

# Master Mason Lecture I

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# M.M. Lecture I

- Are you a Master Mason?
  - I am.
- What induced you to become a Master Mason?
  - In order that I might receive Masters' wages, and better to be enabled to support myself and family, and contribute to the relief of poor, distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans.
- Where were you made a Master Mason?
  - In a just and lawfully constituted Lodge of Master Masons.

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- How were you prepared?
  - By being divested of all metals, neither naked nor clothed, barefoot nor shod, hoodwinked, and a cable-tow three times about my naked body, in which situation I was conducted to the door of the Lodge by a brother.
- Why had you a cable-tow three times about your naked body?
  - It was to signify that my duties and obligations became more and more extensive as I advanced in Masonry.
- How gained you admission?
  - By three distinct knocks.

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- What was said to you from within?
  - Who comes here?
- Your answer?
  - A brother who has been regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and now wishes to receive further light in Masonry by being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

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- What were you then asked?
  - If it was of my own free will and accord; if I was duly and truly prepared; worthy and well qualified; if I had made suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees; all of which being answered in the affirmative, I was asked by what further right or benefit I expected to gain admission.
- Your answer?
  - By the benefit of the pass?
- Did you give the pass?
  - I gave it not; my guide gave it for me.

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- What followed?
  - I was directed to wait with patience until the Worshipful Master was informed of my request and his answer returned.
- What answer did he return?
  - Let him enter and be received in due form.
- How were you received?
  - On both points of the compasses, extending from my naked right to left breasts, which was to signify that as the vital parts of man are contained within the breasts, so the most useful tenets of our institution are contained within the two points of the compasses, which are friendship, morality and brotherly love.

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- How were you then disposed of?
  - I was conducted three times about the altar to the Junior Warden in the South, where the same questions were asked and like answers returned as at the door.
- How did the Junior Warden dispose of you?
  - He directed me to the Senior Warden in the West, where the same questions were asked and like answers returned as before.
- How did the Senior Warden dispose of you?
  - He directed me to the Worshipful Master in the East, where the same questions were asked and like answers returned as before.

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- What did the Worshipful Master demand of you?
  - From whence I came and whither I was traveling?
- Your answer?
  - From the West and traveling to the East.
- What did he further demand of you?
  - What I was in pursuit of.
- Your answer?
  - That which was lost; which, by my endeavors and his assistance, I was in hopes to find.



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- What did he further demand of you?
  - To what I referred.
- Your answer?
  - To the secrets of a Master Mason; after which he observed that my pursuit was truly laudable, and ordered me to be reconducted to the Senior Warden in the West, who taught me to approach to the East, advancing by three upright, regular steps my feet forming the right angle of a perfect square, my body erect to the Worshipful Master in the East.

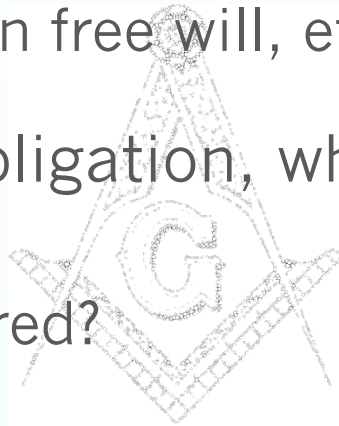
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- What did the Worshipful Master then do with you?
  - He made me a Master Mason.
- How?
  - In due form.
- What is the due form?
  - Kneeling on my naked knees; my body erect; my naked hands resting on the Holy Bible, square and compasses; in which due form I took the obligation of a Master Mason.



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- Repeat it.
  - I, A. B., of my own free will, etc.
- After taking the obligation, what were you then asked?
  - What I most desired?
- Your answer?
  - Further light in Masonry.
- Did you receive it?
  - I did.



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- How?
  - By order of the Worshipful Master and assistance of the brethren.
- On being brought to light, what did you first discover more than you had heretofore discovered?
  - Both points of the compasses bare, which was to teach me never to lose sight of the Masonic application of this useful and valuable instrument, which teaches friendship, morality and brotherly-love.

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- What did you then discover?
  - The Worshipful Master approaching me from the East, under the due guard and sign of a Master Mason, who, in token of the further continuance of his brotherly love and favor, presented me with his right hand, and with it the pass and token of the pass of a Master Mason, and bid me arise and salute the Wardens as such.
- After saluting the Wardens, what did you then discover?
  - The Worshipful Master, who ordered me to the Senior Warden, who taught me how to wear my apron as a Master Mason.

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- After being taught to wear your apron as a Master Mason, how were you then disposed of?
  - I was conducted to the right hand of the Worshipful Master in the East, who presented me with the working tools of a Master Mason, and taught me their uses.
- What are the working tools of a Master Mason?
  - All the implements of Masonry indiscriminately, but more especially the trowel



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- What is the use of the trowel?
  - The trowel is an instrument made use of by operative masons to spread the cement which unites a building into one common mass; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work or best agree.

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- How were you then disposed of?
  - I was ordered to be reconducted to the place from whence I came, there be reinvested of what I had been divested, and await the Worshipful Master's will and pleasure.

