

LODGE INTRODUCTION PROTOCOL

The Worshipful Master remains seated and extends a general welcome to all Brethren, expressing his appreciation to the visitors for their presence at the time the Lodge is being honored by a visit from the District Deputy Grand Master

Order of introduction is as follows. Below each bolded, underlined description is instruction on how WM introduces the Brethren

Members & Visitors who have not served as Worshipful Master

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“I will ask all members and visitors, who have not served as Worshipful Master, to rise.”

WM welcomes them, calls for a round of applause and seats them with one rap

Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“I will ask all Past Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, who do not hold office or title in the Grand Lodge, to rise.”

Worshipful Master then stands, greets the Brethren, calls for a round of applause and seats them with one rap – WM sits too

Heads of Appendant Bodies

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“I ask _____ to introduce the heads of all Appendant Bodies at their seats and request the Brethren to remain standing until the final introduction is made.”

Worshipful Master then stands, welcomes the Brethren, calls for a round of applause and seats them with one rap – WM sits too

Grand Lodge Committeemen, Grand Lodge Representatives, District Educational Officers, District Instructors of Work, District Masonic Home Ambassadors, District Blood Coordinators, and District Membership Chairmen

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

"I ask _____ to introduce all Grand Lodge Committeemen, Grand Lodge Representatives, District Educational Officers, District Instructors of Work, District Masonic Home Ambassadors, District Blood Coordinators and District Membership Chairmen at their seats. All Brethren please remain standing until the final introduction is made."

Worshipful Master then stands, welcomes the Brethren, calls for a round of applause and seats them with one rap – WM sits too

Worshipful Masters

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

"Will all Worshipful Masters present please assemble at the Altar."

When Masters are assembled the Worshipful Master says:

"I appoint a committee composed of Right Worshipful _____ and Right Worshipful _____ to present the Worshipful Masters." (Committee must be Past Masters or Past DDGM)

After the Committee introduces the Worshipful Masters the Worshipful Master stands, welcomes them and asks that they continue to the East. THREE RAPS

Worshipful Master Says:

"Brethren, before you stand the Worshipful Masters of the 17th Masonic District, please salute them with Grand Honors."

After Grand Honors the WM asks one of the Worshipful Masters to respond.

Visiting District Deputy Grand Masters

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“Will all visiting District Deputy Grand Masters please assemble at the Altar.”

When DDGMs are assembled the Worshipful Master says:

“I appoint a committee composed of Right Worshipful _____ and Right Worshipful _____ to present the visiting District Deputy Grand Masters” (Committee must be Past Masters, Master, or Past DDGM)

After the Committee introduces the visiting DDGMs the Worshipful Master stands, welcomes them and asks that they continue to the East. THREE RAPS

Worshipful Master Says:

“Brethren, before you stand our visiting District Deputy Grand Masters, please salute them with Grand Honors.”

After Grand Honors the WM asks one of the DDGMs to respond.

Grand Lodge Officers (except Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Masters)

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“Will all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, please assemble at the altar.”

When GL Officers are assembled the Worshipful Master says:

“I appoint a committee composed of Right Worshipful _____ and Right Worshipful _____ to present the Grand Lodge Officers” (Committee must be Past Masters, Master, or Past DDGM)

After the Committee introduces the visiting GL Officers the Worshipful Master stands, welcomes them and asks that they continue to the East. THREE RAPS

Worshipful Master Says:

“Brethren, before you stand Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, please salute them with Grand Honors.”

After Grand Honors the WM asks one of the GL Officers to respond.

Deputy Grand Master

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“I appoint a committee composed of Right Worshipful _____ and Right Worshipful _____ to present the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the altar.” (Committee must be Past Masters, Past GM, Grand Lodge Officer or Past DDGM)

After the Committee introduces the DGM the Worshipful Master stands, welcomes him and asks that he continue to the East. THREE RAPS

Worshipful Master Says:

“Brethren, before you stands Right Worshipful _____, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please salute him with Grand Honors.”

After Grand Honors the WM tends the gavel to the DGM who seats the Lodge and, if so desires, address the Brethren.

Past Grand Masters

Worshipful Master remains seated and says:

“Will all Past Grand Masters present please assemble at the altar.”

When PGMs are assembled the Worshipful Master says:

"I appoint a committee composed of Right Worshipful _____ and Right Worshipful _____ to present the Past Grand Masters" (Committee must be Past Masters, Master, or Past DDGM)

After the Committee introduces the visiting Past Grand Masters the Worshipful Master stands, welcomes them and asks that they continue to the East. THREE RAPS

Worshipful Master Says:

"Brethren, before you stand Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, please salute them with Grand Honors."

After Grand Honors the WM asks one of the Past Grand Masters to respond.

After the last presentation the Worshipful Master turns to the DDGM and tells him this concludes the business of the Lodge and the presentation of guests. The Worshipful Master then asks the DDGM to assume the East. WM removes hat and DDGM adorns his.