



PROVINCE OF EAST KENT

Support and Development Group

A suggestion for the Toast to the Initiate.

DO NOT TAKE MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR MINUTES AT THE VERY MOST.

Begin like this.....

“Worshipful Master, Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Kent and other Provinces, Holders of Senior London, London, and District Grand Ranks, distinguished Brethren, and Brethren all.

It is my very real pleasure to propose the most important toast of the evening – to the initiate, Brother ...name...”

Now spend one or two minutes giving a “personal interest” background about the initiate – eg how you know him, what he does for a living, his family, etc.

Now it’s time to say one or two things to the initiate about Freemasonry. For example, something like this might be appropriate:

“Freemasonry in the Temple is a process of repeating a handful of ceremonies time and again, each of which is designed to constantly remind us of the importance of leading our lives in a good and proper manner. The bond of friendship that exists between Freemasons is completely unique, and is something that you can take with you wherever in the world you may travel. Outside the Temple, you should endeavour to practice the morals and benevolence that you are taught in it, so that the world may know that as a man and a Freemason, you are virtuous, amiable, discreet, and charitable”.

Then to finish up, something along these lines might be suitable:

“Brother ..name.. on behalf of all present, and the brotherhood of thousands of men world-wide of which you have this evening become a part, I welcome you with all my heart to Freemasonry in general, and this the _____ Lodge in particular. May you enjoy it to the full for the rest of your life.

Brethren, please rise with me. The toast is to The Initiate, Brother ..name..”

You will then have to lead the “fire” as follows:

“Brethren. Taking THE time with me, point l r, point l r, point l r, one two” (followed by claps).

Then you should say:

“Brethren. I claim your attention for a response from the Initiate, Brother ..name..”