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SUGGESTIONS FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS SOMETIMES
MISPRONOUNCED

ACACIA-ah-*k*-sha, not a-*k*-seye-ah or a-*k*-see-ah
ACCESSORY-ak-*sess*-ary, not a-*sess*-ory or ax-e-sory
ADULT-ah-*dult*, not a-*dult*
AFFILIATE-a-*fill*-iate, not a-*fill*-yate
ALLEGIANCE-uh-*lee*-junts, not alee-*gents*
ALLEVIATE-uh-*lee*-vi-ate, not a-*leev*-yate
AMEN-*aa*-men, not *ah*-men
AMMONITISH-Am-on-*eye*-tish, not Am-*on*-it-ish or
Amon-it-ish
ANCIENT-*ain*-shent, not *an*-chunt
ANNIHILATE-ah-*nigh*-hil-ate, not a-*nigh*-yu-late or
a-*nill*-i-ate
ANNO LUCIS-An-no-*Lu*-kis, not An-*no*-Lusis or
An-no-*Lu*-sis
ARCHANGEL-*Ark*-ain-jil, not *Artch*-an-jel
ARCHITECT-*ark*-i-tekt, not *artch*-i-tekt
ARCHIVES-*ar*-kives, not *ar*-chives
ARTIFICER-ar-*tiff*-i-cer, not ar-*tye*-fi-cer
ASPIRANT-as-*pie*-rent, not as-*pe*-runt, or as-*pair*-rent
ASSIDUITY-ass-i-*diu*-ity, not ass-i-*doo*-it-ty
ATTACKED-a-*takt*, not at-*tak*-ed
AUDACIOUS-awe-*day*-shus, not aw-*day*-see-us

BARBAROUS-*bar*-bar-us, not bar-*bay*-ri-us or bar-*bar*-us
BEGONE-be-*gon*, not be-*gawn*
BLESSED-*bless*-ed, not *bu*-less-ed
BOAZ-*Bo*-az, not Bo-*aze* or Boze
BRETHREN-*breth*-wren, not *breth*-er-in

CABLE-TOW-*K*-bel-toe, not *Cab*-el-toe
CALCULATED-*kal*-kyou-*la*-ted, not *kal*-koo-*la*-ted
CAPITULAR-ka-*pit*-u-lar, not kap-i-*too*-lar
CEMENT-se-*ment*, not *see*-ment
CHAPTER-*chap*-i-ter, not *chap*-ter
CLANDESTINE-clan-*des*-tin, not *clan*-des-tin or *clandes*-tine
CLOTHED-*cloth*'d, not clo-*thed*
COLUMN-*col*-um, not *col*-yum

Pronouncing Words

COMPOSITE-kom-*pos*-it (preferred) or *kom*-pos-it
CONFIDANT-(a friend) con-*fi*-*dant*
CONFIDENT-(sure) *con*-*fi*-*dent*
CONSPIRACY-kon-*speer*-a-cy, not kon-*spy*-ra-cy
CONTEMPLATING-kon-tem-play-ting (preferred) or
kon-*tem*-pla-ting

DELINEATE-de-*lin*-e-ate, not *dee*-lin-e-ate
DELINEATED-de-*lin*-e-ated, not *dee*-lin-e-ated
DIMENSION-deh-*men*-shun, not *die*-men-shun
DIMIT-de-mit, not *die*-mit
DEW-*diu*, not *doo*
DIFFERENT-*dif*-er-ent, not *diff*-rent
DIVESTED-duh-*vest*-ed, not *di*-vest-ed
DUE GUARD-*dew*-gard, not *doo*-gard
DUTY-*dew*-ty, not *doo*-ty

EASTWARD-*east*-ward, not east-*ard* or *east*-ard
EMERITUS-e-*mer*-i-tus, not e-mer-*ee*-tus
ERR-*er* (as in her) not *air*
ESOTERIC-ess-o-*tear*-ic, not ee-*sot*-er-ik or ex-ot-erik
EUNUCH-you-nuk, not you-*nutch*
EXEMPLARY-ig-*zem*-pler-e, not *egg*-zem-*plary*
EXOTERIC-ex-o-*ter*-ic, not ex-ot-er-ik or *egg*-so-*ter*-ic

FERVENCY-*fer*-ven-sy, not fer-*ven*-sy
FIGURE-*fig*-ure, not *fig*-ger
FINANCE-*fi*-nans, not *fine*-ance
FOREHEAD-*for*-ed, not *four*-head

GOD-Godd, not Gawd. Rhymes with odd, not awed.
GORGEOUS-*gor*-jus, not gor-*ge*-ous

HECATOMB-*hek*-a-tome preferred to *hek*-a-toom
HELE-*hale*, not he-le or heel
HORIZON-hor-*eye*-zon, not hor-e-zone or hor-eyezon
HUMBLE-*hum*-ble, not *um*-ble

IMPIOUS-*im*-pius, not im-*pie*-us
INSTITUTE-in-*sti*-*tiut*, not in-*sti*-*toot*

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INTERESTING-*in-tres-ting*, not *int-er-est-ing*
INVEST-*in-vest*, not *in-vest*
IRREVOCABLE-*ir-rev-o-ka-ble*, not *ir-re-voc-a-ble*

JACHIN-*Jay-kin*, not *Jah-kin* or *Jaw-kin*
JERUSALEM-*Jeh-roo-sa-lem*, not *gee-ru-sa-lem*

KNEW-*niu*, not *noo*

LAMENTABLE-*lam-en-ta-ble*, not *la-ment-able*
LEGEND-*lej-end*, not *lee-jend*
LIBERTINE-*lib-er-teen*, not *lib-er-tine* or *lib-er-tin*

MAUSOLEUM-*maw-so-lee-um*, not *maw-so-le-um*
MEMORY-*mem-o-ry*, not *mem-ry*
MOSAIC-*mo-zay-ic*, not *moz-i-ac*
MURDERER-*mur-der-er*, not *murd-rer*

NAKED-*nay-ked*, not *neck-ed*
NAPHTALI-*Naf-ta-lie*, not *Nap-thal-eye* or *Nap-ta-lie*

OBSEQUIES-*ob-see-quiz*, not *ob-see-quiz*
OFTEN-*of-en*, not *of-ten* or *oft-en*
OPERATIVE-*oper-a-tive*, not *op-rative*
OVERSEER-*o-ver-see-er*, not *o-ver-seer*

PALESTINE-*Pal-es-tine*, not *Pal-es-teen* or *Pal-es-tin*
PARIAN-*Par-i-an*, not *Pay-ri-an*
PECTORAL-*pek-tor-al*, not *pek---al*
PEDAL-*ped-al* preferred to *pee-dal*
PHARAOH-*Fay-ra-oh*, or *Fay-roh*, not *Fair-a-* or *Fair-oh*
PILASTER-*puh-last-er*, not *pie-last-er*
POMEGRANATE-*pom-gran-it* or *pum-gran-ate*, not *pom-e-gran-ate* or
 Pom-gran-ate, or *pom-gran-ate*
PRECEPT-*pre-cept*, not *pre-cept*
PYTHAGORAS-*Pith-ag-or-as*, not *Pie-thog-or-as* or *Pithy-goras*

RECOGNIZE-*rek-og-nize*, not *reck-o-nize*
REQUIEM-*ree-que-em*, not *ree-queem*
REVERENT-*rev-er-ent*, not *rev-rent*

SAMARITAN-*Sa-mar-i-tan*, not *Say-mar-i-tan*

Pronouncing Words

SANCTORUM-sank-*to*-rom, not sank-*to*ry-um
SCHISM-*sizz*-em, not *skiz*-em
SCYTHE-*seye*-th, not *sithe*
SENTINEL-sen-*ti*-nel, not -nal
SERAPH-Ser-*af*, not Ser-*ap*
SHEKINAH-She-*kee*-nah, not *Shek*-i-nah
SHIBBOLETH-*Shib*-bo-leth, not *Shy*-bo-leth
SINAI-*Si*-ni or Si-*ne*-i not Si-*nay*-i
SOLSTICE-*sol*-stis, not sol-*steece*
SUCCOTH-*Suck*-oth, not *Suc*-coth
SPECULATIVE-*speck*-u-la-tive, not *speck*-u-la-tive
SUPERFICES-siu-per-fish-ees, not soo-per-*fy*-ci-es
SUPERINTENDENT-siu-per-in-ten-dent, not *soop*-er-in-ten-dent

TABERNACLE-*tab*-er-nak-le, not ta-ber-*nack*-le
TENETS-*ten*-ets, not *teen*-its
TESSELATED-*tes*-sel-ate-ed, not tes-sel-*a*-ted
TORTUOUS-*tor*-tu-us, not tort-*you*-us
TYRIAN-*Tih*-ri-an, not *Tire*-i-an

WESTWARD-*west*-ward, not *west*-ard

ZEREDATHA-Zer-e-*dath*-ah preferred to Ze-*red*-atha

STYLE

The following is adopted as accepted Masonic usage in the Digest and other Masonic documents:

1. USE:

Freemasonry-not Free Masonry
 Freemason-not Free Mason
 Tyler-not Tiler
 Tyle; Tyled-not Tile or Tiled
 Moneys-not monies
 Communication; Communications-not meeting or meetings

2. CAPITALIZE:

Account; Accounts, in reference to Grand Lodge or Lodge
 Budget Accounts
 Ancient Landmarks
 Ancient Regulations
 Annual Grand Communication

Board, in reference to a specific Masonic Board
 Brethren
 Brother
 By-Laws

Called, when referring to Called Communication
 Certificate, in reference to a Certificate of a Lodge or the
 Grand Lodge
 Chaplain
 Charge; Charges, in reference to Charges of a Freemason
 Charge at initiation or installation
 Charter; Charters; Chartered, when referring to Lodge Charters
 Committee, when referring to specific Committee
 Communication; Communications, when referring to assemblies of the
 Craft
 Constitution
 Craft

Degree; Degrees, when referring to Masonic Degree or Degrees
 Degree Team; Degree Teams
 Deputy
 Diploma, when referring to Diploma from the Grand Lodge

Appendix

Style

Dispensation; Dispensations
Divine; Divine Service

Edict
Emeritus Brother
Emeritus List
Entered Apprentice
Entered Apprentice Mason
Executive Order

Fellow Craft; Fellow Craft Mason
First Degree, in reference to the Entered Apprentice Degree
Fund, in reference in Lodge or Grand Lodge Budget Funds

Grand Honors
Grand Jurisdiction
Grand Lodge
Grand Lodge Officer
Grand Lodge Regulations

Jewels, in reference to Jewels of the Lodge or of Office
Junior Deacon
Junior Grand Warden
Junior Master
Junior Past Grand Master Junior Steward
Junior Warden
Junior Worshipful Master
Jurisdiction; Jurisdictions, in reference to Grand Jurisdictions

Landmark; Landmarks
Lodge

Marshal
Mason
Masonic
Masonic Law
Master, in reference to the Worshipful Master
Master Mason
Memorial Lodge; Memorial Lodges

Officer; Officers
Old Landmark; Old Landmarks
Operative, in reference to Operative Masonry

Particular Lodge; Particular Lodges

Proceedings, in reference to published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge

Regulation; Regulations, in reference to Lodge or Grand Lodge or Masonic Regulation or Regulations

Resolution, in reference to Lodge or Grand Lodge Resolution

Returns, in reference to Lodge Returns to Grand Lodge

Rules, in reference to Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations

Saint; Saints (Do not abbreviate)

School of Instruction; Schools of Instruction, in reference to

Schools conducted by Committee on Work

Seal; Seals, in reference to Lodge and Grand Lodge Seals

Second Degree, in reference to Fellow Craft Degree

Secretary, in reference to Lodge or Grand Lodge Secretary

Senior, in reference to Deacons, Stewards, Grand Wardens,

Wardens, Past Grand Masters and other Officers

Sister, in reference to Sister Grand Jurisdiction or Sister Jurisdiction

Special, in reference to Special Communications

Speculative, in reference to Speculative Masonry

Stated, in reference to Stated Communications

Subordinate, in reference to Subordinate Officers and

Subordinate Lodges

Symbolic, in reference to Symbolic Masonry

Third Degree, in reference to Master Mason Degree

Three Degrees, in reference to the Three Degrees of Masonry

Treasurer, in reference to Lodge or Grand Lodge Treasurer

Uniform Code of By-Laws

Warrant; Warrants; Warrants of Constitution

Additional Capitalization

Titles of Officers of Grand Lodge and appendant and allied orders of Masonry.

3. HYPHENATED AND UNHYPHENATED WORDS:

Freemason-not Free-Mason

Freemasons-not Free-Masons

Fellow Craft-not Fellow-Craft

Re-ballot-not reballet

Re-spread-not respread

MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

Use unmasonic instead of un-Masonic
Use Saint and Saints-not St. and Sts.

That wherever appropriate the initials for the title of a Grand Lodge Officer or Lodge Officer shall be inserted in all provisions of the Constitution and Regulations, i.e., M.: W.: Grand Master, R.: W.: Grand Secretary. (Art. IX, Sec. 2(a))

That sub-paragraphs of sections of the Constitution be designated with lower case letters in parenthesis, i.e. (a) (b), not (A), (B).

