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Lodge Officers, Worshipper Masters and District Deputies. The bible said after supper he laid aside his garment, girded himself with a towel and washed his disciples feet. I can hear Peter when he got to him saying oh no not me Lord It is I who should be washing your feet. Then he gave the commission to everyone who professes to be a Christian, "if you don't let me do this you will have no part in me". In other words if you wish to be the master you must first be the servant. You didn't come here; you didn't get elected; you didn't get appointed to be served, but you did get appointed to serve. The last apron was not an apron at all. When John was on the isle of Patmos and the angel showed him a number. John said it was a number that if he had a calculator he couldn't count. If he had a computer it would run out of computing. He said it was a number that no man can number. And when the angel asked the question who are they? John, with his finite mind said thou knowest Lord. These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; these are the so called Christians that took communion next to the their neighbor that they had something against. These are the lodge members that didn't pay their dues on time. These are they who come out of the great tribulation and have had their robes washed and dipped in the blood of the lamb. God didn't send a warring prince, but he sent a Prince of Peace. To symbolize that prince masons wear lambskin aprons, blue for friendship, white for innocence and purity. Now it is time for the scripture.

For the last two nights we have been finding Jesus in the church, in the lodge hall. In the 133 psalms he was the blessing that brought us life forevermore. In the 7th chapter of Amos he was the plum line that showed us how to walk; how to act upright before God and the people. You see society does not gage free masons by its best. But it gages us by the brother that didn't quite make a mason, but he's a member of the lodge. He's the one that gets a drink or two and I am a 33rd degree mason I am a Shriner. You see all masons are members but all members are not masons. Its just like in the church, there are lots of members in the church, but all members are not going to make it into the kingdom. We find in the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes and when you find Jesus in it, you can read ahead or read along with me, (Just stand up and say amen, I've found it) - "Remember Now thou creator in the days of thou

youth while the evil days come not, nor the years draw near, when thou shall say, I have no pleasure in them". If you haven't caught on by now, this is an old man's chapter. This is Solomon probably in his sixtieth year, the year that he died. A man that had 700 wives and 300 concubines. He don't know the name of the first and last ten, therefore he's not going to know which one of them gave him the fatal blow. He is talking to his son saying son don't wait until you get as old as I am but remember now thou creator while you are young; while you have the active use of your limbs; when your mind is still sharp and you are not subject to so many temptations, because when the evil days come - to an old man the young ladies are gonna look good; to an old lady the young men are going to look good. Those are your foolish days because a new battery is not going to make an old motor run any better. This is a down to earth sermon, there is a pie in the sky but right now its main course time. While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain. That's when your eyes need glasses and they start closing up on you and everything starts to go dim to you. Ugly people look good. Pretty folks look ugly and you can't distinguish between the two. And the tears don't come to your eyes like they use to, to wash out the dredges and the little grits of sand that gets into them. And it says in the days when the keepers of the house shall tremble (that's your legs brothers - arthritis, neuritis, bursitis, and all the other 'ritis' brothers). You'll be like Moses in the 31st chapter where he says "I'm 120 years old and my going out and coming in are getting slow. Strong men shall bow themselves - that is your back, after a while you bend over and you can't straighten up like you use to and your grinders cease (your teeth) because they are

few unless you go out and buy some like me! And those that look out the windows be darkened, that's the eyes again. And the doors shall be shut up in the streets (nobody wants you when you are old and gray). It takes a dedicated person to fool with an old man or a woman. It says and the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice for the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low. Now that's leading up to something. Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, that's upstairs and the almond tree shall flourish. The grasshopper shall be a burden and desire shall fail. Why, because man goeth to his long home and mourners go about the streets. Long home is waiting for all of us and it is called the grave and I don't care what kind of reputation you lead they are going to talk about you whether good or bad you are going to leave behind a life that somebody remembers. So it is best that you have a good life, leave behind a good reputation then he goes on to say "Or ever the silver cord be loosed - that's when your veins clog up on you and the golden bowl be broken (the brain) and the wheel broken at the cistern. You have somebody in your family who can't control their water. You have to use diapers. This is an old man's chapter letting us know what awaits us. Then he says then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Y'all know the funeral ceremony - We commend his spirit to the God who gave it and then he goes on to say vanity of vanities saith the preacher that is why you need to listen to the preacher all is vanity and moreover because the preacher was wise. He was the wisest man on earth at that time. He still taught the people knowledge. Yea he gave good heed and sought out and set in order many proverbs. Read Proverbs sometime, you'll say is this the same man that married 700 women, had 300 on the side and died at the age of sixty. The preacher sought to find out accept-

able words and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The Words of the wise are as goads, that's those things you put into a building to temporarily hold it together until you can come along with nails fastened by the masters of assemblies. Worshipper masters can you all relate to that. You are a master of an assembly. Preacher you are a master of an assembly. And he says which are given from one shepherds and further, by these, my son, be admonished of making many books, there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. They say if you want to keep a secret, put in a book cause us don't read. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. No part, but the whole matter. It says fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, and every secret thing, (you see you are going to find out masons didn't have no secrets) whether it be good, or whether it be evil. No body stood up but I going to give you a few hints, "I am the good shepherd I know my sheep and they know my voice"; you don't know the good shepherd; he didn't say a shepherd or some shepherds, he says the one shepherd, for we are his sheep because David said, "the Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want". You see this Jesus gave up his life for his sheep. And a good shepherd always puts himself in danger before his sheep are slaughtered. This shepherd was born in a stable. This shepherd lived like any other man until he got 30 years old. This shepherd had three years of ministry. At the conclusion of his 33rd year they marched him up Calvary Hill, but before they did that they took him from judgement hall to judgement hall. Well, let's use a little imagination, Brother Paul, the first one was the Sanhedrin, so we'll call him Jubilo, the second one was Herod's court, so we'll call him Jubilar and when they got to Pilot, we'll call him Jubillar. Are y'all with me? Now in the church the very

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