Ancient Charges, Regulations, and Landmarks of the Order. Can you, my worthy Brother, undertake the Mastership of this Lodge on these qualifications?

ME— I can.

IM— Then I shall direct your attention to the Secretary while he reads to you those Ancient Charges and Regulations, to all of which your unqualified assent is essential, which you will signify by the Sn of F after each clause.

ME *turns to face Sec. He takes Sp after first Charge, gives and drops Sn of F. He holds Sp throughout remaining Charges and gives and drops Sn of F after each.*

Sec *stands, reads Ancient Charges from B of C, pausing after each for ME to give Sn and sits after last Charge.*

[*Note: a small adjustment will be needed to the Summary of the Ancient Charges.*]

ME *faces IM.*

IM — Do you submit to, and promise to support, these Ancient Charges and Regulations as Masters have done in all ages?

ME— I do.

IM — Then you will advance to the ped and take a SO as regards your duties as M of this Lodge.

ME *advances to ped, removing glove if worn.*

IM— Kneel on your r k, place your r h on the VSL.

ME *does so.*

IM *one k* **SW** *one k* **JW** *one k.*

ALL *rise, Sp and Sn of F.*

IM — Repeat your name at length, and say after me:

I, ..., in the presence of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe and of this worthy and worshipful Lodge of FC FMs, regularly held, assembled, and properly dedicated, do agree to accept the office of M of this Lodge and the duties thereof faithfully, zealously, and impartially to administer, to the best of my skill and ability, until the next regular period of election within this Lodge, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in my stead. I further solemnly promise that I will not, either during my Mastership, or at any time that the Lodge may be under my direction, permit or suffer any deviation from the established Landmarks of the Order; that I will not administer, or cause to be administered, any rite or ceremony contrary to or subversive of our ancient Institution, but, on the contrary, will maintain, support, and uphold, pure and unsullied, the principles and tenets of the Craft; that I will, to the utmost of my power, strictly enforce obedience to those excellent Rules and Regulations to which I have already given my assent, and in every respect, conscientiously discharge my duties as a ruler in the Craft and M of this Lodge. So help me, AG, and keep me steadfast in this my SO of ME.

PM (*or* **DC**) *ensures ME kneels on kneeling stool and that he gives Sn of R.*

PRAYER

(IM says Prayer in E L of I

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our solemn rite, and grant that the worthy and distinguished Brother, who is now about to be numbered among the Rulers in the Craft, may be endued with wisdom to comprehend, judgment to define, and ability to enforce obedience to Thy Holy Law, Sanctify him with Thy Grace, strengthen him with Thy Power, and enrich his mind with genuine knowledge, that he may the better be enabled to enlighten the minds of his Brethren, and consecrate this our mansion to the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name.

IPM — *So mote it be.*

ALL *drop Sn of R, and turn to former position.*

PM (*or* **DC**) *ensures ME rises and that he continues to stand in the same place; then, assisted by another PM if necessary, replaces kneeling stool in front of WM's ped.*

IM — You have already taken a SO as regards your duties as M of this Lodge; you will now advance and take another Obl with respect to the mysteries restricted to the Master's Chair. — *ME advances to ped* — K on b ks, place b hs on the VSL — *ME does so. (IM ensures ME removes gloves, if worn.)*

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IM *one k* **SW** *one k* **JW** *one k.*

ALL *Sp and MM P Sn.*

IM *to ME — Repeat your name at length and say after me:*

I, ..., in the presence of the MH, and before this Board of Installed Masters, duly constituted and regularly assembled, of my own free will and accord, do hereby — *with l h touches one or both hs of ME* — and hereon — *with l h touches VSL* — most solemnly promise and swear that I will for ever conceal and never divulge any or either of the mysteries restricted to the M's Chair to anyone in the world, unless it be to an Installed Master, or to a Can duly elected to that Office, nor then unless assisted by two or more Installed Masters regularly assembled for that purpose. All these points I solemnly swear to observe, without evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation of any kind. So help me the MH and preserve me inviolate in this my SO of an Installed Master.

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ALL *cut Sn and recover.*

IM — As a pledge of your F and to render this a SO you will s it w y ls th on the VSL. — *ME does so.*

IM — The symbolic penalty which a ME was formerly called on to repeat in his Obl was that of having his r h st o a s o h l s t t w a dy *(ME's hands remain on VSL).*

IM — Let me once more direct your attention to the three great though emblematical Lights in Freemasonry, the VSL, the Sq, and Cs. The S V, that great Light in Masonry, will guide you to all truth, direct your steps in the paths of happiness, and point out to you the whole duty of man. The Sq will teach you to regulate your life and actions according to the Masonic line and rule. The Cs remind you to limit your desires in every station of life, that rising to