

SEMPER PARATUS LODGE No. 3015

CEREMONY FOR THE ADMISSION OF A JOINING MEMBER

The prospective Joining Member remains outside of the Lodge whilst the Lodge is opened and the ballot conducted.

The Lodge is opened in the First Degree. Having checked with the Secretary that everything is in order to proceed, the WM asks Senior and Junior Deacons to conduct the ballot. The ballot is then taken and the proposal having proved favourable, the W.M. directs the I.G. to inform the Tyler accordingly, The Tyler gives a report in the First Degree.

I.G. - (advances on to edge of S.P. and gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree)

Bro.J.W., there is a report. (I.G. holds Sn.)

J.W. - (rises and gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree, but no knocks) W.M., there is a report.

W.M. - Bro. J.W., enquire who wants admission. (J.W. cuts Sn and sits)

J. W. - Bro. I.G., see who seeks admission. (I.G. cuts Sn.)

I.G. - Whom have you there?

Tyler. - Bro..... (Joining Members full name), who has been duly elected a member of the Lodge seeks admission.

I.G. - Wait while I report to the W.M. (I.G. locks the door, advances on to the edge of S.P. and gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree). W.M., Bro..... (J.M.s full name), who has been duly elected a member of the Lodge, seeks admission.

W.M. - Admit him Bro. I.G. (I.G. cuts Sn.)

W.M. - (sounds his Gavel, one k., which is answered by S.W. and J.W.) Bro. D.C. (D.C., squaring the Lodge, goes to the door, which has been opened by I.G., J.M. enters. D.C., with J.M. on his left, conducts him to the N.W. corner of S.P. and both face E. J.M. gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree and cuts Sn. Meanwhile, I.G. locks the door and returns to his seat).

D.C. - (gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree) W.M., it gives me great pleasure to present to you Bro..... (J.Ms, full name), who has been duly elected a Joining Member of the Lodge.

W.M. - I thank you Bro. D.C. and shall be glad to meet Bro..... in the E. (D.C. cuts Sn.)

(D.C., squaring the Lodge at the N.E. corner, conducts J.M. to the front of the W.M.s pedestal; both face W.M.)

W.M. - Bro..... (who gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree), as you hail from a Lodge under the English Constitution, it is unnecessary for you to take a further Obligation. It remains only for me to ask whether, on your honour as a Freemason, you pledge yourself to give your support to the W.M. and Wardens of this the Semper Paratus Lodge, Number 3015 (Worded in full,) to observe the By - Laws of the Lodge, and support to the best of your ability, all lawful resolutions and undertakings entered into by the Brethren of the Lodge?

J.M. - I do W.M. (cuts Sn.)

W.M. - Then Bro....., it gives me great pleasure to bid you a hearty welcome as a duly affiliated and Joining Member, and, in greeting you with hand of fellowship, I congratulate you. (takes right hand of J.M. in a welcoming grip)

W.M. - Bro D.C. (who gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree), I thank you to present our new member to our Bro. Wardens. (D.C. cuts Sn)

(D.C., squaring the Lodge at S.E. corner, conducts J.M. to the front of J.W.s, pedestal; both face J.W.)

D.C. - (gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree) Bro. J.W., by the W.M. command, I present to you Bro..... (J.Ms., full name) our new Joining Member. (D.C. cuts Sn.)

J. W. - (rises) Bro....., I bid you welcome in the S. and greet you well (takes right hand of J.M. in a welcoming grip; J.W. sits).

(D.C. squaring the Lodge at S.W. corner, conducts J.M. to the front of S.Ws., pedestal; both face S.W.)

D.C. (gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree) Bro. S.W. by the W.Ms., command, I present to you Bro..... our new Joining Member. (D.C. cuts Sn.)

S. W. (rises) - Bro....., I bid you welcome in the W. and greet you well (takes right hand of Joining Member in a welcoming grip; S.W. sits). (D.C. conducts J.M. to N.W. corner of S.P. and both face E.)

W.M. - Bro..... (who gives Sp. and Sn. of First Degree), you having been duly presented and welcomed in the E. the S. and the W. our Bro. the D.C. will now conduct you to a seat. I hope you will-enjoy your membership of this the Semper Paratus Lodge and the goodwill of all the Brethren. (J.M. cuts Sn.)

D.C. - To order Brethren. (Brethren acclaim with "one")

(D.C. squaring the Lodge returns to his seat).

END OF CEREMONY