

## **WHITE RIVER LODGE No. 153**



**Brotherhood & Friendship**

### **Deacons Movements According to Rubric For 2nd 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 Part 1 ~ Password etc**

After the lodge is opened in the 1st degree the Master will invite all EA's to withdraw with the exception of the Can and the say that the next business is to pass Bro ....

At this point JD goes to collect Can and take him to the N of SW pedestal for the answering of the questions.

JD must be prepared to prompt Can if he needs it.

JD then leads Can up to WM's pedestal who will give him the required password etc for entry back into the lodge for 2nd degree ceremony.

During the exchange the JD must be prepared to prompt him aloud with "I do" etc

Also to prompt the Can when the master examines him

Master will hand Can back to JD who makes a clockwise turn to take him to top of lodge, followed by another clockwise turn before instructing him to Salute, following which an anti clockwise turn to take the candidate out.

## **Opening in 2nd Degree**

### **JD**

As in 1st Degree when the Master had declared the lodge opened in the 2nd Degree the JD reveals the 2nd degree tracing board in exactly the same manner as before.

## **Ceremony Part 2 ~ The Passing**

After the entrance exchange between IG, Warden as Master, the Master will interact with the Can be admitted and call upon the Bro Deacons.

JD places kneeling stool into position and both go to door, SD takes Can's right hand with his left hand and guides him onto floor with JD on his left. SD instructs him to advance and salute the WM and ensures that he does so.

SD ensures Can kneels when instructed and after knocks both Deacons cross wands and **all** give sign of R.

When instructed SD ensures Can rises and JD removes kneeling stool.

SD guides Can (instructing him to step off with the left foot) and guides him (squarely) round the lodge.

When the SD has set off the JD replaces stool and resumes him seat.

When arriving at the WM's pedestal the SD instructs the Can to Salute the WM

He then instructs him to advance to the JW for an exchange.

Squaring the lodge he then instructs him to Salute the SW

Both SD and both face east.

The Master will declare that the Can is about to pass in view and on the second perambulation the SD instructs the Can to salute the WM and the JW before getting him to advance to the SW for the exchange.

Following the exchange he takes an anti clockwise wheel to the other side of the SW pedestal in order for the SW to present him to the Master

SW hands back Can to Sd and Ad takes Can back onto floor both facing east, following which the SW instructs the SD to instruct the Can to the E

SD guides Can to appropriate position and is joined by JD who had followed them and gone behind so all 3 are in line.

SD then moves out on floor to demonstrate the steps following which he ensure Can follows and JD also arrives at the pedestal at the same time.

An exchange from WM follows and SD must be ready to prompt (in a whisper "answer") if needed.

Instruct Can to kneel at appropriate time Sq from (IPM or DC) and hand it behind Can's back to JD who arranges Can's arm in the angle of it.

After knocks deacons cross wands above Can's head and SD gives S of F

After obligation, cut sign and drop wands

JD passes sq back to SD who passes it where it came from.

If needed SD prompts Can to seal VSL.

At the appropriate time assist candidate to rise following which JD returns to his seat.

SD guides Can to side of Masters Pedestal for the sharing of the secrets.

Throughout the exchange and sharing of secrets SD ensures Can copies WM at the appropriate time.

When the Word is Shared SD repeats word aloud after Wm and ensures Can repeats. There are then a number of exchanges at which the SD ensures that the Can repeats the ritual throughout.

When the Can is instructed to pass he hands Can to SD who perambulates and presents the candidate to the JW & SW in that order. At both pedestals the actions are given in a whisper but the ritual instructions are given aloud.

During the JW's exchange the word is first lettered and then halved.

***NB: The Exchange at the SW's pedestal can be VERY complicated and is best learned inside out!!!***

At the SW's pedestal the exchange takes place in the following order and is instructed by SD at the appropriate time

Present Can

Take 1st Step & give EA sign

Take 2nd step only

Give Sign of F

Explain what that is

Give H sign

Explain what it is

Explain when it took its rise

Give the Penal sign

Explain what it alludes to

Communicate the grip

Explain what goes with it

Halve the word

Explain whence it is derived from

Explain the import

Explain what when conjoined with the former

After the SW instructs the Can to pass SD wheels him to other side of Pedestal so that Sw can present him.

Assist SW if required in changing apron.

SD takes Can back from SW and Leads him onto carpet and releases grip of him.

After WM instructs for the Can to be placed in SE corner Sd takes Can's Hand and leads him (by squaring) to SE corner and instructs him how to stand Aloud, and instructs Can to pay attention to (whoever is presenting SE Corner)

Working tools follow and Sd conducts Can to wherever they are to be given.

Following this the WM will instruct the Can to Retire. Sd takes Can to top of lodge Clockwise to face East. Release Can and instruct him to give both salutes

Clockwise well to door and Can goes out

SD returns to his seat.

On Can's return Sd collects at door and brings onto floor instructing him to salute.

SD then leads Can to where 2nd TB will be presented.

After presentation SD directs Can to an appropriate seat.

SD resumes his seat'

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