

Greatest Chapter No. 1001
Royal Arch Masons State of NY

Takes Pleasure in Presenting

The Fraternal Fellowship

Of

A

Royal Arch Chapter Table Lodge



(date)

Opening

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Opening Remarks

E.H.P. Brethren, be seated. (*)

E.H.P. Companion King & Companion Scribe, invite our Companions on the North & South Columns to assist us in opening a Chapter of Table Instruction.

King Companions in the Column of the North, assist us in opening a Chapter of Table Instruction.

Scribe Companions in the Column of the South, assist us in opening a Chapter of Table Instruction.

E.H.P. Companion King, Are you a Mason?

King All my Companions know me to be such.

E.H.P. What is your first duty?

King To see that all Brethren are in order, (*looking about*) – They are, Excellent High Priest.

E.H.P. Why are we met together?

King To erect Temples of Virtue & dig dungeons for vices

E.H.P. How long must we work?

King From Midday to Midnight

E.H.P. What is the Hour?

King Almost Midday

E.H.P. In consideration of the hour, inform the Companions in the Columns in the North and South that a Chapter of Table Instruction is open and we are about to begin our work in the usual manner.

- King** (* * *) It is the Order of the Excellent High Priest that a Chapter of Table Instruction is NOW OPEN.
- Scribe** (* * *) It is the Order of the Excellent High Priest that a Chapter of Table Instruction is NOW OPEN.
- E.H.P.** Companion King & Scribe, see that the cannons are charged for the First Toast.
- King** The cannons are charged in the North
- Scribe** The cannons are charged in the South
- E.H.P.** (* * *) My Companions, let us drink to the Honor, Peace and Prosperity of our Country, pledging anew our undivided Loyalty. With me my Companions....”**TO OUR COUNTRY!** “
- All Repeat in Unison:** “**TO OUR COUNTRY!**”

TOASTING PROCEDURE (FOR ALL TOASTS)

All rise in response to the 3 raps of the gavel,
(except the individual(s) being toasted).

Companions hold their cannon in their right hand,
breast high and face the Excellent High Priest.

As soon as the Excellent High Priest proposes the Toast, the Companions repeat in unison - -the proposed Toast....
(e.g. “to our Country!”).

- The E.H.P. then says, “AIM” and the cannon is brought to the lips.
The E.H.P. then says, “FIRE” and a sip is taken from the cannon.
The E.H.P. then says, “GOOD FIRE” and a larger sip is taken.
The E.H.P. then says, “FIRE ALL” and the remainder of the cannon contents is consumed.
(bottoms up!!)

The empty cannon is then held at the Left Shoulder, taking time from the E.H.P.; it is extended at a 45° angle to the center, retracting at a 45° angle to the right shoulder (thus forming the compasses). The cannon is then carried horizontally to the center of the breast.

It is extended at a 45° angle to the left, returning to the center, then extending to a 45° angle to the right, **and then forcibly down to the table** (thus forming a square). The latter is done with exactness, so that the Companions may execute the same movement at the same time and all the cannons will strike the table **with one unanimous blow!!**

King (Before Dinner) Excellent High Priest

E.H.P. Companion King, What do you Desire?

King I beg to allow the cannons to be charged and aligned for a Toast that I wish to propose.

E.H.P. Companions, in all your grades and stations, charge and align your cannons for a toast that the King wishes to propose!

E.H.P. Companions King and Scribe - - are the cannons charged and aligned in the Columns in the North and South?

King The cannons are charged and aligned in the North!

Scribe The cannons are charged and aligned in the South!

E.H.P. The East yields to your desires. What is the Toast you wish to propose?

King It is to the Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons in the State of New York.

E.H.P. (* * *) With me my Companions.....”To the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.”

ALL REPEAT IN UNISON:

”To the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.”

E.H.P. AIM.....FIRE.....GOOD FIRE.....**FIRE ALL!!** (*)

(Taking cue from the E.H.P., the Companions form the Square & Compasses with the empty cannons and strike the table with **one unanimous blow!!**)

Scribe (Before Dinner) Excellent High Priest!

E.H.P. Companion Scribe, What do you Desire?

Scribe I beg to allow the cannons to be charged and aligned for a Toast that I wish to propose.

E.H.P. Companions, in all your grades and stations, charge and align your cannons for a toast that the Scribe wishes to propose!

E.H.P. Companions King and Scribe are the cannons charged and aligned in the Columns in the North and South?

King The cannons are charged and aligned in the North!

Scribe The cannons are charged and aligned in the South!

E.H.P. The East yields to your desires. What is the Toast you wish to propose?

Scribe It is to the “Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York.”

E.H.P. (* * *) With me my Companions to the “Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York!”

ALL REPEAT IN UNISON: To the “Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York.”

E.H.P. AIM.....FIRE.....GOOD FIRE.....**FIRE ALL!!** (*)

(Taking cue from the E.H.P., the Companions form the Square & Compasses with the empty cannons and strike the table with one unanimous blow!!)

C.O.H. (Before Dinner) Excellent High Priest

E.H.P. Captain of the Host, What do you Desire?

C.O.H. I beg to allow the cannons to be charged and aligned for a Toast that I wish to propose.

E.H.P. Companions, in all your grades and stations, charge and align your cannons for a toast that the Captain of the Host wishes to propose!

E.H.P. Companions King and Scribe are the cannons charged and aligned in the Columns in the North and South?

King The cannons are charged and aligned in the North!

Scribe The cannons are charged and aligned in the South!

E.H.P. The East yields to your desires. What is the Toast you wish to propose?

C.O.H. It is “to the **(title of officer)** of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York! – Right Excellent **(name of officer)**”

E.H.P. (* * *) With me my Companions - “to the **(title of officer)** of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York! – Right Excellent **(name of officer)**”

ALL REPEAT IN UNISON: “to the **(title of officer)** of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York! – Right Excellent **(name of officer)**”

E.H.P. AIM.....FIRE.....GOOD FIRE.....**FIRE ALL!!** (*)

(Taking cue from the E.H.P., the Companions form the Square & Compasses with the empty cannons and strike the table with one unanimous blow!!)

E.H.P. (* * *) Companions, let us feast!

*Note: **Before dessert**, the 5th, 6th, and 7th toasts may be made by any Companion following the same toasting procedure.*

- Fifth Toast (To the Craft)
- Sixth Toast (To the Grand Chapter)
- Seventh Toast (To the District Deputy Grand High Priest)

*Note: **After dessert**, the 8th, 9th and any challenging toasts may be made by any Companion following the same toasting procedure.*

- Eighth Toast (To Host Chapter)
- Ninth Toast (To Guests and Visiting Companions)

Procedure to Request a Toast

Rise and say,

“ Excellent High Priest, I beg to allow the cannons to be charged and aligned for a toast that I wish to propose.”

E.H.P. Companions in all your grades and stations,.....charge and align your cannons for a toast that our Companion wishes to propose. (Pause)
Companion King and Scribe, are the cannons charged and aligned in the North and South?

King The cannons are charged and aligned in the North.

Scribe The cannons are charged and aligned in the South.

E.H.P. My Companion,.....the East yields to your desire. What is the Toast that you wish to propose?

Companion (States his Toast)

E.H.P. (* * *) With me my Companions, (Repeats the Companion’s Toast)

ALL REPEAT IN UNISON: (The Companions Toast)

AIM.....FIRE.....GOOD FIRE.....**FIRE ALL!!** (*)

E.H.P. (10th Toast) (* * *) To our newly acquired Companions who will not doubt the cordial sincerity of our welcome. May this occasion persuade them to share our Fellowship whenever circumstances permit. With me my Companions.....”**TO OUR NEWLY ACQUIRED COMPANIONS !** “
{ ALL repeat in unison }

AIM.....FIRE.....GOOD FIRE.....**FIRE ALL!!** (*)

E.H.P. (11th Toast) (* * *) TO ALL COMPANIONS PRESENT

E.H.P. The East will now accept Toasts proposed by any Companion

- *Challenging Toasts are proposed following the “Procedure To Request a Toast”.*

Sentinel (After challenging Toasts) “**E.H.P.**, I beg the cannons be charged for a Toast I wish to propose.”

E.H.P. Companion King and Scribe, are the cannons charged and aligned in the Columns in the North and South?

King The cannons are charged and aligned in the North.

Scribe The cannons are charged and aligned in the South.

E.H.P. Companion Sentinel, The East yields to your desire. What is the Toast that you wish to propose ?

Sentinel “To all Companions and Free and Accepted Masons, wherever they may be spread over the face of the Earth.”

E.H.P. (* * *) With me my Companions.....”To all Companions and Free and Accepted Masons, wherever they may be spread over the face of the Earth.”

ALL REPEAT IN UNISON:”To all Companions and Free and Accepted Masons, wherever they may be spread over the face of the Earth.”

AIM.....FIRE.....GOOD FIRE.....**FIRE ALL!!** (*)

CLOSING

Chaplain Excellent High Priest, I beg your permission to have the cannons charged and aligned as I may propose the last Toast of the Evening.

E.H.P. Companion King and Scribe, are the cannons charged and aligned in the North and South?

King The cannons are charged and aligned in the North.

Scribe The cannons are charged and aligned in the South.

Chaplain Let us be merry and put bright faces on. What Mortal can boast so noble a toast as that of being a Royal Arch Mason.

E.H.P. (* * *) ALL TOAST (remain standing)

E.H.P. I now ask all present to cross their arms, joining the left and right hands, and form a chain. We will now sing "Auld Lang Syne"

*Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind.
Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot
An days of Auld Lang Syne.
For Auld Lang Syne, my dear,
For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne.*

E.H.P. (*) Companion King and Scribe, are the companions in Order?

K & S (in unison) They are Excellent High Priest.

E.H.P. What is the Hour?

King Midnight

E.H.P. In consideration of the hour, inform all Companions in the Columns of the North and South that we are about to close the Chapter Table of Instruction.

King (* * *) Companions, it is the order of the Excellent High Priest that this Chapter of Table Instruction be now closed.

Scribe (* * *) Companions, it is the order of the Excellent High Priest that this Chapter of Table Instruction be now closed.

E.H.P. The Chapter is now closed. (*).

Glossary Table Lodge Terminology

(Please use these terms in conversation during the Chapter Table Lodge)

Cannon.....	Drinking vessel
Casks.....	Bottles
Red Powder.....	Red Wine
White Powder.....	White Wine
Weak Powder.....	Water
Fizzle Powder.....	Soda Pop
Yellow Powder.....	Beer
Black Powder.....	Coffee
Rough Ashlar.....	Bread
Materials.....	Food
Stars.....	Lights
Tiles.....	Plates
Swords.....	Knives
Trowels.....	Spoons
Pickaxes.....	Forks
Sand.....	Salt
Cement.....	Pepper
Standard.....	Tablecloth
Flags.....	Napkins
Tracing Board.....	Table
Stalls.....	Chairs
Feast.....	Eat
Fire.....	To Drink
Hew.....	To Carve