

W. M.: "M. W. Sir, on behalf of the officers and members of Lodge, No., I welcome you. The brethren will give the Grand Honors, taking time from W. Bro."

(In all other cases the Grand Honors are given when the visiting officer is seated in the East, but in this ceremony when the Grand Master is accompanied by the Grand Lodge, it is more convenient to give the honors at the altar.)

The Grand Honors are given as follows :

The brethren stand with hands at their sides, palms open and fingers pointed downwards. The first movement is to strike the thighs with the palms of the hands. The second is to cross the arms over the breast, the left over the right, and the open palms of the hands sharply striking the shoulders. The third and last movement is to raise the hands above the head, the palms striking each other. This is repeated nine times. After the hands meet on the head at the last movement, nine smart slaps of the hand are given with the right open palm on the left open palm, then nine on the right open palm with the left open palm, and then nine with the right open palm on the left open palm, and then one with the right on the left open palm, another with the left on the right open palm, and a third with the right on the left open palm, stamping the right foot with each of the single claps or movements.

If the Grand Master presides the honors are given nine times ; if the Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master presides, seven times, and if any other officer, an appointee or proxy of the Grand Master, presides, the honors are given five times.

(It should be noted that this manner of giving Grand Honors is the same as in the funeral ceremony. with the exception that in the latter the movements are made quietly and silently, without the right and left hand movement. It is always well to rehearse the giving of the honors prior to the ceremony. so that it may be done skilfully and with precision.)

The Grand Honors having been given, the W. M. says :

"M. W. Sir, will you please to advance to the East, and, with the officers of the Grand Lodge, be seated ?"

The Grand Master advances to the East. and as he does so the W. M. rises, and after accepting the right hand of the W. M. the Grand Master, presents him with the gavel. The G. M. seats the lodge, and says :

"The Deputy Grand Master, the Wardens and the officers of the Grand Lodge will take their respective places in the lodge."

The D. G. M. sits at the right hand of the G. M.; the W. M. of the lodge to the left and in front of the G. M.; the Grand Wardens in the West and South respectively, with the Wardens of the subordinate lodges to the left of each and in front of their respective chairs.