Addendum No. 18.

Sisters and Brothers, you will please come to order. The officers will repair to their respective stations for the purpose of opening this lodge of Adoptive Masons. (Officers march in.)

Brother Sentinel, you will approach the East.

(Sentinel obeys the order)

Brother Sentinel, your duties are to guard faithfully the entrance to this place, suffering none to be admitted without my permission. Will you perform this trust with vigilance?

Sentinel: What guarantee have I that in my absence the work of the lodge will be performed agreeably to the usages of the American adoptive right?

W.P.: The Honor of an adoptive Mason.

Sentinel: It is well. I accept it and if you will furnish me with the means of security, I will guard you with truth and vigilance while here assembled.

W.P.: Receive the implement of your office and repair to your station.

(He is presented with the key of the outer door when he repairs to his station. The W.P. then addresses the V.P. as follows.)

W.P.: Brother V.P., you will ascertain if all present are Adoptive Masons and entitled to seats in this Lodge.

(The V.P. then addresses the 2nd. & 3rd Patrons)

V.P.: Sisters 2nd and 3rd Patrons, you will satisfy yourselves that all present are adoptive Masons and collect the pass.

3rd P.: Sister V.P., all in the North (or South) are adoptive Masons. (The Patrons pass thru the Lodge right and left and report to the V.P. who communicates same to W.P. as follows:)

V.P.: Worthy President, I am satisfied that all present are Adoptive Masons and entitled to seats in this Lodge.

W.P.: Sister Guard, what are the first duties of your office?

Guard: To see that the avenues of approach are fully guarded, W.P.

W.P.: Perform that duty and inform the Sentinel that we are engaged in the ceremonies of opening this Lodge and direct him to allow no interruption while we are thus engaged.

(Guard repeats order to the Sentinel and reports as follows)

Guard: Sister Sentinel, we are engaged in the ceremonies of opening this Lodge and you are directed to allow no interruption while we are thus engaged.
Guard: We are duly guarded W.P.

W.P.: Brother V.P., are you a Brother of the Eastern Star?

V.P.: I have seen his Star in the East.

W.P.: For whence came you here?

V.P.: I have come to worship him.

W.P.: Have you the cabalistic word?

V.P.: I have.

W.P.: Will you give it to me?

V.P.: I will with your assistance, W.P.

W.P. Begin

V.P.: Nay, you begin, W.P.

W.P. Begin you.

V.P.: F.

W.P.: A.

V.P.: T.

W.P.: A.

V.P.: L -- FATAL

W.P.: Have these words any significance?

V.P.: It has this; first, it would be fatal to the character of a Sister, or Brother for truth would she reveal the secrets of the degree unlawfully; second, each of the letters stand for one of the motto words, which words form the C.M.

W.P.: Have you the C.M.?

V.P.: I have

W.P.: Will you give it to me?

V.P.: I will with your assistance.

W.P.: Begin.

V.P.: Nay, you begin.

W.P.: Begin you.

V.P.: F.

W.P.: A.

V.P.: T.

W.P.: A.

V.P.: L.(repeat)
W.P.: What number constitutes a lodge of Adoptive Masons when the figure is not complete?

V.P.: Five regular Adoptive Masons of which one shall be a Master Mason may open a lodge for the dispatch of business.

W.P.: What number when the figure is complete?

V.P.: Twelve, consisting of Worthy President, Vice President, Conductor, Treasurer, Secretary, five Patrons representing Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, also a Guard and Sentinel,

W.P.: What is the Guards position in Labyrinth?

V.P.: At the right of the Vice President.

W.P.: Sister Guard, what are the duties of your office?

Guard: To carry messages from one officer to another, and see that the avenues of approach are duly guarded.

W.P.: What is the first Patron's position in the Labyrinth?

V.P.: On the first or blue point of the star W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister First Patron, what are the duties of your office?

F.P.: To instruct candidates in that portion of the ritual appertaining to Jeptha's Daughter. (sign)

W.P.: What is the Second Patron's position in the Labyrinth?

F.P.: On the Second or yellow point of the Star W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Second Patron, what are the duties of your office?

S.P.: To instruct candidates in that portion of the ritual appertaining to Ruth.

W.P.: What is the Third Patron's position in the Labyrinth?

S.P.: On the Third or white point of the Star, W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Third Patron, what are the duties of your office?

T.P.: To instruct candidates in that portion of the ritual appertaining to Esther.

W.P.: What is the Fourth Patron's position in the Labyrinth?

T.P.: On the Fourth or green point of the Star, W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Fourth Patron, what are the duties of your office?

F.P.: To instruct candidates in that portion of the ritual appertaining to Martha.
W.P.: What is the Fifth Patron's position in the Labyrinth?

F.P.: On the Fifth or red point of the star, W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Fifth Patron, what are the duties of your office?

5th P: To instruct candidates in that portion of the ritual appertaining to Electa.

W.P.: The Secretary's station?

5th P: On the left of the W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Secretary, what are the duties of your office?

Sec.: To keep a record of the proceedings of the Lodge, receive all money due the Lodge, pay the same over to the Treasurer taking her receipt therefor.

W.P.: The treasurer's station?

Sec.: On the right of the W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Treasurer, what are the duties of your office?

Treas: To receive all moneys from the hands of the Secretary, keep a correct account of the same, pay them out by order of the W.P. with consent of the Lodge.

W.P.: The Conductor's station?

Treas: In the south, W.P. (sign)

W.P.: Sister Conductor, what are the duties of your office?

Cond: To receive candidates and conduct them through the various requisitions of the ritual and to introduce and accommodate visitors.

W.P.: The Vice President's station?

Cond: In the west, Worthy President (sign)

W.P.: Brother Vice President, what are the duties of your office?

V.P.: To assist the Worthy President in governing this Lodge and to administer the obligation to candidates.

W.P.: The Worthy President's station?

V.P.: In the east, Worthy President. (sign)

W.P.: What are her duties?
V.P.: To preside at all meetings of the Lodge, and govern the same, to preserve order and harmony and communicate all necessary information to candidates.

(The Worthy President then calls up lodge by giving three raps and says:)

W.P.: Sisters and Brothers together with the sign.

(singing and prayer introduced or omitted here) Opening ode here.

W.P.: Sisters and brothers, I now declare this lodge open for the dispatch of business. Take due notice thereof and conduct yourselves as become members of this mystic order. Sister Guard, inform the Sentinel.

Guard: Sister Sentinel, this lodge is open for the dispatch of business.

1st Calling roll of officers
2nd Reading minutes of preceding meeting
3rd Reading and referring petitions
4th Reports of Committee on applications
5th Balloting on applications
6th Conferring of Degrees
7th Reports of Special Committees
8th Receiving and considering resolutions
9th Considering unfinished business
10th New business
11th Closing the Lodge

Three raps to bring up chapter.

W.P.: Sisters and brothers, we go ofrth into the world not knowing the things that shall meet us there, save that troubles and trials everywhere abound. In the labyrinth of human life let us never be dismayed for our heavenly Father has promised to strengthen us, to keep us, and to uphold us with the right hand of his righteousness, Farewell.

Members: Farewell

W.P.: I now declare this lodge closed. Sister Guard, inform the Sentinel.

Chorus--
Keep in view the Lodge supernal
Life is love enthroned in Heaven
Where the true light never wavers
And our mortal sins forgiven.

1. Here around the altar kneeling
Where the sons of light combine
Mingled with our friendly greeting
Is the love of God divine
For this hall to virtues given,
And our emblems on the wall,
Point us to the lodge in Heaven
And the Master of us all.

Chorus--
Keep in view the Lodge supernal
Life is love enthroned in Heaven
Where the true light never wavers
And our mortal sins forgiven.

2. In the bonds of Masons duty,
Seek we now the Masons light,
Forms of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty
Teach us what is good and right;
Far from every sinful passion,
Near be every gentle grace;
And so at last this holy mission
Shall reveal our Master's face.

Chorus--
Keep in view the Lodge supernal
Life is love enthroned in Heaven
Where the true light never wavers
And our mortal sins forgiven.