

The Lodge (Wine) Steward

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)

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.

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

(pause)

Then Brother Stewards you will do your duty.