen prepare your brother for presentation to the Chief Sentinel. (Watchmen remove Candidate's towel and apron. Junior Watchman lays them across his arm while the Senior Watchman brings the Candidate's coat). This done he says to the Sentinel of the West "Our brother is ready for presentation, Sentinel of the West."

Sentinel of the West. "I now commend you to the Chief Sentinel for instruction in the duties of a Sentinel of the Third Watch. Pass on my brother; All's well." (Senior Watchman leads Candidate to Chief Sentinel and Junior Watchman retires with Candidate's working dress).

Senior Watchman. "Chief Sentinel, by direction of the Sentinel of the West I present to you our brother who has passed the tests of a Sentinel of the Third Watch and who now seeks final instructions and advice from you."

Chief Sentinel. "I welcome you my brother to the Northern gate, and commend your zeal and industry to the notice of your brethren who have watched your progress through the Tower. You have passed the tests at the gates of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick, and in passing them you observed the White Flag with the Red Cross of St. George. The Blue Flag with the White Cross of St. Andrew, and the White Flag with the Red Cross of St. Patrick. These three flags are united to make one flag as you see here. This flag is called the Union Jack; it represents the Union of England, Scotland and Ireland into one Kingdom which we are proud to call the "Motherland." But it does more than that, it represents the union of the Motherland with all oversea Dominions, and it means a closer comradeship with our brothers both here and at Home."

"For tis thy flag and my flag, the best of flags on earth,
Oh cherish it my brother for 'tis yours by right of birth;
Your fathers fought, your fathers died to rear it to the sky,
And we like them should never yield, but keep it flying high,
Tis thy flag and my flag, across the ocean wild
Our kinsman look upon it, with a thrill of love and pride:
It speaks to them in distant lands wherever they may roam,
Of freedom, faith and honour bright of Country, King and Home."

This flag should be an inspiration to you. When you see it waving, let it inspire you with noble resolves, and should you be tempted to do something low, mean or cowardly, think of it, and say to yourself "I cannot do it." We are citizens of the Greatest Empire that the World has ever seen. If we are to keep our leading position among the Nations of the World we must stand shoulder to shoulder as Britons and not be divided by differences in opinion on religion, politics or any other question. For united we stand, but divided we fall."

As a fully equipped Sentinel of the Third Watch, you must remember the promises you have made and the instruction you have received, and in carrying them out in your daily life you will become a good man, a good

citizen and a good patriot. I now commend you to the Padre for advice and blessing.

Padre. "My brother let me add a few words to those of the Chief Sentinel. You have now completed your tour of the Watch Tower. Your progress from gate to gate should remind you of your journey through life. You entered ignorant, but with an unbiased mind. Step by step you gathered information and your mind was stored With useful knowledge, You were warned of the pitfalls on the way, but avoided them and reached the goal of your ambitions. Let it be your desire to become a good citizen, avoid the pitfalls of immorality, selfishness and dishonesty, and play the man. Whatever your work let it be a passion not a servitude to be got over. Regard it as a patriotic work, and your fellow men will give you your reward of praise and sympathy as you deserve it. Do you understand all this?"

Candidate. "I do."

Padre. "Then may the Great Sentinel of the Universe give you the strength to withstand the temptations that beset young men and enable you to pass successfully all tests in your upward journey through life. Amen."

Chief Sentinel. "Brother Sentinels I now introduce to you brother ____, who has passed all the tests for a Sentinel of the Third Watch. Before he signs his name in the Roll I ask you to salute him with 21 guns, taking the time from me. (Clap hands 21 times). After the Candidate has signed his name the Watchmen will remove his red ribbons and put on the white. The Chief Sentinel will give him the grip, sign and countersign of the Third Watch and then say 'You are now a Sentinel of the Third Watch fully equipped: for duty. All's Well, All's Well, All's Well'"

All. Repeat All's Well three times, placing the right hand on the heart each time. The Watchman will lead the Candidate to his seat.

Chief Sentinel. "The Sentinels are relieved from duty to welcome their new brother."

STANDING ORDERS.

1. When Sentinels are being posted in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Watch, and a brother Sentinel of that Watch desires to be admitted before the posting is completed the outer guard will give the correct alarm.

Immediately before the singing of the Opening Ode, or the reading of the Report, the Inner Guard, giving the salute, will say "There is an alarm at the gate, Sentinel of the South!"

Sentinel of the South. "There is an alarm at the gate Chief Sentinel"

Chief Sentinel. "Attend to it Sentinel of the South."

Sentinel of the South. "Open the gate Inner Guard."

The Inner Guard opens the gate and coming to the ready position with his pike calls out "Who comes there?"

Outer Guard. "Brother ____ of the ____ Watch."

Inner Guard. "Pass brother ____ of the ____ Watch., All's Well."

The brother will then move in front of the Sentinel of the South and facing the Chief Sentinel will give the Salute for that Watch and then take his seat. The posting will then be continued.

2. Should a brother wish to retire before a posting or an initiation is completed, he will rise, give the sign of the Watch and say "May I retire, Chief Sentinel?"

Chief Sentinel. "You may my brother."

He will then move to the Inner Guard, give him in a whisper the countersign and withdraw.

3. When the Chief Sentinel of another Watch Tower pays an official visit, he will be admitted immediately after the Officers and Sentinels have taken their posts.

He will be met at the gate by the Watchmen after the Inner Guard's challenge and the announcement of his name and rank by the Outer Guard, and escorted in front of the Sentinel of the South where he will give the Chief the correct sign. The Watchmen will then form an arch over his head with their poles and escort him up the centre of the Tower to the Chief Sentinel, who will come down and welcome him with the sign and grip, and lead him to a seat on his right.

4. Every Officer and Sentinel when addressing the Chief will give as a salute the correct Secret Sign of the Watch, and the Inner Guard will salute the Sentinel of the South in the same manner.

5. Election of Officers will be held annually.

6. The immediate past Chief Sentinel will sit at the right hand of the Chief Sentinel to assist him when necessary.

7. In the absence of an Officer his post will be filled from among the members by direction of the Chief Sentinel.

SENTINEL LAW.

1. A Sentinel's word of Honour is trusted.
2. A Sentinel fears God and honours the King.
3. A Sentinel is useful and helps others.

4. A Sentinel is a friend to all and a brother to every other Sentinel.
5. A Sentinel is courteous.
6. A Sentinel is a friend to animals.
7. A Sentinel obeys orders.
8. A Sentinel smiles and looks pleasant.
9. A Sentinel is thrifty.
10. A Sentinel is clean in thought, word and deed.

CONFIDENTIAL
SIGNS, GRIPS AND COUNTERSIGNS

FIRST WATCH

Chief Sentinel. "I shall now give you the sign, grip and countersign of the 1st Watch, and charge you to regard them as strictly confidential and not be divulged to any unauthorised person upon any pretence whatever.

The sign is made by placing the right hand on your heart thus, forefinger extended, remaining fingers closed.

The grip is given with the left hand, thus, grasp the Comrade's forefinger with yours, press the third joint of that finger with your thumb and cover the grip with your right hand (gives the grip).

The countersign is always given thus "Give me the sign of the 1st Watch (candidate gives it).

Give me the grip (candidate gives it) and while the hands are held and the grip covered by the candidate's right hand the Chief Sentinel says "Now take one pace forward with your left foot." When this is done the Chief Sentinel will place his left foot inside that of the candidate's and reaching forward place his right arm around the candidate's back and whispers into his left ear the countersign "Fear God."

The same method is employed in giving the signs, grips and countersigns of the 2nd and 3rd Watches.