

## Address to the Worshipful Master

*IM (or other PM) from N of SW's ped and faces WM*

Worshipful Master, you, having been installed in the Chair of this worthy and worshipful Lodge, cannot be insensible to the obligations which devolve on you as its head, or to your responsibility for the faithful discharge of the duties annexed to the appointment. The honour, reputation, and usefulness of this Lodge will materially depend on the skill and assiduity with which you manage its concerns; while the happiness of its members will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal and ability with which you promulgate the genuine principles of the Institution.

As a pattern for imitation, consider that glorious luminary of Nature, which, rising in the East, regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its circle; in like manner it is your peculiar province to communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of your Lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry; seriously admonish them never to disgrace it; charge them to practise out of the Lodge those duties they have been taught in it; and by virtuous, amiable, and discreet conduct to prove to the world the happy and beneficial effects of our Ancient Institution, so that when anyone is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.

In fine, Worshipful Master, by a strict observance of the By-laws of your Lodge, the Constitution of Masonry, and above all by the use of the Sacred Writings which are given as the rule and guide of our Faith, you will be enabled to lay up a Crown of Joy and Rejoicing which will continue when time with you shall be no more - *(Sign of R)*.

And may God grant you health and strength to perform the duties of your high office with satisfaction to yourself, and advantage to your Lodge - *(drops Sign of R)*