

The Lodge (Wine) Steward

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- Toastmaster (TM): Brother Young, are you the Ostensible Steward of the Lodge?
- Wine Steward (WS): I am W. Bro. Perry, try me and prove me.
- TM: How were you first prepared to be made a steward?
- WS: I was divested of my coat and my arms were laid bare. An apron was placed about my waist, and a Corkscrew placed in right hand
- TM: Being yourself acquainted with the proper method you will instruct the stewards to prepare in the proper manner.
- WS: Brother Stewards (wait for them to stand) by the request of the Toastmaster you will prepare yourselves in the proper manner. (pause while they dress by placing a towel over their arm and holding a corkscrew)
- WS: W. Bro. Perry the stewards have prepared themselves in the proper manner.
- TM: Brother Young, What as a corkscrew?
- WS: An instrument fashioned like a winding staircase, up which our ancient brethren received their beer.
- TM: Where did they receive it?
- WS: In a convenient room adjoining the chamber.
- TM: And how?
- WS: In Tankards and Half Tankards.
- TM: Why in this peculiar manner?
- WS: In half Tankards, well knowing that the same would be replenished and in Tankards from the great reliance they placed in the integrity of the Brewers in those days.
- TM: What were the names of the two great Banners hung at

the porch way or entrance to the Ancient Chamber?

WS: That on the left was called Guinness, and that on the right, Big Rock Traditional (local Calgary Beer).

TM: What were their separate and conjoined significations?

WS: The former denotes in strength and the latter goodness and when conjoined INSTABILITY.

TM: What is Beer?

WS: A peculiar product of chemistry, veiled in mystery and illustrated by labels.

TM: How is this depicted in our Chambers?

WS: By a couple of Hops near to a barrel of water.

Brethren, these are the usual questions, I shall put others if any Brother wishes me to do so.

TM: [pause]

Then Bro Stewards you will do your duty.

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