

Program For Re-Obligation Night

The following program is intended to be suggestive only. There is no obligation on the part of any of the lodges to follow this program verbatim.

Except where the Ritual is quoted, word perfection is not to be insisted upon, and perhaps your officers, in giving this program, would desire to merely get the meaning of it and then put it in their own words. However, where the Ritual is quoted, the quotation should be exact. In case of uncertainty, be sure to consult a proficient man in your own or neighboring lodge.

Program

The lodge will be opened on the Third Degree, and the Flag will be honored after which the program will proceed as follows.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: This lodge has been called for the purpose of observing Re-Obligation Night. We have therefore assembled tonight to join in this ceremony, which is to remind us of the duties that we as Masons have to each other and to the world outside.

Brother Senior Warden (Senior Warden Rises)

Here the Master will ask the questions from the First Degree Lecture, beginning with "What makes," and the Senior Warden will give the correct answer. The Master will then ask the next following question, and the Senior Warden will give the correct answer and conclude with the question and answer concerning the allusion of the sign.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: It is well, therefore that we should keep alive our minds and hearts the obligations of Freemasonry.

The Master then recites from the Master's Lecture of the First Degree that part beginning with "The design" and ending with "Prohibited by Freemasonry."

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brother Senior Deacon (Senior Deacon Rises) you will proceed to the Altar and place yourself in Due Form to receive the Obligation of an Entered Apprentice.

When the Senior Deacon has obeyed the order, the Master will call up the Craft and say:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brethren, assume the Due Guard of an Entered Apprentice and under that Due Guard join with me in Re-Obligating ourselves as Entered Apprentices. After the Obligation the Craft is seated and the Senior Deacon returns to his Place.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Recites the Master's Lecture of the Second Degree beginning with "As an Entered Apprentice" and concluding with — "Laid aside."

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brother Junior Warden (Junior Warden Rises) you will proceed to the Altar and place yourself in Due Form to receive the Obligation of a Fellow Craft. (Senior Deacon assists)

When Junior Warden has obeyed the order the Master will call up the Craft and say:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brethren, assume the Due Guard of a Fellow Craft and under that Due Guard join with me in Re-Obligating ourselves as Fellow Crafts.

After the Obligation the Craft is seated and the Junior Warden returns to his Station.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Recites from the Master's Lecture of the Third Degree beginning with, "The Obligations" and concluding with "laid aside."

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brother Senior Warden (Senior Warden Rises) you will proceed to the Altar and place yourself in Due Form to receive the Obligation of a Master Mason.

When the Senior Warden has obeyed the order the Worshipful Master will call up the Craft and say: (or use procedure A or B.)

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brethren, assume the Due Guard of a Master Mason, and under that Due Guard join with me in Re-Obligating ourselves as Master Masons.

After the Obligation the Craft is seated and the Senior Warden returns to his Station.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brethren, it is well that we should call upon Almighty God to aid us in fulfilling the Obligations which we once more have assumed. Brother Chaplain, please lead us in prayer.

The Master will call up the Craft and the Chaplain will give the prayer. After the prayer the Master will seat the Craftand say:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: This concludes the ceremony of Re-Obligation. However it is well that the purpose of this meeting and its significance be fully explained to you. We have asked Brother _____ to deliver an address appropriate to the occasion. I now present Brother _____

At this point the speaker will give the address. At the close of the Speaker's address lodge will be closed in form on the Third Degree, without further comments or talks.

MUSIC: If used, would be appropriate after the presentation of the Flag, at which time "Star Spangled Banner," "America," or "America the Beautiful," might be used. Other selections could be used before and after the Speaker's address.

A. WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brethren, let us form in concentric lines (if more than one line is necessary) South, West, and North of the Altar, and joining hands may we be doubly conscious of the Fraternal ties that bind us and of those duties we owe to all brothers of a common Almighty Parent as we Re-Obligate ourselves as Master Masons. (If this procedure is followed that Worshipful Master will advance to the East of the Altar to lead the Obligation) after Re-Obligation the Craft is seated and the Senior Warden returns to his Station.

B. WORSHIPFUL MASTER: Brethren, let us form in concentric circles about the Altar (if more than one circle is needed) same as above in A except parenthesis. Worshipful Master joins circle just in front of his Station. All join hands during Obligation. After Obligation the Craft is seated.

Note A — For all three Obligations the Master will lead, pronouncing them phrase by phrase, the Brethren repeating after him.

Note B — If desired, the address could come immediately after the reading of the Grand Master's Proclamation. If address is used at this point, lodge would be closed without further comments or talks, immediately after the prayer by the Chaplain.