

Keystone Award

The Keystone Award was originated and the questions and answers written by the District Lecturer Verl A. Stuart, Recorder Jon Patrick Sweet and King John F. Gilbert and the unanimous vote of the Companions of Boulder Chapter #7. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Howard W. Montague and Grand Lecturer Billie M. Green approved the award. The Keystone Award was first presented on January 19, 1991, at Boulder Chapter #7 Chapter Day Festivities.

Companions desiring to qualify for the Keystone Award must propound and answer the questions at Chapter Convocations in the presence of a witness assigned by the Keystone Award Committee for that purpose. One Companion will propound the questions; a second Companion will answer the questions and demonstrate the signs and grips, while the third Companion will determine if the award has been earned. A lapel pin and certificate of accomplishment are available for those Companions who earn the award. Please contact your District Lecturer and Grand Lecturer prior to and after the completion of this accomplishment to receive the lapel pins and Award Certificate.

Q Are you a Royal Arch Mason?

A I have been advanced to the degree of a Mark Master

Q What is the due guard and penal sign pertaining to this degree?

A. This is the due guard (gives it) and the penal sign (gives it)

Q What is the grip of this degree?

A There are two. Take me as I take you. (Done)

Q What is this?

A. The Pass Grip of a Mark Master.

Q Has it a name?

A It has.

Q Will you give it to me?

A I did not so receive it and cannot so impart it.

Q How will you dispose of it?

A I will syllable it with you

Q Syllable and begin

A J__

Q P__

A J____P____

Q Will you be off or from?

A. From.

Q. From what and to what?

A From the pass grip of a Mark Master to the True grip of the same

Q. Pass. What is this?

A The True Grip of a Mark Master

Q Has it a name?

A It has.

Q Will you give it me?

A I did not so receive it and cannot so impart it

Q How will you dispose of it?

A I will syllable it with you.

Q Syllable and begin

A M____

Q W____

A M__W____

Q Will you be off or from?

A Off

Q What further proof do you offer that you are a Royal Arch Mason?

A. I have been inducted into the Oriental Chair of King Solomon.

Q What is the due guard and penal sign pertaining to this degree?

A. This is the due guard (gives it) and the penal sign (gives it)

Q What is the grip of this degree?

A Take me as I take you (done)

Q Will you be off or from?

A From

Q. From what and to what?

A From the True Grip of a Mark Master to the grip of a Past Master

Q Pass

A. From a grip to a span; from a span to a grip. A two fold cord is a strong but a threefold grip is not easily broken.

Q What is this?

A. The grip of a Past Master.

Q Has it a name?

A. It has.

Q Will you give it to me?

A I did not so receive it and cannot so impart it.

Q How will you dispose of it?

A I will syllable it with you.

Q Syllable it and begin

A G __

Q L _____

A G __ L _____

Q Will you be off or from?

A Off

Q What further proof do you offer that you are a Royal Arch Mason?

A I have been received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master.

Q What is the due guard and penal sign pertaining to this degree?

A. This is the due guard (gives it) and the penal sign (gives it)

Q What is the grip of this degree?

A Take me as I take you (done)

Q What is this?

A. The Grip of a Most Excellent Master.

Q Has it a name?

A It has.

Q Will you give it to me?

A I did not so receive it and cannot so impart it.

Q How will you dispose of it?

A I will syllable it with you.

Q Syllable it and begin

A R_____

Q B_____

A N____; - R____ B____ N_____

Q Will you be off or from?

A. Off.

Q What further proof do you offer that you are a Royal Arch Mason?

A I have been exalted to the August Degree of a Royal Arch Mason?

Q What are the due guard and penal sign pertaining to this degree?

A. This is the due guard (gives it) and the penal sign (gives it).

Q What are the words of this degree?

A They are the Grand Royal Arch Word and the long lost Master's Word which is the Ineffable name of Deity and they can be communicated in no other manner than under a Living Arch.

Q Place us in the proper position to communicate these words.

A (Done) As we three (Communicate the Grand Royal Arch Word) (Done) Communicate the Ineffable Name of Deity) (Arise)

Q My Companion, I require no further proof that you are a Royal Arch Mason.