

## **MASTER CONTINUING IN OFFICE FOR A SECOND YEAR**

### **1. CONTINUATION IN OFFICE:**

Reference should be made to Rule 107, Book of Constitutions.

### **2. SUGGESTED PROCEDURE IN LODGE:**

*The following is not official but has been approved for use in the Province and may be of some assistance.*

The item on the Agenda should read:

“To Proclaim Worshipful Brother Xxxxx XXXXXXXXX as Master”.

It is desirable that Past Masters are appointed to act as Senior and Junior Wardens and Inner Guard in order to facilitate the investiture of the Officers and, if necessary, for the Master to thank his outgoing officers.

The Lodge should be opened in the three degrees and the ceremony commence from the point where the Board of Installed Masters would normally be closed. In which case the D.C. or a Past Master announces that the Worshipful Master is to continue in Office and go on to the salutations and suitably worded proclamation.

*“Brethren, WBro XXXXXXXX has kindly agreed to remain in office as WM of this lodge for e second year. I therefore from the Centre proclaim Bro Xxxxx Worshipful Master of the XXXXXXXXX Lodge, Number XXXX for the ensuing year until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead.”*

The MM’s are requested to stand in the North and they process round the Lodge saluting as MM’s in Passing.

The Proclamation in the third degree is given.

*“Brethren, during your temporary absence [in the second and first degrees) Bro Xxxxx has been proclaimed from the Centre as continuing in office for a second year, I therefore, from the East, Proclaim him etc etc....”*

The ceremony continues for F/C’s and EA’s as per a normal installation.

[Proclamations are done from the West and South as appropriate].

The working tools can be presented by a Past Master with suitable wording such as, “I present to you the Working Tools of a [MM/FC/EA] they are etc etc, the practical and symbolic usages of which you are well acquainted.

(Note: it is desirable that the tools should be presented by a MM, F/C and EA if present)

The Address to the Master is not given.

The Address to the Wardens is given if there is a change in one, or both, of them.

The Address to the Brethren is given.

As the Warrant and Book of Constitutions are already in the possession of the Master these are not re-presented.

A Past Master’s Jewel is not presented. (He will not become a Past Master until he is invested as such after he has installed his successor).