

Rusty Brother – ACT I

PLACE: Examination room (improvised in the Lodge room)

Properties: Holy Bible, Masonic Directory, Square, Compasses,
two tables, two aprons, visitor's cards, pencils, two dues cards;
Perfection Lodge #486 & Wisdom Lodge #467,
chairs, Worshipful Master, Sr. Warden, Sr. Deacon.

Characters: Examination Committee Chairman (EX);
Worshipful Master (WM);
Two assistants appointed by the Worshipful
Master (BrA & BrB);
Sr. Warden (needs to come to the East for Gavel);
Sr. Deacon; (needs to seat WR at end of ACT I)
Mr. I.M. Wright (WR),
and a visitor (RM).

(Mr. I.M. Wright presents himself to the Examination Committee =WR)

EX: Brother ___A___ and Brother ___B___, this is Mr. I.M. Wright.
He requests an examination in order to be seated in our Lodge.
(shakes hands)
Mr. Wright, whence came you ?

WR: From Perfection Lodge #486 in Detroit, Michigan.

EX: Have you a current dues card ?

WR: I have. (presents card to Chairman)

EX: (reads required information aloud from dues card)
Brother ___A___, see if Perfection Lodge #486 is in our Masonic
Directory. Mr. Wright, please sign our visitor's card.

BrA: According to our Masonic Directory, Perfection Lodge #486,
Detroit, Michigan is a recognized Masonic Lodge.

EX: Brother ___A___, here is Mr. Wright's dues and visitor's cards.
What say you about the signatures ?

BrA: They are identical. I approve the validity.

EX: (hands cards to Brother B) What say you Brother B ?

BrB: Valid. Mr. Wright writes nice.

EX: Mr. Wright, please display the Three Great Lights in Masonry as they appear in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees; together with the Step, Dugard, and Sign for each Degree.

WR: (displays the Three Great Lights)

In the 1st Degree the Holy Bible is opened to the 133rd Psalm.

The Square and Compasses are placed thereon, with both points of the Compasses hidden beneath the Square. An Entered Apprentice advance on his left foot, bringing the heel of his right into the hollow of his left, thereby forming the angle of an oblong. This is the Dugard of Entered Apprentice (given).

This is a further Sign. (given) It alludes to the penalty of the obligation.

WR: In the 2nd Degree the Holy Bible is opened to Chapter 7; Verses 7-8 in the Book of Amos. The Square and Compasses are positioned on the Bible so that one point is exposed above the Square; the other point concealed beneath the Square. A Fellowcraft advances on his right foot, bringing the heel of his left into the hollow of his right; thereby forming the angle of an oblong. This is the Dugard of Fellowcraft. (given) This is a further Sign. (given) It alludes to the penalty of the obligation.

WR: In the 3rd Degree the Holy Bible is opened to Chapter 12 of Ecclesiastes. Both points of the Compasses are above the Square. A Master Mason advances on his left foot, bringing the heel of his right to the heel of his left; thereby forming the angle of a square. This is the Dugard. (given) It alludes to the position of my hands while taking the obligation. This is a further Sign. (given) It alludes to the penalty of the obligation.

EX: Mr. Wright, advance and give me a token. (grip is given).
What is that ?

WR: The Grip of Entered Apprentice.

EX: Has it a name ?

WR: It has.

EX: Will you give it to me ?

WR: I did not so receive it, neither will I so impart it.

EX: How will you dispose of it ?

WR: Letter or halve it ?

EX: Letter it and begin.

WR: You begin.

EX: Begin you.

WR: () EX: () WR: () EX: () (pronounce word)

EX: Will you be off or from ?

WR: From.

EX: From what and to what ?

WR: From the Grip of Entered Apprentice to the Passgrip of Fellowcraft.

EX: Pass. (done) : What is that ?

WR: The Passgrip of Fellowcraft.

EX: Has it a name ?

WR: It has.

EX: Will you give it to me ?

WR: I did not so receive it, neither will I so impart it.

EX: How will you dispose of it ?

WR: Letter or syllable it ?

EX: Syllable it and begin.

WR: You begin.

EX: Begin you.

WR: (syllable) EX: (syllable) WR: (syllable) (pronounce word)

EX: Will you be off or from ?

WR: From.

EX: From what and to what ?

WR: From the Pass Grip of Fellowcraft to the Real Grip of the same.

EX: Pass. (done) : What is that ?

WR: The Real Grip of Fellowcraft.

EX: Has it a name ?

WR: It has.

EX: Will you give it to me ?

WR: I did not so receive it, neither will I so impart it.

EX: How will you dispose of it ?

WR: Letter or halve it ?

EX: Letter it and begin.

WR: You begin.

EX: Begin you.

WR: () EX: () WR: () EX: () WR: () EX: () (pronounce word)

EX: Will you be off or from ?

WR: From.

EX: From what and to what ?

WR: From the Real Grip of Fellowcraft to the Pass Grip of Master Mason.

EX: Pass. (done) : What is that ?

WR: The Passgrip of Master Mason..

EX: Has it a name ?

WR: It has.

EX: Will you give it to me ?

WR: I did not so receive it, neither will I so impart it.

EX: How will you dispose of it ?

WR: Letter or syllable it ?

EX: Syllable it and begin.

WR: You begin.

EX: Begin you.

WR: (syllable) EX: (syllable) WR: (syllable) (pronounce word)

EX: Will you be off or from ?

WR: From.

EX: From what and to what ?

WR: From the Pass Grip of Master Mason to the Real Grip of the same.

EX: Pass. (done) : What is that ?

WR: The Real Grip of Master Mason or Lion's Paw.

EX: Has it a name ?

WR: It has.

EX: Will you give it to me ?

WR: Place yourself in the proper position to receive it and I will.

EX: What is the proper position ?

WR: On the Five Points of Fellowship and at low breath.

EX: What are the Five Points of Fellowship ?

WR: Foot to foot; knee to knee, breast to breast, hand to back, and mouth to ear.

EX: (advances to the Five Points of Fellowship)

WR: (gives the word at low breath)

EX: Brother Wright, we are proud of you. You did a real fine job !
Brother A, what say you about Mr. Wright ?

BrA: Brother Wright should be highly commended for his excellent performance.

EX: Brother B, what say you ?

BrB: If I were rating Brother Wright for this examination on a scale of 1-to-10; I'd give him a 10 !

EX: Brother B, please clothe Brother Wright and I will present and introduce him to the Worshipful Master.

(EX and Bro. Wright enters the Lodge and arrives at the Altar. WM salutes. EX and Bro. Wright return salute. EX retires to a seat in the Lodge after introducing Bro. Wright, a member of Perfection Lodge #486 F & AM, Detroit Michigan)

WM: (welcomes Bro. Wright) : Bro. Sr. Deacon, accompany our visitor to a seat in the Lodge.

(the Sr. Deacon, to the amazement of the Master, shoves Bro. Wright into the first nearby, available seat)

WM: Bro. Sr. Deacon, that's no way to treat a visitor. Let me show you how it should be done.

(requests Sr. Warden to approach the East, hands him the Gavel, leaves the East and approaches the seated Bro. Wright. He requests that Bro. Wright rise, introduces him to brothers sitting in adjacent seats and waits until Mr. Wright is comfortably seated)

Brother Sr. Deacon, this is how it should be done.
Now you try it.

(Sr. Deacon complies with the Master's request. Worshipful Master returns to his station in the East, receives the Gavel from the Sr. Warden who returns to his station in the West)