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How To For A Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony

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Type of Program

The Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony (CLATTC) is both a patriotic and an educational program depending on the audience. It is intended to gather together Masons and non-Masons and their ladies for an evening of fun and fellowship with a dash of education thrown into the ceremony.

Program Description and Background Information

Origin of a Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony

The original CLATTC was adapted in 2000 from the 1993 DRAFT “National Sojourners Colonial Table Lodge Ceremony”. The Colonial Table Lodge Ceremony was in turn adapted from the 1991 Grand Lodge of Nebraska “Nebraska Table Lodge Ceremony” which was composed and edited by National Sojourners, Incorporated and Heroes of “76 members of that Grand Jurisdiction.

What is a Table Lodge Ceremony?

The modern American Masonic Table Lodge has evolved from the 18th Century. In the first half of the 18th Century a majority of American and English Lodges held their regular lodge communications while seated at the table usually on the second floor of an inn or tavern. Some with a table down the middle of the room and others with tables arranged in a “U” and after the business was finished a festive meal ensued. The post meeting meals would include toasts, jokes, and singing. Truly, good fellowship was as much a principle tenet in those days as brotherly love, relief, and truth. A lodge in those days was local in every sense of the word. It managed its own affairs with little, if any, outside supervision and was thought of as being primarily a close circle of friends. As lodges grew in membership and activities grew in number the somewhat festive post meeting gatherings ceased. To fill the void a portion of the time-honored practice of a Table Lodge was reintroduced and facilitated the enjoyment of fellowship and brotherly love. When a “Meeting at the Table” is a feast and not pie and coffee refreshments, when the table service is attractive and complete, when it is a time of cheer and mirth as well as eating – then it becomes a true Table Lodge.

Background/Information of a Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony

A CLATTC is an adaptation of a Masonic Table Lodge that includes and involves the ladies. Unlike a Masonic Table Lodge a CLATTC is not a tyled meeting.

Everything used at a CLATTC changes its name as soon as the Master’s gavel signifies its opening. This to is a time honored tradition. The names of utensils, drink, and supporting items revert to the tradition of the early days of Speculative Masonry. Following is a list of some of the names used during the course of a CLATTC.

<u>Traditional</u>	<u>CLATTC</u>	<u>Traditional</u>	<u>CLATTC</u>
Glasses	Cannons	Salt	Sand
Bottles	Casks	Pepper	Cement
Red Wine	Red Powder	Table	Tracing Board
White Wine	Strong Powder	Chairs	Stalls

Beer	Yellow Powder	Table Cloth	Standard
Coffee	Black Powder	Napkins	Flags
Water/Punch	Weak Powder	Food	Materials
Plates	Tiles	Bread	Rough Ashlar
Knives	Swords	“To Eat”	Masticate
Forks	Pickaxes	“To Drink”	Fire!
Spoons	Trowels	“To Carve”	Hew

Intended Audience of a Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony

While an important purpose of a CLATTC is as a potential recruiting tool for non-Masons to become Masons and qualified Masons to become National Sojourners it is also intended to be a fun and educational experience for all attending. The host organization of CLATTC should invite qualified Masons who are not National Sojourners as well as non-Masons such as civic leaders or individuals whom they believe would make good Masons and their ladies. If at all possible a CLATTC should be presented in a lodge room to provide a potential avenue for non-Masons to ask about and find out about Masonry.

Number Required to Present a Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony

In a perfect world a CLATTC would require 21 Sojourners and 3 ladies (preferably Camp Followers). If the numbers are not available then attendees may be requested to present more than one toast and guests could be requested to present toasts, especially current or former military attendees. A perfect world summary of those presenting toasts follows.

- Worshipful Master
- Senior and Junior Wardens
- Chaplain
- Secretary
- Senior and Junior Deacons
- Senior and Junior Stewards
- 12 Sojourners for toasts (Worshipful Master presents the first toast)
 - Includes 5 military toasts
- 3 ladies, preferably Camp Followers, for toasting

Presentation Attire

If possible colonial attire is desired for the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Stewards, and Chaplain. Colonial attire is desired for the ladies participating in the toasting, but is not required. All men in attendance are encouraged to wear business attire and the ladies corresponding attire of the men.

List of Props Needed

- 3 gavels
- Bible

CD player or computer
Possibly a sound system (depends on number of attendees)
Sword
Name placards for those with assigned seating (Worshipful Master, Wardens, Deacons, etc.)
Sojourners “Toast To The Flag”
Toasting cannons (must be small and strong tumblers or juice glasses with heavy bottoms)
American Flag
CD or some other medium with Taps and service hymns

Where Can Props Be Obtained

Gavels: Masonic Lodge
Bible: Masonic Lodge
Sword: Masonic Lodge
Name placards for those with assigned seating: prepared by host secretary/adjutant
Sojourners “Toast To The Flag” (at the end of this document)
Sound System: host facility
Toasting cannons: if purchasing check discountmugs.com or a local drinking glass supplier
American Flag: host lodge/chapter or facility where event is held
CD or some other medium with Taps and service hymns: National Sojourners, Incorporated

List of Support Equipment (computer, projector, screen, etc.)

CD player/computer with appropriate with CD or some other medium with Taps and service hymns

Special Information/Instructions

The CLATTC is published as a Sojourners/Heroes program for use in those Grand Jurisdictions where it has been or can be authorized. While this Ceremony is not “tyled” and not strictly a Masonic activity, it has its roots in Masonry, is presented by Masons and their ladies, and consequently should not be presented without advance written authorization of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which the Ceremony is to be presented.

It should be noted that some Grand Jurisdictions permit the use of alcoholic beverages for some Masonic functions, while others do not. Even though this is not a Masonic activity, but the use of alcohol may be desired, it is strongly recommended that the host body sponsoring the CLATTC obtain permission of Grand Jurisdiction it resides in.


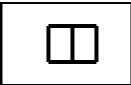


If the Grand Master is an attendee a toast is recommended. If he is not in attendance a toast to the Grand Lodge is recommended.

Rehearsal by the officers participating in the CLATTC prior to the Ceremony is a must so that all understand their responsibilities and the flow of the Ceremony.


In the diagram that follows the “set up” will accommodate 91 which would include the lodge officers with the Worshipful Master, guest of Honor, and other head table dignitaries. If the center table is

removed 67 attendees could be accommodated. Adding additional “legs”, expanding the head table will could be done to accommodate the desired number of attendees.

 US Flag

	Guest	Guest	Guest of Hon	WM	Guest	Guest	Sec	
								
X								X
X	X						X	X
X	X						X	X
X	X		Chap		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
X	X		X		X		X	X
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X	X		X		X		X	X
SD		SS			X		X	JD
							JS	
	SW						JW	

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Script for a Colonial Ladies at the Table Ceremony

~~ OPENING OF COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE ~~

WM BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS: * **(RAP - SW AND JW RISE)**
INVITE ALL THOSE IN THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH TO
ASSIST US IN OPENING A COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE CEREMONY.

SW BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS IN THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH -
ASSIST US IN OPENING A COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE CEREMONY.

JW BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS IN THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH -
ASSIST US IN OPENING A COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE CEREMONY.

WM BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN - WHY ARE WE MET TOGETHER?

SW TO ERECT TEMPLES TO VIRTUE AND DIG DUNGEONS FOR VICIES.

WM HOW LONG MUST WE WORK?

SW FROM MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT.

WM WHAT IS THE HOUR?

SW ALMOST MIDDAY.

WM *** **RAPS - - (ALL RISE)** BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS, SINCE NO
GREAT OR IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING SHOULD EVER BEGIN WITHOUT
FIRST REQUESTING DIVINE GUIDANCE, YOU WILL BE REVERENTLY
ATTENTIVE WHILE THE CHAPLAIN OPENS THE BIBLE AND LEADS US IN
PRAYER.

(Luke Chapter 11, Verses 21-23)

CHAP: ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD WHO HAS BROUGHT US SAFELY
TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS DAY, BE WITH US DURING THIS TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP THAT WE MAY IN ALL OF OUR DOINGS BE GUIDED BY THY
WISDOM. WE ASK THAT YOU BLESS THE FOOD OF WHICH WE ARE
ABOUT TO PARTAKE THAT IT MAY NOURISH OUR BODIES AS THY WORD
NOURISHES OUR MINDS. **AMEN.**

WM A COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE CEREMONY NOW IS OPEN AND WE
ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN OUR WORK IN THE USUAL MANNER.

WM INTRODUCE _____ FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TOAST TO THE FLAG

WM * **(RAP AND SEAT ALL)** - WELCOME ALL AND ANNOUNCE THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR FUN AND FRIENDSHIP. DIGNITARIES MAY ALSO BE INTRODUCED AT THIS TIME. EXPLAIN A LITTLE ABOUT THE COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE HISTORY.

DINNER IS SERVED

GUEST SPEAKER MAKES REMARKS

WM AFTER DINNER IS SERVED AND GUEST SPEAKER HAS MADE REMARKS, EXPLAIN THE TOASTING PROCEDURE **FOR EVERY TOAST** THAT FOLLOWS.

BEFORE EACH AND EVERY TOAST IS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING IS DONE

WM BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS * **(RAP - SW AND JW RISE)** SEE THAT THE CANNONS ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED IN THE COLUMNS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

SW BROTHER SENIOR STEWARD CHARGE AND ALIGN THE CANNONS IN THE COLUMN OF THE NORTH.

JW BROTHER JUNIOR STEWARD CHARGE AND ALIGN THE CANNONS IN THE COLUMN OF THE SOUTH.

WM *(After suitable time to allow charge of Cannons)* BROTHERS JUNIOR AND SENIOR WARDENS, ARE ALL YOUR CANNONS AND ALIGNED CHARGED?

JW WE ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED IN THE SOUTH WM

SW WE ARE CHARGED AND ALIGNED IN THE NORTH WM

PROPOSER RISES

WM _____ FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

WM *** (RAPS - ALL RISE)

PROPOSER GIVES TOAST, FOLLOWED BY "WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS".

WM CONTROLS THE TOASTING PROCEDURE AS FOLLOWS:

READY! (ALL EXTEND CANNONS ARMS LENGTH, CHIN HIGH)
AIM! (CANNONS BROUGHT TO LIPS)
FIRE! (DRINK TOAST)
ORDER! (CANNONS LOWERED TO 6 INCHES ABOVE TRACING BOARD)
ARMS! (CANNONS BROUGHT SMARTLY TO TRACING BOARD IN UNISON)

~~ TOASTING ~~

WM I RISE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR COUNTRY * * * **(RAPS)**

1. OUR COUNTRY (ALWAYS GIVEN BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER). MY FRIENDS, LET US DRINK TO THE HONOR, PEACE, AND PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY, PLEDGING ANEW OUR UNDIVIDED LOYALTY. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR COUNTRY.

WM RESPONSE: TO OUR COUNTRY

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

2. PROPOSER GIVING THE "TO THE CRAFT" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

WM *** **(RAPS)** TOAST IS GIVEN.

TO THE CRAFT. TO THE MEMORY OF OUR FOUNDERS AND TO THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN, TO THE TIES WHICH UNITE A WORLD BROTHERHOOD, TO A FUTURE MADE GREAT BY A REASON OF A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE CRAFT.

RESPONSE: TO THE CRAFT

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

3. PROPOSER GIVING THE “GRAND MASTER” TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

WM *** **(RAPS)** TOAST IS GIVEN.

I RISE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER _____, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN STATE. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO MOST WORSHIPFUL _____, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN STATE.

RESPONSE: TO MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER _____

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)** AND IF GRAND MASTER IS IN ATTENDANCE STATES THAT MWB WILL RESPOND AT A LATER TIME IN THE CEREMONY.

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

4. PROPOSER GIVING THE “GEORGE WASHINGTON” TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM *** **(RAPS)** (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TO OUR BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON. WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET WHO IT WAS THAT QUITTING THE PEACEFUL SHADES OF VERNON'S HILL, WITH ALL THE PLEASURE THAT WEALTH COULD PURCHASE, FRIENDSHIP OFFER, AND DOMESTIC FELICITY AFFORD, PLACED HIMSELF AT THE HEAD OF OUR ARMIES AT THE UNANIMOUS CALL OF HIS COUNTRYMEN, UNTIL VICTORY AT LAST CROWNED HIS EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON.

WM CONTROLS TOAST. * **(RAP)** AND INTRODUCES INDIVIDUAL GIVING RESPONSE.

RESPONSE: WASHINGTON THE MAN, AND WASHINGTON THE MASON, WAS INITIATED AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE IN THE LODGE AT FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, IN NOVEMBER OF 1752, HE WAS PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOW CRAFT IN MARCH 1753 AND WAS RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON IN AUGUST 1753. HE WAS PROUD OF HIS MEMBERSHIP SAYING, "THE OBJECT OF FREEMASONRY IS TO PROMOTE THE HAPPINESS OF THE HUMAN RACE." IN 1788 HE SERVED AS THE FIRST MASTER OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS ALEXANDRIA - WASHINGTON LODGE. WASHINGTON SERVED BOTH GOD AND MAN WITH THE FIRMNESS OF HIS CONVICTIONS. AS HIS HOPE WAS IN GOD, SO MUST WE PLACE OUR HOPE IN GOD. WASHINGTON CARRIED IN HIS HEART THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND FREEDOM. AS MASONS AND CITIZENS, WE MUST LIKEWISE CARRY FORWARD THOSE SAME IDEALS.

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

5. PROPOSER GIVING THE "MOLLY PITCHER" RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

WM *** (RAPS) TOAST IS GIVEN

WHO WAS IT WHO TENDED THE GUN CREW WHICH SERVED HER HUSBAND'S FIELD ARTILLERY PIECE? WHO TOOK HER HUSBAND'S PLACE AFTER HE WAS KILLED AT THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH? IT WAS MARY MCCAULEY, BETTER KNOWN AS MOLLY PITCHER. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO MOLLY PITCHER.

RESPONSE: TO MOLLY PITCHER

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * (RAP)

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

6. PROPOSER GIVING THE "JOSEPH WARREN" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

WM *** (RAPS) (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TO OUR BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN. MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN WAS GRAND MASTER OF HIS NATIVE STATE WHEN THE ANGEL OF DEATH THREW HER MANTLE OVER HIS PROSTRATE FORM. "AH MANY A NOBLE HEART WAS HUSHED IN THE BATTLE'S DIN THAT DAY, AND MANY A LONG LIFE'S HOPE WAS CRUSHED IN THAT DARK AND SAD ARRAY. BUT NEVER A HEART MORE BRAVE AND TRUE, THAN THE MARTYRED HEROES WHO FELL, THE FIRST IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY ON THE HEIGHTS OF BUNKER HILL. IT SWEEPED THE COUNTRY LIKE A FUNERAL KNELL, THE SORROWFUL TIDINGS, HOW WARREN FELL." WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN.

WM CONTROLS TOAST * **(RAP)** AND INTRODUCES INDIVIDUAL GIVING THE RESPONSE.

RESPONSE: JOSEPH WARREN WAS A HARVARD GRADUATE OF 1759 WHO BECAME A MOST SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON IN BOSTON. HE WAS MADE A MASON IN ST. ANDREWS LODGE IN 1761 AND CHOSEN GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS IN 1769. AS THE FIRST OF THE RENOWNED MASONIC MARTYRS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WARREN WAS TOASTED AT THE AMERICAN UNION LODGE FUNCTIONS ALONG WITH OTHER HEROES. HIS LOVE OF FREEDOM, HIS FERVENT PATRIOTISM, AND HIS FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH, MARK JOSEPH WARREN AS ONE MOST DESERVING OF THE HONORS WHICH THE CRAFT CONFERRED, BEFORE, OR SINCE HIS SACRIFICE.

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

7. PROPOSER GIVING THE "ABIGAIL ADAMS" TOAST RISES

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

WM *** **(RAPS)** TOAST IS GIVEN.

WHO WAS IT WHO WROTE TO HER HUSBAND, OUR 2ND PRESIDENT, ADMONISHING HIM TO REMEMBER THE LADIES AND BE MORE GENEROUS TO THEM? WHO WAS IT WHO WARNED: "IF PARTICULAR ATTENTION AND CARE ARE NOT PAID TO THE LADIES, WE ARE PREPARED TO REBEL AND DISOBEY THE LAWS IN WHICH WE HAVE NO VOICE OR REPRESENTATION"? IT WAS ABIGAIL ADAMS WHO WAS THIS COUNTRY'S FIRST "WOMEN'S LIBBER." WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS -TO ABIGAIL ADAMS.

RESPONSE: TO ABIGAIL ADAMS

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

8. PROPOSER GIVING THE “BENJAMIN FRANKLIN” TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

WM *** **(RAPS)** THREE (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TO OUR BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, PRINTER, AUTHOR, PUBLISHER, AND SCIENTIST RAISED HIMSELF FROM THE HUMBLEST WALKS OF LIFE TO THE HIGHEST EMINENCE AS A STATESMAN. IT WAS FRANKLIN THAT SNATCHED THE THUNDERBOLT FROM JOVE, AND THE SCEPTER FROM TYRANTS. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

WM CONTROLS TOAST AND * **(RAP)** INTRODUCES THE INDIVIDUAL GIVING THE RESPONSE.

RESPONSE. THE SPAN OF FRANKLIN'S LIFE SAW THE RISE OF AMERICA FROM COLONIALISM TO INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL UNION. DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1706 TO 1790, ROUGH PROVINCIALISM GREW TO CULTURAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND IN MOST EVERY FACET OF THIS GROWTH, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WAS A CENTRAL PARTICIPANT. MORE THAN ONE HISTORIAN HAS CALLED AMERICA'S 18TH CENTURY "THE AGE OF FRANKLIN." FRANKLIN WAS MADE A MASON IN FEBRUARY OF 1730. HE SERVED AS GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA IN 1734 AND AGAIN IN 1749. FRANKLIN, BOTH AS A MASON AND A MAN, WAS REAL, "A GENUINE PERSON" WITH WEAKNESS AND INDULGENCES POSSESSED BY MANY OTHERS. A BIT OF VANITY AND FORGETFULNESS APPEARS IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, BUT THERE CAN NEVER BE A DOUBT THAT HE WAS A GREAT MAN. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL AND INFLUENTIAL OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS.

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

9. PROPOSER GIVING THE “SYBIL LUDINGTON” TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM * (RAPS) (TOAST IS GIVEN)**

WHO WAS IT WHO RODE OVER 40 MILES OF CONNECTICUT COUNTRYSIDE ON A DARK, COLD, AND RAINY NIGHT IN APRIL 1777? WHO WAS IT WHO ALERTED THE TROOPS OF THE MILITIA REGIMENT THAT THE BRITISH WERE COMING? PAUL REVERE??!! NO!! IT WAS SYBIL LUDINGTON, A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WHOSE FATHER WAS THE COMMANDER OF THAT REGIMENT - SYBIL HAS SINCE BEEN CALLED THE FEMALE PAUL REVERE - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO SYBIL LUDINGTON.

RESPONSE: TO SYBIL LUDINGTON

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * (RAP)

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

10. PROPOSER GIVING "THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED PATRIOTS" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM * (RAPS) (TOAST IS GIVEN)**

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED PATRIOTS. LET US PAUSE FOR A MOMENT IN THE MIDST OF OUR CEREMONIES AND PAY SILENT TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE GALLANT MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY, AND "WHO NOW REST ON FAME'S ETERNAL CAMPING GROUND, WHERE THEIR SILENT TENTS ARE SPREAD, WHILE GLORY GUARDS WITH SOLEMN ROUND THE BIVOUCAC OF THE DEAD." WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED PATRIOTS.

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST

RESPONSE - TAPS. (ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE PLAYING OF TAPS)

WM * (RAP)

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

NOTE: AT THIS POINT IN THE PROGRAM, OR AT OTHER TIMES AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, OTHER TOASTS ARE GIVEN.

11. PROPOSER GIVING THE "UNITED STATES ARMY" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM *** **(RAPS)** (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY
PROPOSER IS A SOLDIER WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

12. PROPOSER GIVING THE "UNITED STATES MARINES" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM *** **(RAPS)** (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES MARINES
PROPOSER IS A MARINE WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

13. PROPOSER GIVING THE "UNITED STATES NAVY" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM *** **(RAPS)** (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY
PROPOSER IS A SAILOR WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

14. PROPOSER GIVING THE "UNITED STATES COAST GUARD" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM *** **(RAPS)** (TOAST IS GIVEN)

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
PROPOSER IS A COAST GUARDSMAN WHO GIVES PERSONAL
TOAST

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

15. PROPOSER GIVING THE "UNITED STATES AIR FORCE" TOAST RISES.

WM FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE?

PROPOSER - TO PROPOSE A TOAST!

WM *** **(RAPS)** (TOAST IS GIVEN)

TOAST TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
PROPOSER IS AN AIRMAN WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * **(RAP)**

WM *** **(RAPS)** IF THE GRAND MASTER IS PRESENT THEN THE WM
INTRODUCES THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF _____ STATE _____ FOR
COMMENTS

MASONS ONLY, JOIN ME IN GIVING GRAND HONORS BY THREE TIMES
THREE

TOGETHER BRETHREN

WM * **(RAPS)**

WM CHARGE AND ALIGN PROCESS

16. WM * (RAPS) BROTHER _____, IT'S TIME FOR OUR FINAL TOAST:**

THEN TO OUR FINAL TOAST TONIGHT, OUR GLASSES FREELY DRAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

THE MASON'S SOCIAL BROTHERHOOD, AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD,
REVEALS A TRUTH MORE PRECIOUS FAR, THAN THE MISER'S HOARD.
WE FREELY SHARE THE BOUNTEOUS GIFTS, THAT GENEROUS HEARTS
CONTAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WE MEET AS MASONS FREE AND TRUE, AND WHEN OUR WORK IS DONE,
THE MERRY SONG AND SOCIAL GLASS IS NOT UNDULY WON.
AND ONLY AT OUR FAREWELL PLEDGE, IS PLEASURE MIXED WITH PAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

AMIDST OUR MIRTH WE DRINK, TO ALL POOR MASONS O'ER THE EARTH,
ON EVERY SHORE OUR FLAG OF LOVE, IS GLORIOUSLY UNFURLED,
WE PRIZE EACH BROTHER FAIR OR DARK, WHO BEARS NO MORAL STAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WE MASONS PRIZE THAT NOBLE TRUTH, THE SCOTTISH PEASANT TOLD,
THAT RANK IS BUT A GUINEA STAMP, THE MAN HIMSELF THE GOLD.
WE MEET THE RICH AND POOR ALIKE, THE EQUAL RIGHT MAINTAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE MYSTIC TIE, THE NIGHT IS WANING FAST:
OUR WORK IS DONE, OUR FEAST IS O'ER, THIS TOAST MUST BE OUR LAST.
GOOD-NIGHT TO ALL, ONCE MORE GOOD-NIGHT, AGAIN THAT FAREWELL
STRAIN.

HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WITH ME, BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO ALL FREEMASONS AND
THEIR LADIES WHERESOEVER DISPERSED.

WM CONTROLS THE TOAST AND THEN SEATS ALL WITH ONE * (RAP)

~~ CLOSING OF COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE ~~

**WM BROTHERS SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS * (RAP -- WARDENS RISE)
ARE ALL BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS IN ORDER?**

SW THEY ARE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

JW THEY ARE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

WM BROTHER SENIOR WARDEN - WHAT IS THE HOUR?

SW ALMOST MIDNIGHT.

WM BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS IN CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUR, WE ARE ABOUT TO CLOSE THIS COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE CEREMONY, ENDING OUR WORK IN THE USUAL MANNER.

WM *** **(RAPS)** BROTHER CHAPLAIN, PLEASE CLOSE THE BIBLE AND GIVE THE CLOSING PRAYER.

CHAP: ALMIGHTY GOD AS WE LEAVE THIS TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS, TRAVEL WITH US AND SEE EACH OF US SAFELY HOME. MAY WE THINK OFTEN OF THESE HOURS SPENT TOGETHER, AND MAY WE KEEP THE MEMORIES OF THIS TIME ALIVE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. AND LORD PLEASE GUIDE AND PROTECT OUR ARMED FORCES WHEREVER DISPERSED. AMEN

WM BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS, IN THIS SOLEMN HOUR, I CHARGE EACH OF YOU TO REDEDICATE YOURSELF AS MASONS AND CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY TO THE NOBLE AND GLORIOUS PURPOSE OF OFFERING LIGHT TO DISPEL DARKNESS - TO THE SERVICE OF HIM IN WHOM WE PUT OUR TRUST – AND TO THE PRECEPTS SET FORTH IN THE GREAT LIGHTS IN MASONRY, WHICH IS THE RULE AND GUIDE OF OUR FAITH.

WM THIS COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE CEREMONY IS CLOSED.

* **(RAP)**

The Sojourners Toast to the Flag

Here's to the red of it –
There's not a thread of it,
No, not a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head,
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it Red!

Here's to the white of it –
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so White?

Here's to the blue of it –
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the Blue!

Here's to the pole of it –
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White, and Blue!

~~ John Daly 1917

List of Toasts

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Toast and Response Texts

1. TO OUR COUNTRY (ALWAYS GIVEN BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER).

MY FRIENDS, LET US DRINK TO THE HONOR, PEACE, AND PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY, PLEDGING ANEW OUR UNDIVIDED LOYALTY. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR COUNTRY.

RESPONSE: TO OUR COUNTRY

2. TO THE CRAFT

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR FOUNDERS AND TO THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN, TO THE TIES WHICH UNITE A WORLD BROTHERHOOD, TO A FUTURE MADE GREAT BY A REASON OF A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE CRAFT.

RESPONSE: TO THE CRAFT

3. TO THE GRAND MASTER OR

I RISE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER _____, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN STATE_____. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO MOST WORSHIPFUL _____, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN STATE_____. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO MOST WORSHIPFUL _____

RESPONSE: TO MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER _____

3. TO THE GRAND LODGE

TO ITS LONG AND HONORED CAREER, ITS STEADY ADHERENCE TO OUR PRINCIPLES, ITS UNFAILING ANSWER TO THE CALL OF DISTRESS, AND ITS ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO SEEK FURTHER LIGHT IN MASONRY, MAY IT DIRECT IN WISDOM, DECIDE WITH JUSTICE, AND PLAN WITH VISION WORTHY OF THE FRATERNITY IT SERVES. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO THE GRAND LODGE OF _____

RESPONSE: TO THE GRAND LODGE OF _____

4. TO OUR BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON

WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET WHO IT WAS THAT QUITTING THE PEACEFUL SHADES OF VERNON'S HILL, WITH ALL THE PLEASURE THAT WEALTH COULD PURCHASE, FRIENDSHIP OFFER, AND DOMESTIC FELICITY AFFORD, PLACED HIMSELF AT THE HEAD OF OUR ARMIES AT THE UNANIMOUS CALL OF HIS COUNTRYMEN, UNTIL VICTORY AT LAST CROWNED HIS EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON.

ALL RESPOND: TO OUR BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON

RESPONSE: WASHINGTON THE MAN, AND WASHINGTON THE MASON, WAS INITIATED AS AN ENTERED APPRENTICE IN THE LODGE AT FREDERICKSBURG,

VIRGINIA, IN NOVEMBER OF 1752, HE WAS PASSED TO THE DEGREE OF A FELLOW CRAFT IN MARCH 1753 AND WAS RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF A MASTER MASON IN AUGUST 1753. HE WAS PROUD OF HIS MEMBERSHIP SAYING, "THE OBJECT OF FREEMASONRY IS TO PROMOTE THE HAPPINESS OF THE HUMAN RACE." IN 1788 HE SERVED AS THE FIRST MASTER OF WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS ALEXANDRIA - WASHINGTON LODGE. WASHINGTON SERVED BOTH GOD AND MAN WITH THE FIRMNESS OF HIS CONVICTIONS. AS HIS HOPE WAS IN GOD, SO MUST WE PLACE OUR HOPE IN GOD. WASHINGTON CARRIED IN HIS HEART THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND FREEDOM. AS MASONS AND CITIZENS, WE MUST LIKEWISE CARRY FORWARD THOSE SAME IDEALS.

5. TO "MOLLY PITCHER"

WHO WAS IT WHO TENDED THE GUN CREW WHICH SERVED HER HUSBAND'S FIELD ARTILLERY PIECE? WHO TOOK HER HUSBAND'S PLACE AFTER HE WAS KILLED AT THE BATTLE OF MONMOUTH? IT WAS MARY MCCAULEY, BETTER KNOWN AS MOLLY PITCHER. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO MOLLY PITCHER.

RESPONSE: TO MOLLY PITCHER

6. TO OUR BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN WAS GRAND MASTER OF HIS NATIVE STATE WHEN THE ANGEL OF DEATH THREW HER MANTLE OVER HIS PROSTRATE FORM. "AH MANY A NOBLE HEART WAS HUSHED IN THE BATTLE'S DIN THAT DAY, AND MANY A LONG LIFE'S HOPE WAS CRUSHED IN THAT DARK AND SAD ARRAY. BUT NEVER A HEART MORE BRAVE AND TRUE, THAN THE MARTYRED HEROES WHO FELL, THE FIRST IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY ON THE HEIGHTS OF BUNKER HILL. IT SWEEPED THE COUNTRY LIKE A FUNERAL KNELL, THE SORROWFUL TIDINGS, HOW WARREN FELL." WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN.

ALL RESPOND: TO OUR BROTHER JOSEPH WARREN

RESPONSE: JOSEPH WARREN WAS A HARVARD GRADUATE OF 1759 WHO BECAME A MOST SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON IN BOSTON. HE WAS MADE A MASON IN ST. ANDREWS LODGE IN 1761 AND CHOSEN GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS IN 1769. AS THE FIRST OF THE RENOWNED MASONIC MARTYRS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WARREN WAS TOASTED AT THE AMERICAN UNION LODGE FUNCTIONS ALONG WITH OTHER HEROES. HIS LOVE OF FREEDOM, HIS FERVENT PATRIOTISM, AND HIS FAITHFULNESS UNTO DEATH, MARK JOSEPH WARREN AS ONE MOST DESERVING OF THE HONORS WHICH THE CRAFT CONFERRED, BEFORE, OR SINCE HIS SACRIFICE.

7. TO "ABIGAIL ADAMS"

WHO WAS IT WHO WROTE TO HER HUSBAND, OUR 2ND PRESIDENT, ADMONISHING HIM TO REMEMBER THE LADIES AND BE MORE GENEROUS TO THEM? WHO WAS IT WHO WARNED: "IF PARTICULAR ATTENTION AND CARE ARE NOT PAID TO THE LADIES, WE

ARE PREPARED TO REBEL AND DISOBEY THE LAWS IN WHICH WE HAVE NO VOICE OR REPRESENTATION"? IT WAS ABIGAIL ADAMS WHO WAS THIS COUNTRY'S FIRST "WOMEN'S LIBBER." WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO ABIGAIL ADAMS.

RESPONSE: TO ABIGAIL ADAMS

8. TO OUR BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, PRINTER, AUTHOR, PUBLISHER, AND SCIENTIST RAISED HIMSELF FROM THE HUMBLEST WALKS OF LIFE TO THE HIGHEST EMINENCE AS A STATESMAN. IT WAS FRANKLIN THAT SNATCHED THE THUNDERBOLT FROM JOVE, AND THE SCEPTER FROM TYRANTS. WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO OUR BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

ALL RESPOND: TO OUR BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

RESPONSE. THE SPAN OF FRANKLIN'S LIFE SAW THE RISE OF AMERICA FROM COLONIALISM TO INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL UNION. DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1706 TO 1790, ROUGH PROVINCIALISM GREW TO CULTURAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND IN MOST EVERY FACET OF THIS GROWTH, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WAS A CENTRAL PARTICIPANT. MORE THAN ONE HISTORIAN HAS CALLED AMERICA'S 18TH CENTURY "THE AGE OF FRANKLIN." FRANKLIN WAS MADE A MASON IN FEBRUARY OF 1730. HE SERVED AS GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA IN 1734 AND AGAIN IN 1749. FRANKLIN, BOTH AS A MASON AND A MAN, WAS REAL, "A GENUINE PERSON" WITH WEAKNESS AND INDULGENCES POSSESSED BY MANY OTHERS. A BIT OF VANITY AND FORGETFULNESS APPEARS IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, BUT THERE CAN NEVER BE A DOUBT THAT HE WAS A GREAT MAN. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL AND INFLUENTIAL OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS.

9. TO "SYBIL LUDINGTON"

WHO WAS IT WHO RODE OVER 40 MILES OF CONNECTICUT COUNTRYSIDE ON A DARK, COLD, AND RAINY NIGHT IN APRIL 1777? WHO WAS IT WHO ALERTED THE TROOPS OF THE MILITIA REGIMENT THAT THE BRITISH WERE COMING? PAUL REVERE??!! NO!! IT WAS SYBIL LUDINGTON, A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WHOSE FATHER WAS THE COMMANDER OF THAT REGIMENT - SYBIL HAS SINCE BEEN CALLED THE FEMALE PAUL REVERE - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO SYBIL LUDINGTON.

RESPONSE: TO SYBIL LUDINGTON

10. TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED PATRIOTS

LET US PAUSE FOR A MOMENT IN THE MIDST OF OUR CEREMONIES AND PAY SILENT TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE GALLANT MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY, AND "WHO NOW REST ON FAME'S ETERNAL CAMPING GROUND, WHERE THEIR SILENT TENTS ARE SPREAD, WHILE GLORY GUARDS WITH SOLEMN ROUND THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD." WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED PATRIOTS.

RESPONSE - TAPS. (ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE PLAYING OF TAPS)

11. TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

PROPOSER IS A SOLDIER WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

RESPONSE: TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY (COULD ADD THE ARMY HYMN)

12. TO THE UNITED STATES MARINES

PROPOSER IS A MARINE WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE UNITED STATES MARINES

RESPONSE: TO THE UNITED STATES MARINES (COULD ADD THE MARINE HYMN)

13. TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY

PROPOSER IS A SAILOR WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY

RESPONSE: TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY (COULD ADD THE NAVY HYMN)

14. TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

PROPOSER IS A COAST GUARDSMAN WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

RESPONSE: TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (COULD ADD THE COAST GUARD HYMN)

15. TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

PROPOSER IS AN AIRMAN WHO GIVES PERSONAL TOAST - WITH ME BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS: TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

RESPONSE: TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (COULD ADD THE AIR FORCE HYMN)

16. WM * (RAPS) BROTHER _____, IT'S TIME FOR OUR FINAL TOAST:**

THEN TO OUR FINAL TOAST TONIGHT, OUR GLASSES FREELY DRAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

THE MASON'S SOCIAL BROTHERHOOD, AROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD,
REVEALS A TRUTH MORE PRECIOUS FAR, THAN THE MISER'S HOARD.
WE FREELY SHARE THE BOUNTIFUL GIFTS, THAT GENEROUS HEARTS CONTAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WE MEET AS MASONS FREE AND TRUE, AND WHEN OUR WORK IS DONE,
THE MERRY SONG AND SOCIAL GLASS IS NOT UNDULY WON.

AND ONLY AT OUR FAREWELL PLEDGE, IS PLEASURE MIXED WITH PAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

AMIDST OUR MIRTH WE DRINK, TO ALL POOR MASONS O'ER THE EARTH,
ON EVERY SHORE OUR FLAG OF LOVE, IS GLORIOUSLY UNFURLED,
WE PRIZE EACH BROTHER FAIR OR DARK, WHO BEARS NO MORAL STAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

WE MASONS PRIZE THAT NOBLE TRUTH, THE SCOTTISH PEASANT TOLD,
THAT RANK IS BUT A GUINEA STAMP, THE MAN HIMSELF THE GOLD.
WE MEET THE RICH AND POOR ALIKE, THE EQUAL RIGHT MAINTAIN,
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE MYSTIC TIE, THE NIGHT IS WANING FAST:
OUR WORK IS DONE, OUR FEAST IS O'ER, THIS TOAST MUST BE OUR LAST.
GOOD-NIGHT TO ALL, ONCE MORE GOODNIGHT, AGAIN THAT FAREWELL STRAIN.
HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN.
WITH ME, BRETHREN, LADIES, AND GUESTS - TO ALL FREEMASONS AND THEIR LADIES
WHERESOEVER DISPERSED.

RESPONSE: TO ALL FREEMASONS AND THEIR LADIES WHERESOEVER DISPERSED