

Proclamation of a Worshipful Master

This is the ritual to be used when the Worshipful Master has been **elected** by the Lodge to continue in office for a successive year.

It is not to be used when a Master is remaining in office by virtue of the operation of a Rule in the Book of Constitutions such as Rule 108. In such a case the summons needs merely to record the fact and provide for the Master to proceed to appoint and invest his officers.

DC rises from his position in the Southeast and says:

“Worshipful Master, as you have been elected to continue in office as Master for a further year, it will not be necessary for you again to be Installed in the Chair of the Lodge. It will suffice therefore if you are proclaimed as Worshipful Master.

Brethren, to order.

I now proclaim Worshipful Brother.....Worshipful Master of this theLodge, No.....on the register of the Grand Lodge of England during the ensuing twelve months and until a successor shall have been elected and Installed in his stead. I call upon you to greet him with three EA signs taking the time with me.”

DC moves to face WM in the Chair and says:

“Worshipful Master, I must remind you that at your previous Installation in the Chair of this Lodge, the Warrant of the Lodge was entrusted to your special keeping. I trust it will be transmitted to your successor pure and unsullied.

You are also reminded of your duty to make a careful perusal of the Constitutions of the Craft and the By-Laws of the Province. Lastly you are to enforce the By-Laws of this Lodge.”

DC resumes his position in the Southeast and invites the Brethren to be seated