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## Table Lodge Ceremony for the First Joint Celebration of the Feast of St. John

June 29, 1995

6:30 Social

7:30 Opening of Table Lodge

WM	W. Duane Anderson
Chaplain	W. Jim Naeve
SW	M.W. Rod Larson
JW	R.W. Charles Milliner

7:40 **Salad course**

1st Toast - To our Country: W. Duane Anderson

Response - All sing America the Beautiful

2nd Toast - To the Founders of Freemasonry: M.W. Milton Henry

Response - Greg Vokovan

7:55 **Soup course**

3rd Toast - To the Memory of Prince Hall: R.W. Chuck Luman

Response - R.W. John Hardiman

4th Toast - To the Memory of Our Departed Brethren: R.W. Michael Gonzales

Response - W. Gerald Rhoads

8:10 **Main course**

8:30 5th Toast - The Unity of Freemasonry: M.W. Rod Larson

Response - Addresses by M.W. David Bouschor & M.W. Morris Miller

9:00 **Dessert course**

6th Toast - To our Grand Masters: M.W. Martin Weddington

Response - Remarks by M.W. Jack A. Benson and M.W. William A. Richardson

7th Toast - Tylers Toast: W. Frank Ronich

9:30 The Closing of the Table Lodge

WM W. Duane Anderson

Chaplain W. Jim Naeve

Response - All sing Auld Lang Syne

*Past Gr. Master - Toast (46) - "Our Gr. Masters"*

## **JOINT TABLE LODGE CEREMONY**

# **THE M.W. GRAND LODGE A.F.&A.M. OF MINNESOTA and THE M.W. PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE F.&A.M., JURISDICTION OF MINNESOTA**

PREPARED BY: Duane E. Anderson, P.G.O.

## **THE OPENING**

W. MASTER----- (rises and raps once)

BRETHREN, IT HAS BEEN THE CUSTOM AMONG THE FRATERNITY OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LODGE, TO ADJOURN TO THE BANQUET ROOM AND THERE OPEN A TABLE LODGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CELEBRATING THE TRADITIONAL "CEREMONY OF THE SEVEN TOASTS." IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ANCIENT CUSTOM, MY BRETHREN, WILL YOU PLEASE RISE AS OUR CHAPLAIN DELIVERS THE INVOCATION. (gives three raps)

CHAPLAIN----- LET US PRAY.

MOST HOLY AND GLORIOUS LORD GOD, WE REVERENTLY ASK THY BLESSING AS WE GATHER AROUND THIS FESTIVE TABLE IN THE SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD. WE HAVE ASSEMBLED HERE TOGETHER TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY. AS EACH OF US ENDEAVORS TO ERECT OUR SPIRITUAL TEMPLE AGREEABLY TO THY LAWS, MAY THE BEAUTY OF THY LIGHT GIVE US STRENGTH TO BUILD WITH WISDOM. AMEN.

BRETHREN----- SO MOTE IT BE!

W. MASTER-----BRETHREN, PLEASE BE SEATED. (W.M. remains standing)  
BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), BE PLEASED  
TO SATISFY YOURSELVES THAT ALL PARTICIPATING ON THE COLUMNS OF  
THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS. (they do so by  
observation)

S. WARDEN-----W.M., ALL ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE MASONS.

J. WARDEN-----W.M., ALL ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE MASONS.

W. MASTER-----BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS, BE PLEASED TO  
INVITE OUR BRETHREN ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH TO  
ASSIST US IN OPENING A TABLE LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICES.

S. WARDEN-----BRETHREN IN THE NORTH, ASSIST US IN OPENING A TABLE  
LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICES.

J. WARDEN-----BRETHREN IN THE SOUTH, ASSIST US IN OPENING A TABLE  
LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICES.

W. MASTER-----BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN, ARE YOU A MASON?

S. WARDEN-----ALL MY BRETHREN KNOW ME AS SUCH.

W. MASTER-----WHY ARE WE MET TOGETHER?

S. WARDEN-----TO ERECT TEMPLES TO VIRTUE AND DIG DUNGEONS FOR  
VICES.

W. MASTER-----HOW ARE THE TEMPLES ERECTED?

S. WARDEN-----BY THE BLESSING OF GOD.

W. MASTER-----TO WHOM ARE THEY DEDICATED?

S. WARDEN-----TO THE HOLY ST. JOHN.

W. MASTER-----HOW LONG MUST WE WORK?

S. WARDEN-----FROM MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT.

W. MASTER-----WHAT IS THE HOUR?

S. WARDEN-----ALMOST MIDDAY, OR HIGH TWELVE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

W. MASTER----- (gives three raps)

BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUR, INFORM OUR BRETHREN ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH THAT A TABLE LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICES IS NOW OPEN, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN OUR WORKS IN THE USUAL MANNER.

S. WARDEN-----BRETHREN ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH, A TABLE LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICES IS NOW OPEN, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN OUR WORKS IN THE USUAL MANNER.

J. WARDEN-----BRETHREN ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH, A TABLE LODGE OF ENTERED APPRENTICES IS NOW OPEN, AND WE ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN OUR WORKS IN THE USUAL MANNER. (all remain standing)

## **THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CHARGE TO THE BRETHREN AT THE OPENING**

W. MASTER-----BRETHREN, IN THIS SOLEMN HOUR, I CHARGE EACH OF YOU TO REDEDICATE YOURSELF AS A FREEMASON TO THE NOBLE AND GLORIOUS PURPOSE OF BRINGING LIGHT TO DISPEL DARKNESS...TO THE SERVICE OF HIM IN WHOM YOU PUT YOUR TRUST...TO THE PRECEPTS SET FORTH IN THE GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY, THE RULE AND GUIDE OF OUR FAITH.

I CHARGE YOU TO KEEP YOUR APRON AN EMBLEM OF INNOCENCE, UNSPOTTED BY THE WORLD...TO PRACTICE THAT MOST EXCELLENT GIFT OF CHARITY...TO MAKE CONSTANT AND PROPER USE OF THE SQUARE OF VIRTUE, THE LEVEL OF EQUALITY, AND THE PLUMB OF RECTITUDE.

CRAFTSMEN IN THE QUARRIES, I SUMMON YOU TO GREATER LOYALTY TO YOUR LODGE AND YOUR FRATERNITY...TO INTEGRITY IN ALL YOUR DEALINGS WITH YOUR FELLOW MEN...TO STUDY TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT BE ASHAMED.

GUARD AGAINST INNOVATIONS, MY BRETHREN. PRESERVE THE LANDMARKS. MAINTAIN THE REPUTATION OF OUR FRATERNITY. AID AND SUCCOR THE NEEDY. REMEMBER YOUR BROTHER'S WELFARE. BE CIRCUMSPECT ALWAYS IN SPEECH. ASSIST AND SUPPORT HIM WHO IS FALLING. WHISPER GOOD COUNSEL IN THE EAR OF HIM WHO NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT.

LET EACH OF US MAKE USE OF THE TROWEL TO SPREAD THE CEMENT OF BROTHERHOOD. LET US LABOR WITH THE COMMON GAVEL THAT THESE ROUGH ASHLARS MAY BECOME PERFECT ASHLARS. AND FINALLY, MY BRETHREN, REMEMBERING HOW ONCE YOU STOOD IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER A JUST AND UPRIGHT MASON, I GIVE IT YOU STRICTLY IN CHARGE EVER TO WALK AND ACT AS SUCH. AMEN.

BRETHREN-----SO MOTE IT BE!

W. MASTER----- (raps once)

## **CEREMONY OF THE SEVEN TOASTS**

### **ORDER OF SEVEN TOASTS AND PROPOSER**

- 1) TO OUR COUNTRY.....W. MASTER
- 2) TO THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT MASON.....J. WARDEN
- 3) TO THE MEMORY OF PRINCE HALL.....GRAND OFFICER
- 4) TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN.....CHAPLAIN
- 5) TO THE UNITY OF FREEMASONRY.....S. WARDEN
- 6) TO OUR GRAND MASTERS.....PAST GRAND MASTER
- 7) TO ALL FREEMASONS WHERESOEVER DISPERSED.....TYLER

### **FIRST TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)

BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO OUR COUNTRY. I CLAIM FOR MYSELF THE WORDS OF COMMAND.

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)

CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)

BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU OUR COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. OUR WISH IS FOR ITS HONOR AND PROSPERITY IN PEACE, AND FOR ITS CONTINUED SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND FREEDOM. WE PLEDGE ANEW OUR UNDIVIDED LOYALTY. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER YOUR FIRE AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE.

PRESENT, ARMS!

WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO OUR COUNTRY!

BRETHREN-----TO OUR COUNTRY! (repeat in unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)

GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)

THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)

BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and right with empty cannon in right hand)

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)

"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.

BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)

VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)

W. MASTER-----AT EASE, BRETHREN. (song or response may follow toast)

(Suggested song after first toast)



# AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O' BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES,  
FOR AMBER WAVES OF GRAIN  
FOR PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTIES  
ABOVE THE FRUITED PLAIN

AMERICA, AMERICA  
GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE  
AND CROWN THY GOOD WITH BROTHERHOOD  
FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA.

## **SECOND TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)

BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY.

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)

CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)

YOU WILL NOW ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF OUR JUNIOR WARDEN.

JR. WARDEN-----BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU THE ANCIENT AND GENTLE CRAFT OF FREEMASONRY, AND THE MEMORY OF ITS FOUNDERS...

"TO HIM WHO BROUGHT THE STONE AND WOOD,

TO HIM WHO ALL THINGS UNDERSTOOD,

TO HIM WHO HAPLESS SHED HIS BLOOD IN THE DOING OF HIS DUTY,

TO THAT BRIGHT DAY, TO THAT BLEST MORN

WHEREIN THESE THREE GREAT MEN WERE BORN,



OUR ANCIENT SCIENCE TO ADORN  
WITH WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND BEAUTY..."  
THE MYSTIC TIE UNITES US IN A BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE  
FATHERHOOD OF GOD, AND TO A GREAT FUTURE THROUGH A KEENER  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT OF FREEMASONRY. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER  
YOUR FIRE AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE.

W. MASTER-----PRESENT, ARMS!

J. WARDEN-----WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT  
CRAFT MASONRY!

BRETHREN-----TO THE FOUNDERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY! (repeat in  
unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)  
GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)  
THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)  
BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and  
right with empty cannon in right hand)  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)  
"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.

BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)  
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)

W. MASTER-----AT EASE, BRETHREN. (song or response may follow toast)

### **THIRD TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)  
BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and  
aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL  
SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE

PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO THE MEMORY OF PRINCE HALL.

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)

CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)

YOU WILL NOW ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF OUR GRAND OFFICER.

GR. OFFICER-----BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU PRINCE HALL, THE FOUNDER OF A GREAT BRANCH OF OUR WORLDWIDE BROTHERHOOD. ALONG WITH FOURTEEN OTHER MEN FROM BOSTON, HE WAS INITIATED INTO THE MYSTERIES OF FREEMASONRY ON MARCH 6, 1775. HE WORKED DILIGENTLY IN THE CAUSE OF FREEMASONRY BY OBTAINING A REGULAR WARRANT FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND IN 1784 FOR AFRICAN LODGE #459 WITH HIMSELF AS MASTER. BY HIS AUTHORITY AS A PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, HE ORGANIZED LODGES IN PHILADELPHIA AND PROVIDENCE, AND IN 1808 HE ESTABLISHED THE AFRICAN GRAND LODGE OF BOSTON, THE FOUNDATION OF WHAT EVENTUALLY BECAME KNOWN AS PRINCE HALL FREEMASONRY. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER YOUR FIRE AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE.

W. MASTER-----PRESENT, ARMS!

GR. OFFICER-----WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO THE MEMORY OF PRINCE HALL!

BRETHREN-----TO THE MEMORY OF PRINCE HALL! (repeat in unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)

GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)

THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)

BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and right with empty cannon in right hand)

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)  
"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.

BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)  
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)

W. MASTER-----AT EASE, BRETHREN. (song or response may follow toast)

**FOURTH TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)

BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN.

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)

CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)

YOU WILL NOW ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF OUR CHAPLAIN.

CHAPLAIN-----BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN. THEIR LABORS HERE ON EARTH HAVE ENDED, BUT WE SHALL ALWAYS CHERISH THE MEMORY OF THEIR FIDELITY, KINDNESS, AND BROTHERLY LOVE. MAY THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR BROTHERHOOD INSPIRE US TO MORE EARNESTLY DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO THE SERVICE OF OUR FELLOW MEN. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER YOUR FIRE AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE.

W. MASTER-----PRESENT, ARMS!

CHAPLAIN-----WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN!

BRETHREN-----TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN! (repeat in unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)  
GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)  
THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)  
BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and right with empty cannon in right hand)  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)  
"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.

BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)  
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)

W. MASTER-----AT EASE, BRETHREN. (song or response may follow toast)

### **FIFTH TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)

BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO THE UNITY OF FREEMASONRY.

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)

CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)

YOU WILL NOW ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF OUR SENIOR WARDEN.

SR. WARDEN-----BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU OUR BELOVED FRATERNITY. IN ALL THE TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY THERE IS A SENSE THAT THE HUMAN RACE IS ONE FAMILY, A SINGLE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD-- A SENSE THAT THE GOOD OF HUMANITY AS A WHOLE ACTUALLY DOES EXIST. THAT SENSE OF ONENESS, OF UNITY, IS THE ONE THING OUR TROUBLED WORLD NEEDS TODAY. THE WORLD IS PERISHING FOR LACK OF BROTHERHOOD, AND THOUGH WE HAVE THAT GREAT IDEAL ON OUR LIPS, IT HAS YET TO FIND ITS WAY INTO THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR FELLOW MEN. AS MEMBERS OF THIS GREAT FRATERNITY WE MUST BE EXEMPLARS OF THAT UNITY. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER YOUR FIRE AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE.

W. MASTER-----PRESENT, ARMS!

SR. WARDEN-----WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO THE UNITY OF FREEMASONRY!

BRETHREN-----TO THE UNITY OF FREEMASONRY! (repeat in unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)

GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)

THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)

BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and right with empty cannon in right hand)

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)

"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.



BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)  
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)

W. MASTER-----AT EASE, BRETHREN. (song or response may follow toast)

### **SIXTH TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)

BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO OUR GRAND MASTERS.

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)

CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)

YOU WILL NOW ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF OUR PAST GRAND MASTER.

PAST GR. MASTER-----BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MINNESOTA, AND THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, JURISDICTION OF MINNESOTA -- SYMBOLS OF OUR CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP TO AN ANCIENT CRAFT AND TO THE GRAND LODGES OVER WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED TO PRESIDE. MAY THEY LEAD AND DELIBERATE WITH WISDOM, DECIDE WITH JUSTICE, AND PLAN WITH VISION WORTHY OF THE GREAT FRATERNITY THEY SERVE. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER YOUR FIRE MOST AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE.

W. MASTER-----PRESENT, ARMS!

PAST GR. MASTER-----WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO OUR GRAND MASTERS!

BRETHREN-----TO OUR GRAND MASTERS! (repeat in unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)  
GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)  
THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)  
BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and right with empty cannon in right hand)  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)  
"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.

BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)  
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)

W. MASTER-----AT EASE, BRETHREN. (song or response may follow toast)

**SEVENTH (TYLER'S) TOAST:**

W. MASTER----- (rises)  
BRETHREN, CHARGE AND ALIGN YOUR CANNONS (glasses filled and aligned). BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS (Wardens rise), YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE. (done by inspection)

S. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

J. WARDEN-----ALL CANNONS ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE PROPERLY CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE.

W. MASTER-----AND THEY ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED FOR FIRE IN THE EAST. WE WILL NOW FIRE OUR VOLLEY TO ALL FREEMASONS WHERESOEVER DISPERSED.



## **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**

O' BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES,  
FOR AMBER WAVES OF GRAIN  
FOR PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTIES  
ABOVE THE FRUITED PLAIN

AMERICA, AMERICA  
GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE  
AND CROWN THY GOOD WITH BROTHERHOOD  
FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA.

## **AULD LANG SYNE**

SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT  
AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MIND  
SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT  
AND DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE, MY DEAR  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE  
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE

AND HERE'S A HAND, MY TRUSTY FRIEND (all join hands)  
AND HERE'S MY HAND IN THINE  
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE, MY DEAR  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE  
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE

...Brother Robert Burns

## **MILITARY TERMS**

To Charge/Load  
To Fire/Discharge  
To Hew  
To Masticate  
Cannons  
Barrels/Casks/Kegs  
Volley  
Mallet  
Fulminating Powder  
Strong/Red Powder  
Yellow Powder  
Black Powder  
Weak/White Powder  
Swords  
Pickaxes/Mattocks  
Trowels  
Tiles  
Platforms  
Flags  
Stars  
Pincers  
Standard/Veil  
Workshop/Tracing-board  
Stalls  
Rough Ashlar  
Material  
Sand  
Dust  
Paint  
"Charge your cannons"  
"Align your cannons"  
"Fire a volley"  
"Take powder/Attention"  
"Stand, and at order!"  
"Present, Arms"  
"Fire, Good Fire, the  
Sharpest of Fires"  
"Return, Arms"  
"At ease"

## **COMMON MEANING**

To Fill  
To Drink  
To Carve  
To Eat  
Glasses/Goblets  
Bottles  
Toast/Health  
Gavel  
Brandy or Liqueurs  
Wine or Punch  
Cider or Beer  
Coffee  
Water  
Knives  
Forks  
Spoons  
Plates  
Dishes  
Napkins  
Lights/Candles  
Snuffers  
Tablecloth  
Table (Horseshoe shaped)  
Chairs  
Bread  
Meat/Food  
Salt  
Pepper  
Mustard  
Fill your glasses/goblets  
Set cannon 1/2 tile diam. from edge of table  
Drink a toast  
All rise  
All rise, flag over right fore-arm  
Cannon held directly in front  
Toast is drunk in three distinct motions  
(three gun salute)  
Cannon slammed down on table  
All are seated

ATTENTION, MY BRETHREN! (all rise)  
CARRY, ARMS! (raise glasses from firing line to chest)  
YOU WILL NOW ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF OUR TYLER.

## THE TYLER'S TOAST

TYLER-----THEN TO FIRE OUR FINAL VOLLEY TONIGHT, OUR CANNONS  
FREELY DISCHARGE...

HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

THE MASON'S SOCIAL BROTHERHOOD, AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD,  
REVEALS A TRUTH MORE PRECIOUS FAR, THAN THE MISER'S HOARD.  
WE FREELY SHARE THE BOUNTEOUS GIFTS, THAT GENEROUS HEARTS  
CONTAIN,

HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WE MEET AS MASONS FREE AND TRUE, AND WHEN OUR WORK IS DONE,  
THE MERRY SONG AND SOCIAL GLASS, IS NOT UNDULY WON.  
AND ONLY AT OUR FAREWELL PLEDGE, IS PLEASURE MIXED WITH PAIN,  
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

AMIDST OUR MIRTH WE DRINK, TO ALL POOR MASONS O'ER THE EARTH,  
ON EVERY SHORE OUR FLAG OF LOVE, IS GLORIOUSLY UNFURLED.  
WE PRIZE EACH BROTHER NEAR OR FAR, WHO BEARS NO MORAL STAIN,  
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WE MASONS PRIZE THAT NOBLE TRUTH, THE SCOTTISH PEASANT TOLD,  
THAT RANK IS BUT A GUINEA STAMP, THE MAN HIMSELF THE GOLD.  
WE MEET THE RICH AND POOR ALIKE, THE EQUAL RIGHT MAINTAIN,  
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE MYSTIC TIE, THE NIGHT IS WANING FAST,  
OUR WORK IS DONE, OUR FEAST IS O'ER, THIS TOAST MUST BE OUR LAST.  
GOOD-NIGHT TO ALL, ONCE MORE GOOD-NIGHT, AGAIN THAT FAREWELL  
STRAIN,

HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

W. MASTER-----PRESENT, ARMS!

TYLER-----WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO ALL FREEMASONS WHERESOEVER  
DISPERSED!

BRETHREN-----TO ALL FREEMASONS WHERESOEVER DISPERSED! (repeat in  
unison the subject of the toast, all motions synchronized)

W. MASTER-----FIRE! (said immediately after above, drink toast)  
GOOD FIRE! (drink second time)  
THE SHARPEST OF FIRES! (drink third time, empty cannon)  
BRETHREN, TAKING YOUR TIME FROM ME. (3 times recites P-L-R)

BRETHREN----- (all recite at a smart pace, and point forward, left, and  
right with empty cannon in right hand)  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!  
POINT-LEFT-RIGHT!

W. MASTER-----RETURN, ARMS! (cannons returned to firing line)  
"THREE TIMES THREE" BRETHREN.

BRETHREN----- (traditional Masonic battery 3 times 3)  
VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT! (said with great enthusiasm!)  
**(no responses are permitted after its conclusion)**

## THE CLOSING

W. MASTER-----BRETHREN, OUR WORK IS NOW COMPLETED. WE WILL CLOSE  
THIS TABLE LODGE IN THE USUAL MANNER. BROTHER CHAPLAIN, YOU WILL  
LEAD US IN PRAYER.

CHAPLAIN-----ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, WE THANK THEE FOR THE  
OPPORTUNITY THAT THOU HAST GRANTED US TO GATHER AROUND THIS  
FESTIVE BOARD AS FREEMASONS. AND AS WE ARE ABOUT TO RETIRE, HELP  
US TO KEEP OUR HEARTS FULL OF LOVE. HELP US TO FORGET OURSELVES AND  
THINK OF OTHERS, SO THAT, THE SEARCHLIGHT OF TRUTH WILL SHOW TO  
THE WORLD, THAT FREEMASONRY TRULY IS...THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN,  
UNDER THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD. AMEN.

BRETHREN-----SO MOTE IT BE!

(Brethren sing the Traditional Ode; at the beginning of the 2nd verse,  
Brethren cross arms, right over left, and join hands, forming a chain)

## **AULD LANG SYNE**

SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT  
AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MIND  
SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT  
AND DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE, MY DEAR  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE  
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE

AND HERE'S A HAND, MY TRUSTY FRIEND (all join hands)  
AND HERE'S MY HAND IN THINE  
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE, MY DEAR  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE  
WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET  
FOR AULD LANG SYNE

...Brother Robert Burns

## **THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S CHARGE TO THE BRETHREN AT THE CLOSING**

W. MASTER-----BRETHREN, YOU ARE NOW TO QUIT THIS SACRED RETREAT  
OF FRIENDSHIP AND VIRTUE TO MIX AGAIN WITH THE WORLD. AMIDST ITS  
CONCERNS AND EMPLOYMENTS, FORGET NOT THE DUTIES YOU HAVE HEARD SO  
FREQUENTLY INCULCATED AND FORCIBLY RECOMMENDED IN OUR LODGES. BE  
DILIGENT, PRUDENT, TEMPERATE, DISCREET. REMEMBER THAT AROUND OUR  
ALTARS YOU HAVE PROMISED TO BEFRIEND AND RELIEVE EVERY WORTHY  
BROTHER WHO SHALL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE. REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE

PROMISED TO REMIND HIM, IN THE MOST TENDER MANNER, OF HIS FAILINGS, AND AID HIS REFORMATION. THESE GENEROUS PRINCIPLES ARE TO EXTEND FURTHER. EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS A CLAIM UPON YOUR KIND OFFICES. DO GOOD UNTO ALL. RECOMMEND IT MORE ESPECIALLY TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE FAITHFUL. FINALLY, BRETHREN, BE YE ALL OF ONE MIND, LIVE IN PEACE, AND MAY THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE DELIGHT TO DWELL WITH AND BLESS YOU.

...Bro. the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, ca. 1792  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

W. MASTER-----BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS, ARE ALL THE BRETHREN IN ORDER?

S. WARDEN-----ALL ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH ARE IN ORDER.

J. WARDEN-----ALL ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH ARE IN ORDER.

W. MASTER-----WHAT IS THE HOUR?

S. WARDEN-----MIDNIGHT, OR LOW TWELVE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

W. MASTER-----IN CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUR, INFORM ALL BRETHREN ON THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH THAT THIS TABLE LODGE IS CLOSED.

S. WARDEN-----BRETHREN ON THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH, THIS TABLE LODGE IS CLOSED.

J. WARDEN-----BRETHREN ON THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH, THIS TABLE LODGE IS CLOSED.

W. MASTER-----BRETHREN, GO IN PEACE. (---end---)

## APPENDIX

### PRACTICE TOAST:

BRETHREN, I GIVE YOU THE MEMORY OF THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN, THE BAPTIST AND THE EVANGELIST. MAY THEIR SAINTLY QUALITIES INSPIRE EACH OF US TO LIVE A LIFE OF MORE EXALTED USEFULNESS. I INVITE YOU TO DELIVER YOUR FIRE AS HANDSOMELY AS POSSIBLE. ///// WITH ME MY BRETHREN, TO THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN!