

## **Ceremony for a “Joining Member” in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner**

*Following a favourable ballot, the D.C. receives the new member at the door of the Lodge, and leads him to the actual centre of the Triangle, which has been positioned as for the Candidate, and instructs him to salute the W.Commander.*

**D.C.** Worshipful Commander I present to you Brother .....

**W. Cdr** Brother ..... I am happy to inform you that the ballot is in your favour. But before I can acknowledge you as a member of this lodge I must be sure that you agree to act and abide by the By-Laws of this Lodge, and that you ready Acquiesce in all resolutions passed by a majority vote of the Brethren in open lodge assembled.

Brother ..... Do you pledge yourself?

**J.M.** I do Worshipful Commander.

**W. Cdr** I thank you for your assurance and now proclaim you a regular member of this ..... Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No .... on the roll of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner Masonry.

Brother Director of Ceremonies. You will present our newly joined Member first to Son Chem then to Son Japeth.

*The D.C. conducts the new member to the front of the Junior Wardens Pedestal.*

**D.C.** Brother Junior Warden, by command of the Worshipful Commander, I present Brother ..... our newly joined member.

**J.W.** *(Rises and offers grip)* Brother ..... I bid you a warm welcome from the first point, and wish you well *(Court Bow)*

*The D.C. conducts the new member to the front of the Senior Wardens Pedestal*

**D.C.** Brother Senior Warden , by command of the Worshipful Commander, I present Brother ..... our newly joined member.

**S.W.** *(Rises and offers grip)* Brother ..... I greet you most heartily from the second point, and wish you well. *(Court Bow)*

*The D.C. returns the new member to the centre of the Triangle*

**W. Cdr** Bro ..... I bid you a welcome from the third and last point which reminds us of Gods Wisdom, kindness and unfailing love. Now as you advance towards me, I ask you, with each step, to remember those five Cardinal virtues particularly characteristic of Freemasonry, Watchfulness – Discretion – Brotherly Love – Truth and Charity *with each step of the new member) (Words spoken*

*The Worshipful Commander rises and presents the By-Laws of the Lodge to the newly joined member and offers handshake.*

**W. Cdr** Brother ..... on behalf of the members of the ..... Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners I extend to you the right hand of fellowship and wish you many happy years in this Lodge. The D.C. will now conduct you to a seat in the Lodge.