

**WHITE RIVER LODGE
No. 153**



Brotherhood & Friendship

Opening in the Second Degree

WM gavels once, repeated by SW and JW.

WM: Brethren, assist me to open the Lodge in the Second Degree.

All rise, if not already standing.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, what is the first care of every Fellow Craft Freemason?

JW: To see that the Lodge is properly tyled.

WM: Direct that duty to be done.

JW: Brother Inner Guard, see that the Lodge is properly tyled.

IG goes to door, gives EA-knocks and returns to position in front of his chair.

Tyler responds with same knocks.

IG takes Step and gives EA Sign: Brother Junior Warden, the Lodge is properly tyled. *Cuts Sign.*

JW gives EA-knocks, takes Step and gives EA-Sign: Worshipful Master, the Lodge is properly tyled. *Cuts Sign.*

WM: Brother Senior Warden, the next care?

SW: To see that the Brethren appear to order as Masons.

WM: To order, Brethren, in the First Degree.

All take Step, with EA-Sign.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, are you a Fellow Craft Freemason?

JW: I am, Worshipful Master, try me and prove me.

WM: By what instrument in architecture will you be proved?

JW: The Square.

WM: What is a Square?

JW: An angle of 90 Degrees, or the fourth part of a Circle.

WM: Being yourself acquainted with the proper method, you will prove the Brethren Craftsmen, and demonstrate that proof to me by copying their example.

JW: Brethren, it is the Worshipful Master's command that you prove yourselves Craftsmen.

All, except WM and JW cut EA-Sign, take Step with FC-Sign.

JW having assured himself that all have proved themselves:

Worshipful Master, the Brethren themselves Craftsmen, and in obedience to your command I thus copy their example. *Cuts EA-Sign, takes Step with FC-Sign.*

WM: Brother Junior Warden, I acknowledge the correctness of the Sign. *Cuts EA-Sign, takes Step with FC-Sign.*

WM: Before we open the Lodge in the Second Degree, let us supplicate the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, that the rays of Heaven may shed their influence to enlighten us in the paths of virtue and science.

Immediate Past Master: So mote it be.

WM: Brethren, in the name of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, I declare the Lodge duly open on the Square for the instruction and improvement of Craftsmen.

WM gives FC-knocks quietly, repeated by SW and JW, both quietly.

IG gives FC-knocks by right hand on left sleeve

Immediate Past Master exposes one point of Compass. WM sits when this has been completed.

All sit.

Closing in the Second Degree

WM gavels once, repeated by SW and JW.

WM: Brethren, assist me to close the Lodge in the Second Degree.
All rise.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, what is the constant care of every Fellow Craft Freemason?

JW: To prove the Lodge close tyled.

WM: Direct that duty to be done.

JW: Brother Inner Guard prove the Lodge close tyled.

IG goes to door, gives FC-knocks and returns to position in front of his chair.

Tyler responds with same knocks.

IG takes Step and gives FC-Sign: Brother Junior Warden, the Lodge is close tyled. Cuts Sign.

JW gives FC-knocks, takes Step and gives FC-Sign: Worshipful Master, the Lodge is close tyled. *Cuts Sign.*

WM: Brother Senior Warden, the next care?

SW: To see that the Brethren appear to order as Craftsmen.

WM: To order, Brethren, in the Second Degree.

All take Step with FC-Sign.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, in this position, what have you discovered?

JW: A sacred Symbol.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, where is it situated?

SW: In the Center of the building.

WM: To whom does it allude?

JW: The Grand Geometrician of the Universe.

WM: Then. Brethren, let us remember that wherever we are, and whatever we do, He is with us, and His all-seeing eye observes us, and whilst we continue to act in conformity with the principles of the Craft, let us not fail to discharge our duty to Him with fervency and zeal.

Immediate Past Master: So mote it be.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, the labours of this Degree being ended, you have my command to close the Lodge. *Gives FC-knocks with left hand.*

SW: Brethren, in the name of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, and by command of the Worshipful Master, I close this Fellow Crafts Lodge. *Gives FC-knocks.*

JW: Happy have we met, Happy may we part, And happy meet again. *Gives FC-knocks.*

IG goes to door, gives FC-knocks and returns to position in front of his chair.

Tyler responds with same knocks.

Immediate Past Master, meanwhile, conceals both points of the Compass.

WM sits when this has been completed

All sit.

