

INITIATES CHAIN

Brother Initiate.

With open arms we welcome you
into Freemasonry,
into this Lodge
and into our hearts in this loving circle

You will Observe.

That a Brother's arms cross the breasts of those next to him on either side,
emblematically to protect and defend them, should the need arise, from the attacks of the
insidious.

Observe also

That a Brother's hands reach beyond his immediate neighbour, symbolizing that
Freemasonry goes beyond helping a Brother, but reaches out into the world to help those
who are not Masons and to do good.

Observe also

That the chain is a double link chain and should it please the Great Architect of the
Universe to call a Brother to the Grand Lodge above, then the chain will remain
unbroken, to be strengthened by the inclusion of you, the Brother Initiate.

Brother Initiate.

Will you please join the chain. (*Initiate joins chain, placed between the WM and the
Grand Officer*).

Observe also

that our hands reach out from the past, represented by the Immediate Past Master, over
the present, represented by the Worshipful Master, and into the future represented by
YOU, the Brother Initiate.

[Brethren, please sway slightly from Right to Left]

The slight swaying movement shows that the chain is being stretched and tested, but
remains sound and unbroken, symbolizing that Masonry is able to meet and overcome
difficulties in every circumstance.
