

A Glossary of some words and terms used in the Ritual.

(numbers given after each word or term refer to page number in the SA & NT Ritual book)

The following Glossary was prepared by the Education Committee and the Ritual and Procedures Committee (subsequently approved by the Board of General Purposes, 2002).

ABODE 191 : the place where one abides : Home.

ABSTAINING 97 : to refrain deliberately and often with an effort of self-denial from an action or practices

ACCORD 127 : to give consent: Assent.

ACQUIESCENCE 97 : To assent tacitly, comply quietly; agree; consent.

ADHERENT (TO THE DOCTRINES THEREIN CONTAINED) 106 : one that adheres: as a believer in or advocate especially of a particular idea or church.

ADMONISH 141 : to indicate duties or obligations: to express warning or disapproval to (especially in a gentle, earnest, or solicitous manner) : to give friendly earnest advice or encouragement to.

AFFABILITY 192 : being pleasant and at ease in talking to others : characterized by ease and friendliness: Gracious.

APPROBATION 50 : Approval, commendation.: an act of approving formally or officially
Commendation, Praise, Proof.

ASPIRATION 146 : audible breath that accompanies or comprises a speech sound.

ASSEMBLED : to bring together (as in a particular place or for a particular purpose) : to meet together; Convene.

AUSPICES 86 : Patronage., favouring influence.

AVARICE 138 : excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or gain Greediness, Cupidity .

AVOCATIONS (PRIVATE) 172 : customary employment : Vocation.

BANEFUL 174 : productive of destruction or woe : seriously harmful.

BARK 138 : a small sailing ship : a sailing ship of three or more masts with the aft most mast fore-and-aft rigged and the others square-rigged : a craft propelled by sails or oars.

BENEFICENCE 174 : doing good or causing good to be done, conferring benefits.

CANDOUR 141 : unreserved, honest, or sincere expression :Forthrightness, freedom from prejudice or malice : Fairness.

CELESTIAL 144 : of or relating to the sky or visible heavens.

CHAPITER 144 : the capital of a column.

CIRCUMSCRIBED 105 : To draw a line around; encircle; surround. To enclose within bounds; limit or confine, to define or mark off carefully.

CLAMOROUS 145 : noisily insistent marked by confused din or outcry : Tumultuous ..

CONCORD 101 : agreement by stipulation, compact, or covenant.

CONJOINED 130 : to join together (as separate entities) for a common purpose.

CONSTITUTED : to give due or lawful form to : to legally process .

CONVOCATION 165 : A group of persons met in answer to a summons.

CORNUCOPIA 214 : a curved goat's horn overflowing with fruit and ears of grain that is used as a decorative motif emblematic of abundance : an inexhaustible store : Abundance.

CORPOREAL 96 (CORPORAL) : Of the human body, bodily, personal.

COWAN 37 : Scottish origin, a dry dyker, a builder of 'dry' walls. One who is not a Freemason.

CRITERION 138 : a standard on which a judgement or decision may be based.

DEIGN 51 : Condescend.

DELINEATE 76 : To trace the outline of; sketch or trace in outline; represent pictorially; to portray in words; describe.

DELINEATED 144 : to indicate or represent by drawn or painted lines : to mark the outline of : to describe, portray, or set forth with accuracy or in detail.

DEMEANOUR 97 : behaviour toward others : outward manner.

DESIGN (IMPIOUS) : to create, fashion, execute, or construct according to plan.

DIADEM : Crown : Specifically royal headband : something that adorns like a crown.

DIFFIDENCE 147 : lacking confidence in one's own ability worth or fitness.

DILATE 86 : To speak at great length, expand.

DIVERS (COLOURS) 101 : Various.

DIVESTED 90 : To strip or deprive of anything.

DOCTRINE : something that is taught : a principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of study

DUE 61 : To ascribe proper credit to.

DUE FORM 119 : Proper, adequate, or correct form according to the Ritual, according to accepted notions or procedures. Form: established method of expression or proceeding : procedure according to rule or rote

DUE GUARD : To duly (properly) guard the person using it in reference to his obligations and the penalty for their violation. A keeper, a protection against the accidental loss or betrayal of the real sign of the degree. Proper and sufficient guard. Probably contraction of the French "Dieu garde".

DULY (CONSTITUTED) 127 : Properly: in due manner or time.

DULY TYLED 11 : Properly Tyled.

EMBLEMATICAL 128 : of, relating to, or constituting an emblem : Symbolic, Representative.

EMINENCE 137 : a position of prominence or superiority, one that is eminent, prominent, or lofty, a person of high rank or attainments.

ENTHUSIAST (NOT TO BE) 138 : one who tends to become ardently absorbed in an interest : a person filled with enthusiasm: as one who is ardently attached to a cause, object, or pursuit.

EQUIDISTANT 161 : equally distant.

EQUIVOCATION : The use of ambiguous expressions in order to mislead.

ERR 47 : To go astray in thought or belief.: To go astray morally : sin : To deviate from the true course, aim or purpose.

ERR 162 : Stray (archaic) : to make a mistake : to violate an accepted standard of conduct.

ESTIMATE 136 : to learn or find out by experience (archaic) .

ETHEREAL (MANSION) 102 & 104 : of or relating to the regions beyond the earth Celestial, Heavenly, Unworldly, Spiritual.

EVASION 172 : to use equivocal language especially with intent to deceive :to avoid committing oneself in what one says, a subterfuge; an excuse or trick to avoid or to get round something.

EVINCE 88 : To show clearly; make evident or manifest.

EXEMPLIFIED 97 : to show or illustrate by example.

EXHORTATION 180 : language intended to incite and encourage.

EXTENSIVELY SERVICEABLE 71 : Of great extent; far reaching; comprehensive; thorough. Being of service; useful, capable of doing good service.

EXTORT 97 : to obtain from a person by force, intimidation, or undue or illegal power : Wring also : to gain especially by ingenuity or compelling argument.

EXUBERANCE 144 : Profuse in growth or production.

FIDELITY 62 : implies strict and continuing faithfulness to an obligation, trust, or duty : the quality or state of being faithful, the strict observance of promises, duties , etc. strict adherence to truth or fact, honesty, truthfulness.

FIGURATIVE 179: a metaphor, not literal.

FORM 119 : established method of expression or proceeding : procedure according to rule or rote.

FORTITUDE 165 : strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage: Strength

HELE 75 : Its origin is the Anglo-Saxon helan, meaning 'to cover and conceal'.

HIGH TIME 64 : High Twelve: Twelve noon.

ILLUMINE 39 : To supply with light, to enlighten as with knowledge.

IMPIOUS DESIGN 176 : lacking in reverence or proper respect (as for God or one's parents) : Irreverent.

IMPORT 88 : To convey as a meaning or implication.

INCLINATION 74 : Exemption from external control, interference, regulation , etc. Set or bent (of the mind or will); a liking or preference.

INCULCATED 127 : to teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions.

INDIGENCE 174 : a level of poverty in which real hardship and deprivation are suffered and comforts of life are wholly lacking.

INDITE : to give literary or formal expression to : to put down in writing [obsolete] : Dictate.

INDUCE 141 : to move by persuasion or influence from particulars.

INFALLIBLE 138 : incapable of error not liable to mislead, deceive, or disappoint incapable of error in defining doctrines touching faith or morals.

INSIDIOUS 129 : Intended to trap or deceive; an insidious enemy, secure from violation or profanation, secure from assault or trespass: Unassailable :to be kept free from violation of any kind, or treated as if sacred.

INVOKED 122 : to make an earnest request for : Solicit.

JUST 76 : Based on right; rightful; lawful.

KIND OFFICE 96 : something that one ought to do or must do : an assigned or assumed duty, task, or role b : the proper or customary action of something : Function: something done for another : Service.

LAUDABLE UNDERTAKINGS 181 : worthy of praise : Commendable.

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES 135 : the studies (as language, philosophy, history, literature, abstract science) in a college or university intended to provide chiefly general knowledge and to develop

LYRE 213 : a stringed instrument of the harp class used by the ancient Greeks especially to accompany song and recitation.

MARK 38 : An indication of position.

MATTER (RUDE) 119 : the substance of which a physical object is composed.

MERIDIAN 38 : Of or pertaining to midday or noon.

MOLESTATION 145 : to annoy, disturb, or persecute especially with hostile intent or injurious effect.

OBLATIONS 100 : the act of making a religious offering; something offered in worship or devotion : a holy gift offered usually at an altar or shrine.

ORDER 101 : to put in order, arrange.

PALLIATE 141 : to cover by excuses and apologies, to moderate the intensity of.

PARALLELEPIPEDON : Oblong Square (so called) sometimes referred to as 'the double cube', with doubtful accuracy. [archaic].

PECULIAR (TO) 146 : characteristic of only one person, group, or thing :Distinctive.

PERAMBULATION 15 : To walk or travel about.

PERFECT 76 : Lacking in no respect; complete.

PRECEPTS 95 : A commandment or direction given as rule of action or conduct.

PREFERMENT 141 : advancement or promotion in dignity, office, or station.

PREMISED 88 : To set forth beforehand, as by way of introduction.

PREVARICATED 146 : to deviate from the truth : Equivocate.

PRIVATIONS 185 : The lack of the usual comforts or necessities of life.

PROFICIENCY 156 : advancement in knowledge or skill: Progress.

PROPRIETY 122 : the quality or state of being proper : Appropriateness.

PROSECUTION OF WHICH.. 176 : Pursuit (obsolete).

PROVE (HORIZONTALS) 137 : to test the truth, validity, or genuineness of, to compare against a standard, : to check the correctness of (as an arithmetic result).

QUADRANT 22 : A Quarter of a circle, an arc of 90 degrees. A Quarter of the Lodge Room.

RATIFICATION 90 : To confirm by expressing consent, approval, or formal sanction.

RECENTED 176 : to withdraw or repudiate (a statement or belief) formally and publicly: Renounce.

RECAPITULATE 141 : to repeat the principal points or stages of : Summarize; Sum Up.

RECTITUDE 138 : the quality or state of being straight, moral integrity , the quality or state of being correct in judgement or procedure.

REGULAR 76 : Adhering to rule or procedure.

REGULARLY (ASSEMBLED) 127 : Formally correct, in a regular manner.

RENDERED (FIT) 104 : to cause to be or become.

REPOSITORY 128 : a place, room, or container where something is deposited or stored : one that contains or stores something non material.

REPREHEND 141 : to voice disapproval of : Censure.

RETROSPECT 174 : a review of or meditation on past events- in retrospect : in considering the past or a past event.

RUDE (MATTER) 119 : being in a rough or unfinished state.

RUDE MATTER 42 : Unwrought, raw or crude.

SALTIRE 210 : a heraldic charge consisting of a cross formed by a bend and a bend sinister (Left) crossing in the centre.

SANCTION 51 : Countenance or support given to an action and to make certain or sure.

SANCTION AND CONFIRM 196 : to give effective or authoritative approval or consent to ; make valid or binding usually by a formal procedure (as ratification).

SCRIP PURSE 211 : [archaic] a small bag or wallet.

SCRUPLE 147 : an ethical consideration or principle that inhibits action : mental reservation. Service being of service; useful, capable of doing good service.

SOLACE 174 : alleviation of grief or anxiety : a source of relief or consolation. SOLICITATIONS 70 Enticement or allurement.

SPECULATIVE MASONS 91: The speculative mason is the symbolic mason not a practical mason.

STEADFAST 173 : firm in belief, determination, or adherence : Loyal.

SUBLIME (DEGREE) 148: the highest degree or example : to elevate or exalt especially in dignity or honour . of outstanding spiritual, intellectual, or moral worth.

SUBLUNARY ABODE 191 : of, relating to, or characteristic of the terrestrial world, earth.

SUBORDINATION 137 : to make subject or subservient.

SUPPLICATIONS (DAILY) 172 : to ask humbly and earnestly of to pray humbly, to seek by humble entreaty; especially : to pray to God.

SYMMETRY 101 : balanced proportions; also : beauty of form arising from balanced proportions : the property of being symmetrical; especially : correspondence in size, shape, and relative position of parts on opposite sides of a dividing.

TENETS 192 : a principle, belief, or doctrine generally held to be true; especially : one held in common by members of an organization, movement, or profession.

TERRESTRIAL 144 : of or relating to the earth or its inhabitants.

TESSELLATED 9 : Of or resembling mosaic, having a finely chequered surface. tessellated. Chequered with mosaic work. See mosaic, indented tarsel.

TRANSITORY LIFE 179 : tending to pass away : not persistent, of brief duration.

TRAVERSE 123 : to go or travel across or over b : to move or pass along or through to move back and forth or from side to side.

TRIALS : the action or process of trying or putting to the proof .

TURBULENT 145 : causing unrest, violence, or disturbance a : characterized by agitation or tumult: Tempestuous.

VARIEGATED 103 : to diversify in external appearance especially with different colours : to enliven or give interest to by means of variety having discrete markings of different colours.

VENERATION 141: respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, dedication, or talent of a person the act of venerating.

VESTED IN ME 198 : fully and unconditionally guaranteed as a legal right, benefit, or privilege: as a complete or fixed right.

WORSHIPFUL : Derived from medieval custom, being a title of courtesy and honour then in common use. To be Worshipful is to be honourable and worthy. The Masons Company of Masons styled itself the Worshipful Company of Masons in 1655-56 and it is reasonable to assume that the speculative masons inherited from that Company.

WROUGHT 40: [archaic] a past tense and past participle of work.