

WHITE RIVER LODGE No. 153



Brotherhood & Friendship

Deacons Movements According to Rubric For 1st Degree

Opening

JD

Once the WM has announced that the lodge is opened (when the JW starts knocking) the JD moves towards JW's pedestal; to attend to 1st degree tracing board so the Brethren in the Lodge Can see it.

Having done so you give a court bow to the JW. (A court bow is a movement of the head only, and simple a bow of the head whilst standing erect)

SD

When the minutes have been dealt with the WM will "announce that they have been approved and I will sign them" The SD goes to the Secretary and takes them to the NE side of the WM's pedestal and presents them for signing. When the master has done so take a step back and give a court bow, take them back to the Secretary and having handed them back give a court bow to which the secretary should respond.

Ceremony

Master will call for Bro Deacons to attend to the candidate (try and arrive at the corner together) On the way SD places kneeling stool in position.

JD takes Can by his Left Hand, with SD on Can's left go to kneeling stool and all 3 stand facing WM

Master will address Can, and JD prompts him (aloud to reply)

Master interacts him to kneel JD helps him to kneel, instructing if required in a whisper.

Master & Wardens knock and Deacons cross wands above him. deacons give sign of reverence for prayer, ***Can does not.***

After prayer drop wands and stand with them in right hand.

Master will address Can and JD prompts him with answer aloud.

JD instructs Can to rise SD takes away kneeling stool.

Master announces Can is to pass before him and JD takes hold and leads him around the lodge.

When the JD and Can have passed the NE corner SD goes to resume his seat ***taking P with him to the master.***

JD Leads candidate to JW and gets him to strike the JW on his shoulder 3 times.

JD places Can's hand in JW's

After Exchange Take him to SW and again strikes SW on shoulder 3 times.

JD places Can's hand in SW's

After exchange take him to the other side of JW's pedestal on an anti clockwise wheel and hands him to SW. JD stands facing forward alongside candidate.

SW addresses Master and hands Can back.

JD takes him onto the carpet and WM asks a number of questions which the JD prompts him to answer ***ALOUD***

JD and candidate remain until instructed by SW to advance.

Instructs Can to step off with left foot and takes him into position in front of Pedestal.

JD then instructs him to advance to pedestal ensuring he does so in the correct manner.

When the Can arrives at the pedestal the SD also takes up portion alongside on Can's L JD on his R.

Master address and JD must be ready to prompt (in a whisper) if he doesn't answer voluntarily.

JD assists Can to kneel and assists with raising Rt hand.

SD assists with compasses

After knocks raise wands and hold EA sign

After Obl cut sign and lower wands

SD lowers his L hand

JD assists if required by prompting him in a whisper to seal VSL

Master asks a question which the JD prompts aloud.

JD then releases hoodwink making sure him indicates that he is ready to the master

After rising JD takes charge of Can and SD returns to his seat.

Wheel him to a position just in front of NE corner where master will address him.

Take Can towards Master for him to be addressed

At the appropriate time remove CT from his neck

When instructed by master JD ensures he carries out the instructions

When the Master gives the word JD repeats for Can to do so, and then spells out the word.

When asked questions of the Master JD prompts Can Aloud

Master will then Hand Can to JD and square's the lodge to get him to the JW, Gives JW sign.

JD instructs can in a whisper to take step & sign

JD then prompts Can aloud through the exchanges.

JD then leads Candidate to SW by squaring as before

JD again gives sign and presents him to SW

JD Instructs in a whisper to take step then aloud through exchange.

After exchange and SW instructs "pass" JD takes him to other side of SW pedestal, and hand him to SW and stands on Can's L

JD assists with apron if required.

After presentation JD takes Can just onto carpet for address by master.

JD then takes Can to NE Corner.

SD moves alongside

JD goes through the ritual half way through and resumes his position with candidate

After NE corner SD resumes his seat

JD takes Can to where working tools are to be presented

JD then takes Can to WM pedestal for presentation of book of cons etc.

JD then takes Can to door by turning him anti clockwise in front of master then clockwise at top of lodge. Instruct the Can aloud to Salute the WM the anti clockwise to take him out JD resumes his seat.

On his Return JD collects Can from door takes him onto Carpet and Instructs him to salute the WM

Then JD places him wherever the charge is likely to be delivered, If instructed by whoever is presenting to be seated do so, or remain with him.

After charge JD takes Can to his seat and congratulates him before resuming his seat.

Closing

During closing when JW commences knocks JD ensures tracing board is put away.