**“KING SOLOMON HAD TROUBLES TOO”**

Worthy District Grand Matron, Worthy District Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. We are honouring our Brother’s tonight it is most fitting we welcome our brothers in tribute and we hope with pleasure to them. We hope that we have combined both successfully in our presentation this evening.

**WM:** Would All the Brothers please stand Welcome Brothers.

We take you back in history

Three thousand years in span.

To one revered in Masonry

King Solomon, the man.

He wore and apron, held a trowel

Used a compass and square

And a royal, firm a vowel,

Raised a Temple fair.

He fashioned us a way of life,

Of love and brotherhood.

That’s stretched beyond his country’s strife

A plumb-line road of good.

But then within his palace walls,

His problems were immense.

A thousand wives now roamed his walls-

Imagine the expense!

How could he ever keep in mind

Each anniversary day?

If we would seek the true, we’d find

That man had heck to pay!

His problems mounted by the score

With every brand new bride;

How could he ever walk the floor

With every babe that cried?

He must have tightened many veils

To quiet nagging tongues;

But that would be to no avail

With healthy female lungs.

Yes, Solomon must have had his share

Of trial and tribulations.

Just one wife needs a lot of care

He married a whole nation!

I feel he built the Temple for

A little peace and quiet,

Where he could close the door

Against that female riot.

A woman’s always had her say

We know that to be true;

The only thing that’s changed today

We share the Temple too.