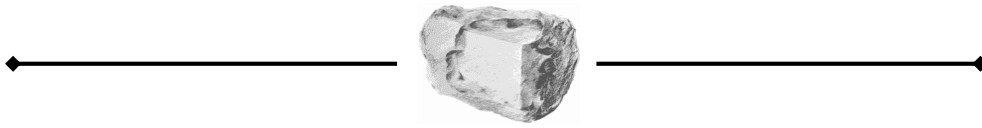


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The workmen had assembled, at the end of their day,  
to talk about their need to have someone lead the way.

A laudable man from among their neighbors,  
one to give them instructions for their labors.

A man was chosen who would hold steadfast,  
from a vote that was taken where ballots were cast.

All had agreed in complete harmony  
that he would guide them, morally.

He took an oath to govern for a year,  
and so he did, in wisdom and good cheer.

By the Sun and the Moon he performed his endeavor  
and with Brotherly Love he helped them, wherever.

It had not seemed long since when he was elected,  
it felt as if time passed more quickly than expected.

Again ballots were cast, including one from him,  
to select a new fellow and brother to lead them.

All now called him Past Master but this would not cancel  
the bounty of brethren who would seek out his counsel.

For he had labored hard upon that lodge floor  
and indeed left it off, better than before.



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