

Senior Deacon Question to EA Candidate(s)

(In the preparation room speaks to the Candidate(s) and introduces the Stewards, then speaking to the Candidate(s) says :)

SD: Mr. (Messrs.) surname (and surname), every Candidate, previous to his reception, is required to give his free and full assent to the following questions:

1. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends, and, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself (yourselves) as (a) Candidate(s) for the mysteries of Freemasonry?

Candidate(s): (Give(s) acceptable response.)

2. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Freemasonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?

Candidate(s): (Give(s) acceptable response.)

3. Do you seriously declare, upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Fraternity?

Candidate(s): (Give(s) acceptable response.)

SD: Mr. (Messrs.) surname (and surname), the institution of which you are about to become a member is by no means of a light or trifling character, but of highest importance and profound significance, Freemasonry is a system of moral instruction anciently taught by types, symbols and allegorical figures. Even the ceremony of gaining admission is symbolical of an event which we must all sooner or later experience. You are doubtless aware that whatever a man may possess on earth, whether it be title, wealth, honor, or even "a good reputation" will not gain him admission into the Celestial Lodge above, but, before gaining admission there, he must become poor and penniless, blind and naked, entirely dependent upon the sovereign will of the Supreme Grand Master above. In order to impress this more forcibly upon your mind, it is necessary t y b d o y outward a a c l a garb f y b the L.

Are y w t s t t regulation??

Candidate(s): (Give(s) acceptable response.)

SD: You w then b p f l a a h b w h g t w b y.

Tyler's Oath

(All present at an examination conducted on a catechism to see if a Brother is eligible to visit a Lodge must take the Tyler's Oath. This does not apply when a Brother is being examined for advancement to another Degree.)
(The Chairman of the Examining Committee will be referred to as "CHAIRMAN.")

CHAIRMAN: (Speaking to all present.)

Each of you will place your right hand upon the Holy Bible. (Done)

Each of you will say: "I," - *(wait)* - *Pronounce* your name, - *(wait)* - and repeat after me.

Do solemnly swear or affirm. (*Each person present my use either the word "swear" or "affirm."*) - *(Wait)* –

That I have been regularly initiated an Entered Apprentice, - *(wait)* –

passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, - *(wait)* –

and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, - *(wait)* –

in a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, - *(wait)* –

and that I am not laboring under any charge of suspension or expulsion from the Order, - *(wait)* –

And know of no reason why I should not be allowed to sit with my Brethren, - *(wait)* –

so help me God.