

Roll Call Ceremony

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{Note: Titles may be omitted used during the reading of the various roll calls.}

First Section: Grand Celestial Lodge

WM: Bro. SW, what is the hour?

SW: Low twelve, where upon the stars of night guide us.

WM: Brother Historian, make a roll call of select brothers whose noble deeds and great achievements inspire and guide us today.

{The assigned Historian reads off the names of famous Masons chosen by the officers of the Lodge.}

WM: It is our belief these Brothers now serve in the Grand Celestial Lodge Above.

WM: Brother Secretary, make a record that we have honored in this time and place these great men and Masons who have come before us.

Sec: A record has been made.

WM: *** To those with gone before us, Grand honors. *

Second Section: Memorial Celestial Lodge

WM: Bro. JW what is the hour?

JW: High Twelve, where we may review in Light of Day the work that has been completed

WM: I now ask the selected Past Master(s) of the Lodge please stand and make a roll call of our predecessors who have completed their labors in due season.

WM: Brother Secretary, make a record that we have honored in this time and place those who have ruled and governed this Lodge (and those Lodges from which we have been constituted).

Sec: A record has been made.

WM: Bros. Senior and Junior Master of Ceremonies, attend to draping the altar. ***

{The altar is draped in the usual fashion. When the officers return to their seats, a Brother assigned reads, without title or attribution, "Echoes" by Douglas Malloch, and the Master descends to the altar, and places a white rose upon it.}

Fine men have walked this way before,
Whatever Lodge your Lodge may be;
Whoever stands before the door,
The sacred arch of Masonry,
Stands where the wise, the great, the good,
In their own time and place have stood.

You are not Brother just with these,
Your friends and neighbors; you are kin
With Masons down the centuries;
This room that now you enter in
Has felt the tread of many feet,
For here all Masonry you meet.

You walk the path the great have trod,
The great in heart, the great in mind,
Who looked through Masonry to God,
And looked through God to all mankind
Learned more than word or sign or grip,
Learned Man's and God's relationship.

To him who sees, who understands,
How mighty Masonry appears!
A Brotherhood of many lands,
A fellowship of many years,
A Brotherhood so great, so vast,
Of all the Craft of all the past.

And so I say a sacred trust
Is yours to share, is yours to keep;
I hear the voice of men of dust,
I hear the step of men asleep;
And down the endless future, too,
Your own shall echo after you.

{WM returns to his station}

WM: *** To our Worshipful Masters, Grand honors. *

WM: Bro. Chaplain, from the records given you by the Secretary, make a roll call of the brothers made known to us this past year to have completed their labors.

WM: *** Brethren, give your attention to the Chaplain.
{Chaplain reads the usual prayer.} *

{The WM has the JW call the Craft from labor to refreshment.}

Third Section: Roll Call of those present and afar

WM: Brethren, when your name is called, you will stand, come to the Sign of Fidelity, and say, "Present" without need of recognition by the Master. A Brother who has tidings of one NOT present will stand, come to the Sign of Fidelity, and unless the Master recognizes another Brother (in the case of more than one Brother standing), he will speak in a few words either knowledge of or a message from the Brother whose name was called.

WM: Brother Secretary, make a roll call of all our laborers, near and far.

{If a Brother is due an award, the Worshipful Master may halt the call and ask the Marshal to escort them to the East to receive it. The secretary will note who is present and all tidings reported.}

Fourth Section: Widows and Other Brothers

WM: Brother Senior Warden, inform the Lodge of those widows whose passing we have discovered over this last year.

{After the SW reads the names, he approaches the altar from the West and places a red rose upon it, then returns to his station.}

WM: *** Give your attention to the Chaplain.

Chaplain: Grand Architect of the Universe, as the wives of our Brothers pass from our care to yours, we ask your mercy in judging us by how we have fulfilled our obligations we have made at your altar. May we always endeavor to support them in this life and remember them well in the next.
{Master seats the Lodge.}

WM: Does any Brother present have tidings of sickness, distress, or passing they wish noted of Brothers outside this Lodge or friends of the Craft?

{This ought to include Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters who have passed in the last year.}

WM: This concludes our roll call. May we continue the Grand Work of those who have gone before us, ever recognizing our equal part in kinship and common purpose with those who were unable to be here at this communication due to time or distance.