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To: Worshipful Master
From: Hon. Wilbert M. Curtis, Most Worshipful Grand Master
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Subject: Tyler's Oath

You are to insure that every Master Mason of your Lodge knows and can recite the Tyler's Oath. They should become as familiar with it as the grips, words and signs. You are to include it as part of your training for all Master Masons. I strongly recommend that it be recited by all just prior to opening the Lodge.

Before any strange and unknown visitor can gain admission into a Masonic Lodge, he is required to take the following oath:

"I, A.B., do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason in a just and legally constituted Lodge of such; that I do not now stand suspended or expelled; and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic intercourse with my Brethren. So help me God"

It is called the **Tyler's Oath**, because it is usually taken in the Tyler's room, and was formerly administered by that officer, whose duty it is to protect the Lodge from the approach of unauthorized visitors. It is now administered by the Committee of Examination, and not only he to whom it is administered, but he who administers it, and all who are present, must take it at the same time. It is a process of purgation, and each one present, the visitor as well as the members of the Lodge, is entitled to know that all the others are legally qualified to be present at the esoteric examination which is about to take place.

Take due notice thereof, and govern yourself accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

Hon. Wilbert M. Curtis,
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Attested by

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