

**WHITE RIVER LODGE
No. 153**



Brotherhood & Friendship

Opening in the Third Degree

WM gavels once, repeated by SW and JW.

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

All rise.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, what is the first we of every Master Mason?

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 FC-knocks and returns to position in front of his chair.

Tyler responds with same knocks.

IG takes Step and give FC-Sign: Brother Junior Warden, the Lodge is properly tyled. *Cuts Sign.*

JW gives FC-knocks, takes Step and gives FC-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 Craftsmen.

WM: To order, Brethren. Second Degree.

All take Step with FC-Sign.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, are you a Master Mason?

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

WM: By what instruments in Architecture will you be proved?

JW: The Square and Compass.

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

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

All, except WM and JW take Step and give Signs.

JW: Worshipful Master, the Brethren have proved themselves Master Masons by Signs, and in obedience to your command I thus copy their example. Takes Step and gives the three Signs.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, I acknowledge the correctness of the Signs. Whence come you?

JW: The East.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, whither directing your course?

SW: The West.

WM: What inducement have you to leave the East and go to the West?

JW: To seek for that which was lost, which, by your instruction and our own industry, we hope to find.

WM: What is that which was lost?

SW: The genuine secrets of a Master Mason.

WM: How came they lost?

JW: By the untimely death of our Master, Hiram Abiff.

WM: Where do you hope to find them?

SW: With the Centre.

WM: What is a Centre?

JW: A point within a circle, from which every part of the circumference is equidistant.

WM: Why with the Centre?

SW: That being a point from which a Master Mason cannot err.

WM: We will assist you to repair that loss and may Heaven aid our united endeavours.

Immediate Past Master: So mote it be.

WM: Brethren, in the name of the Most High, I declare the Lodge duly open, on the Center for the purposes of Freemasonry in the Third Degree.

Closing in the Third Degree

WM gavels once, repeated by SW and JW.

WM: Brethren, assist me to close the Lodge in the Third Degree.

All rise.

WM: Brother Junior Warden , what is the constant care of every Master Mason?

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 MM-knocks and returns to position in front of his chair.

Tyler responds with same knocks.

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

JW gives MM-knocks, takes Step and gives Penal Sign: Worshipful master, the Lodge is close tyled.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, the next care?

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

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

All take Step with Penal Sign.

WM: Brother Junior Warden, whence come you?

JW: The West, whither we have been in search of the genuine Secrets of a Master Mason.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, have you found them?

SW: We have not, Worshipful Master, but we bring with us certain substituted Secrets, which we are anxious to impart for your approbation.

WM: Let those substituted Secrets be regularly communicated to me.

SW holding Penal Sign leaves pedestal by North side and proceeds East, keeping to North of centre line of Lodge until he reaches a convenient point just past JW's pedestal where he turns inwards to face South and stands with Step and Sign.

JW holding Penal Sign leaves pedestal by West side at convenient moment to proceed East in line with SW keeping to South of centre line of Lodge until SW turns inwards and halts with Step and Sign; JW then turns inwards to face SW, halting with Step and Sign a convenient distance from him.

JW takes further Step, holds out right hand to SW and taking his right hand communicates pass grip leading from Second to Third Degree, raises hands head high and communicates pass word in a whisper. Hands are released and JW resumes Sign.

SW resumes Sign.

JW takes further Step, gives Sign of Horror, Sign of Sympathy and Penal Sign to recovery. JW then communicates Five Points of Fellowship and whispers words of a Master Mason; on completion he resumes position, holding Step and Penal Sign.

SW follows JW, receiving Five Points of Fellowship, and after communication of words resumes position holding Step and Penal Sign.

JW salutes SW with Penal Sign to recovery and holding it returns to pedestal with Step.

SW holding Sign turns on centre line of Lodge to WM and with Step: Worshipful Master, condescend to receive from me the substituted Secrets of a Master Mason.

WM: Brother Senior Warden, I will receive them with pleasure, and for the information of the Brethren you will speak the words aloud.

WM leaves pedestal by South side still holding Sign and faces SW with Step at a convenient distance.

SW takes Step, holds out right hand to WM and taking his right hand with pass grip, raises hands head high and communicates pass word aloud. Hands are released and SW resumes Sign.

WM takes SW's right hand at appropriate moment and on release of hands resumes Sign.

SW takes further Step, gives Sign of Horror, Sign of Sympathy and Penal Sign to recovery. He then communicates Five Points of Fellowship and, aloud, words of a Master Mason, and on completion resumes position holding Step and Penal Sign.

WM follows SW receiving Five Points of Fellowship and after communicating words, resumes position holding Step and Penal Sign.

SW salutes WM with Penal Sign to recovery and holding it returns to pedestal with Step.

WM after salute, at the same time returns to pedestal with Step and holding Sign.

WM: Brethren, the substituted Secrets of a Master Mason, thus regularly communicated to me, I, as Master of this Lodge, and thereby the humble representative of King Solomon, sanction and confirm with my approbation, and declare that they shall designate you, and all Master Masons throughout the Universe, until time or circumstances shall restore the genuine.

All bend a little forward: With gratitude to our Master we bend.

WM: All gratitude to the Most High.

All give Grand or Royal Sign and than resume Penal Sign.

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

SW: Brethren, in the name of the Most High and by command of the Worshipful Master, I close this Master Masons Lodge. *SW gives MM-knocks.*

JW: And it is closed accordingly. *JW gives MM-knocks.*

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

Tyler responds with same knocks.