

duties of office, let me ask if you are prepared to act under the Rules and Regulations of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge, and under any order that may be issued by its authority?

*Master Elect.*—I am.

*Past Master.*—By this consent you take upon yourself various duties; not only will you be required to perform them yourself, which, from the fact of your being chosen to the station you are to occupy, is proof you will, but you assume the office of Guardian and Adviser to the Members of your Lodge. You will rebuke them for a violation of any portion of their obligation, as a superior Brother should rebuke an inferior. You are required to warn them that it is their duty to live peaceably with, and act honorably toward all men, and especially toward a Brother; that they are bound strictly to guard against all unworthy excesses, whether of intemperance or otherwise; to rebuke and admonish them who profane the name of our Lord, or who are guilty of cursing or swearing. You will teach them to denounce an impostor, and to cherish the faithful amongst our Brethren.

Do you acknowledge these obligations to be your duty?

*Master Elect.*—I do.

*Past Master.*—Will you endeavor, with the help of God, to discharge them?

*Master Elect.*—I will.

Then administer the Oath, (Members all standing.)

### **OBLIGATION OF A MASTER.**

I A. B., swear that I do not undertake the office of Master for any private or personal emolument or advantage; that I will use the authority with which I am invested as Master to keep proper behaviour and sobriety in the Lodge over which I am to preside, and to cause a due observance of the Rules and