

# Grand Lecturer

## of the Grand Lodge

### AF & AM of New Mexico

TO: Worshipful Masters, Ritual Officers,  
DDGMs, DDGL, Worshipful Masters and Ritual Officers,

The question was posed as to what part or how much of the Ritual composes a Section.

When a Brother puts on a Section for the first time, it includes all "Floor Work". Who walks, where they walk, Who carries rods, when they carry rods, how and where the rods are carried, when the Wardens Columns go up or down,

Who raps, when they rap, how many raps and by whom, plus the verbiage from the first rap to the last rap.

After the first presentation of a Section, subsequent Sections are verbiage only and should include the all the raps at the proper places.

I have found that when a Brother omits the raps in practice sessions or in putting on a Section for credit, They usually miss putting them in during the "Regular Meetings" as well as in doing the Degrees.

#### WHAT CONSTITUTES A "SECTION"

##### ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE:

**OPENING & CLOSING:** All verbiage including raps and prayers.

**FIRST SECTION:** (conferral) All verbiage including raps at proper places, the Anteroom Lecture, the prayer, at least one APRON Lecture and the Charity Lecture.

**SECOND SECTION:** (Lecture) All verbiage including the "Charge" and the "GAVEL LECTURE"

**PROFICIENCY:** All verbiage including Questions and Answers.

##### FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE:

**OPENING & CLOSING:** All verbiage including raps, prayers and losing and retrieving the Password.

**FIRST SECTION:** (Conferral) All verbiage, including raps.

**SECOND SECTION:** (Lecture) All verbiage, including the Staircase, "G" Lecture, the Charge and the Admonition.

**PROFICIENCY:** All verbiage, including Questions and Answers.

##### MASTER MASON DEGREE:

**OPENING & CLOSING:** All verbiage, including raps, prayers, losing and retrieving the "Password", calling from Labor to Refreshment, calling from Refreshment back to Labor. Dispensing with Labor on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and resuming on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Then dispensing with Labor on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the purpose of resuming on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. How to close without form. How many and what are the reasons for closing without form. Closing in modified short form.

**FIRST SECTION:** (Conferral) All verbiage including raps.

**SECOND SECTION:** (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) All verbiage including at least one prayer.

**THIRD SECTION:** (Lecture) All verbiage including the CHARGE and the Master's admonition.

**PROFICIENCY:** All verbiage including questions and answers.

Persons authorized to Listen to and report Sections are:

Grand Lecturer

District Deputy Grand Lecturers

A Deputy Lecturer (A Brother holding a Deputy Lecturer's Certificate [Blue Card])

Worshipful Master (While in Office)

Lodge Ritual Officer (if appointed)