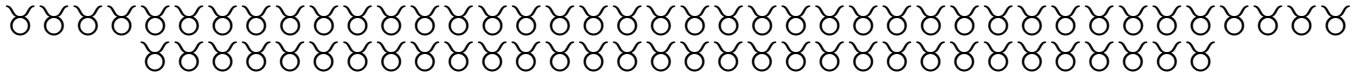


YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING FOR:

RUSTY NAILS



ARE YOU LIKE A RUSTY NAIL? DON'T ATTEND LODGE ANYMORE BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE OF BEING EMBARRASSED? BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT SURE OF THE "WORD" OR A "SIGN"?

WE HAVE A REMEDY!!!

Everyone forgets something now and then. The problem is we let it

go rather than take care of it, and our Masonry is no different.

On June 21st, after the Activity Night Barbeque Meal, we're going

to give an informal refresher for all those "RUSTY NAILS".

This is your chance to regain what may be lost in all degrees.

WE'LL WORK IN ALL DEGREES

If you have yet to "prove-up", this is an excellent opportunity to review the signs, tokens, words & obligations and get started toward completion again.

GUARANTEED – NO ONE WILL PUT YOU ON THE SPOT

From: Michael F Lintner, J.W., Boulder City Lodge #37, F & AM
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Subj: Rust Nail Degree

Encl: (1) Copies of newspaper advertisements
(2) Map of Boulder City, showing Lodge location
(3) Copy of name badges, visitor's card, and Tyler's file card
(4) Copy of 3 page Lesson Guide
(5) Copy of Lodge floor set-up
(6) Notebook slotted card holder (obtained from a coin and stamp dealers store)

1. For one month, prior to the "Rusty Nail" night, the degree was advertised in our weekly newspaper, both here and in Henderson, (encl 1). Twice we ran the large ad, then, we ran the smaller ad for the last two weeks. The ads were designed with irregular, or oversized print to be both eye catching, and easier to read for someone older, with failing eyesight. An essential bit of information, namely, the time of the meeting, was purposely left out, so the sojourning brother would have to call the Junior Warden.
2. When a call was received, the first questions asked were: "name, mailing address, phone number, - - the; Do you have a current dues card? From what Lodge? Where?" With this information in hand, the caller was asked to wait for a minute, while I looked up the caller's Lodge in the List of Lodges book. While I was doing that, I would explain to the caller, that I needed his address, so that I could send him a map showing the location of the Lodge (encl 2), and also a copy of our latest trestle board. I wanted the caller's phone number, so that I could give him a reminder call, one day before the degree. I needed his Lodge information, not only to make sure that he came from a legally constituted Lodge, but also to have all of his name badges and cards made up and ready, prior to his arrival.
3. As soon as all of the calling brother's verbal credentials were checked out satisfactorily, he was assured that the examination would be very brief, and that he would have no trouble passing it. The brother was told that the purpose of the degree was to prepare him to comfortably be able to pass an examination, with no embarrassment to himself. And as soon as a brother's questions were answered, and the phone conversation terminated, a full set of cards was made out for him. (encl 3).

Card #1. (Hello, my name is - -) This blue, stick-on, badge was given to the sojourning brother as soon as he had his dues card checked at the temple.

Card #2. (Lodge "Apron" card, in plastic pin-on holder) this name badge was exchanged for the stick-on badge #1, as soon as the visiting brother had completed his examination.

4. A few hours before the degree, all cards were arranged alphabetically and placed in the slotted holder with the "Hello" badge on top of the "Apron" badge, and on the left side of the slotted card. The corresponding "Tyler's record card" was placed in the same slot, but on the right hand side. By arranging the cards in this manner, all of the names were readily visible, and it

was easy to see if any brother had not yet been examined. The blue "First time visitor" cards were all arranged separately for later use.

5. When a sojourning brother arrived at the temple, his dues card was checked to make certain that it was current, also, it was checked against some other form of identification. Then, he was given his "Hello" name badge, and time permitting, introduced around, or when things got busy, he was directed to circulate and socialize, until he was contacted by an examination team. (The "Hello" badge made him very easy to spot. All other Masons, who were not first time visitors in need of examination, were given a gold stick-on name badge, sample #5.)
6. When an examining team saw a blue "Hello" badge, two members of the team would take the brother aside, to their assigned examination area, while the other member of the team came over to the check-in table and picked up the sojourning brother's "Apron" name badge and "Tyler's File card". After the examination, the sojourner's "Hello" badge was removed and thrown away, and he was given the pin-on "Apron" name badge (to keep). The examining team then returned the signed file card to the check-in table - - and grabbed the next blue "Hello" badge they saw - - - until all had been examined. (We averaged about 5 minutes per person for exams.)
7. The presentation went exactly as set forth in the Lesson Guide. The Worshipful Master did the introduction part, and then turned the meeting over to the Junior Warden, who did everything up to the second section of the third degree (steps 1 thru 34 incl.) The Senior Warden presented the second section (step 35). During the presentation, the Junior Warden walked a lodge member around to the various gates, and a simulated encounter was demonstrated. The raising was demonstrated by two teams, one in each end of the Lodge. The meeting was then turned back over to the Junior Warden, who completed steps 36 thru 38.
8. We opened Lodge in our normal stations, with the Worshipful Master presiding. We did everything. We introduced a Grand Office, and then gave him both private and public Grand Honors (for instruction purposes). We then introduced all masters and past Masters. We then introduced all sojourning "Rusty Nails" (in a big horseshoe, west of the altar), and presented them with their "First time visitor's card", and a complimentary ball point pen. (We also had ordered small pocket notebooks for the occasion, but they didn't arrive in time). The only deviation from the Lesson Guide was that we went straight into closing, and then went to the refreshment table, as it was almost 9:30 p.m.
9. Three men called, at the last minute, saying they would be unable to attend. Thirty-three first time visitors ("Rusty Nails") shoed up. Most had not been in Lodge for at least ten years. One man had not attended Lodge since he had been raised, in 1929. Four men were past Masters, all of which were afraid that they would embarrass themselves during a strict examination, because they were so "rusty". One past Master had not attended a Lodge since his year as Master, 1957. One week after the degree, I sent all of the "rusty nails" a follow-up letter, inviting them to come to our next Stated Meeting and dinner.
10. From the reports which have been filtering back to me, it would appear that at least six of our "rusty nails" have been actively visiting other Lodges in the Las Vegas and Henderson area.

Five have asked for the forms to either demit to Boulder City Lodge, or to apply for dual membership. One has actually turned in his completed paperwork already. It has been 8 days since "Rusty Nail" night.

Fraternally, and Very Respectfully,

Michael F Lintner
Junior Warden

Cc: Jim Pullis, WM
Frank Turner, Sec
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Boulder City Lodge No. 37 F. & A.M.

Lesson Guide No. P-1

Date Prepared: 22 February 1983

I TITLE: Rusty Nail Degree

- II OBJECTIVE:
1. To instruct the brethren present in the proper manner of giving the steps, due guards, signs, grips and words of all three degrees, and the personal conduct required of them when visiting a lodge, and in the opening and closing of a Master Mason's Lodge.
 2. To promote Masonic fellowship, and to increase the bond of brotherly love and affection between the brethren present by affording them the opportunity to sit together in closed, tyled session.

III TIME: Delivery time is approximately 35 minutes

IV REQUIRED MATERIALS: (In addition to all of the normally present lodge equipment)

1. Visitor name taps (Hello ... type)
 2. Visitor name badges (Masonic apron Type)
 3. Visitor gifts
 4. Black Board
 5. Black board stand
 6. Chalk & Eraser & damp rag
 7. Pointer
- (All of the equipment used in the 2nd section of the M.M. degree should be laid out and ready).

V TEACHING PROCEDURE:

A. Introduction:

1. Introduce self, and all lodge officers present. (Put names and titles on the black board)
2. Introduce any Masonic Dignitaries. (Names on the black board)
3. Bring out any interesting information about the sojourning members present. e.g. (total number of years in Masonry represented, how many different states represented)
4. Announce the Title of the Lecture
5. Announce the Objectives
6. Present Charter and show its important characteristics.
7. Proceed with presentation.

B. Presentation: (Most easily done with four assistants.)

1. My brothers, what we are going to do tonight, is demonstrate and explain, in examination form, all of the important points of the first three degrees of Freemasonry, which were taught to you in the lessons of the degrees. At the conclusion of tonight's work, you should have no difficulty in gaining admission to any Masonic lodge, anywhere in the United States or abroad.
2. Brother _____, please assume the step of an E.A.
3. Explain the step.
4. Brother _____, please go to the alter and kneel as you did for your E.A. obligation.

5. Explain.
6. Brother _____, please give me the due guard of an E.A.
7. Explain.
8. Brother _____, please give me the sign of an E.A.
9. Explain.
10. Brother _____, please assume the step of a F.C.
11. Explain.
12. Brother _____, would you please kneel at the altar as you did for your F.C. obligation.
13. Explain.
14. Brother _____, please give me the due guard of a F.C.
15. Explain.
16. Brother _____, please give me the sigh for a F.C.
17. Explain.
18. Brother _____, would you please kneel at the altar as you did for your M.M. obligation.
19. Explain.
20. Brother _____, please assume the step of a M.M.
21. Explain.
22. Brother _____, please give me the due guard of a M.M.
23. Explain.
24. Brother _____, please give me the sign of a M.M.
25. Explain.
26. Brother _____, you may rise from the altar now, and thank you for your assistance. Please pair off now, for the next phase of instruction.

(In preparation for the next events, the instructor should draw a fist diagram on the black board, and label with arrows, those knuckles used in the grips.)

27. Brother _____, please assist me in demonstrating the grips, and the manner of arriving at them. Brothers, take each other with the grip of an E.A. Brother _____, please reply for all.
28. Explain, using the diagram on the blackboard, and a pointer.
29. W I t?... etc. (Go through all grips up to M.M. Pass)
30. My brothers, we have now reviewed the pertinent parts of the 1st and 2nd degrees, and the first half of the 3rd degree. Before proceeding with a review of the second section of the 3rd degree, let's have a quick recap.
31. Demonstrate the steps. (All students participate)
32. Demonstrate the due guards and signs. (ditto)
33. Demonstrate the grips and words. (ditto)
34. Great! Now, if you will all have a seat again, we will proceed with the second section of the 3rd degree.

During this part of the degree, you represented our ancient G.M.H.A. during the building of King Solomon's temple.
35. Tell the Story ---
 - a. South gate
 - b. West gate
 - c. East gate
 - d. Temple rubble

- e. Burial & acacia placement
- f. The seafaring man
- g. The 12 F.C.s
- h. The search by the 12
- i. The wayfaring man
- j. Solomon's charge
- k. Acacia
- l. The capture
- m. The punishment
- n. Again the search
- o. Again the acacia
- p. The grave
- q. The jewel
- r. The report to Solomon
- s. The procession
- t. The raising (demonstrate)
- u. Stress the five points of fellowship, then convey the substitute word to each brother present, in the proper manner.
- v. Demonstrate the Grand Hailing Sign and words.

36. And that, gentlemen, concludes the first part of our instruction. The second part is simple, it's a quick review of the opening and closing of a lodge.

37. Review and demonstrate:

- a. Gavel raps.
- b. Attending the East, with signs. (Mention that the signs are used as private grand honors)
- c. Attitude of prayer
- d. Entering and leaving a lodge at labor. (Check the bible)
- e. First time visitor procedure

38. That's it! We will now take a five minute break, then we will assemble back here, open lodge, take a refreshment break, then return and closed lodge and be finished for the evening.