

to the table signs the Declaration Book
 7. The retiring Master doffs his gown and hands it
 to the clerk

8. The Master elect (if a Warden) doffs his gown and
 hands it to the Beadle

9. The retiring Master doffs the Chain of Office.

10. The retiring Master invests the Master elect with the
 Chain of Office saying:-

"By virtue of my Authority as Master and to mark
 "your due election by this Court of Assistants I
 "now invest you with the Chain of your High
 "Office, the links of which are a symbol of the
 "ties of civic friendship that bind us to one another
 "and to the Company whose ancient Arms you
 "now bear"

11. The retiring Master then takes the Master's gown from
 the clerk and places it upon the shoulders of the
 Master elect saying:-

"Hereby I invest you with the robe of the
 "Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians
 "and by the unanimous vote of the Court of
 "Assistants do clothe you with full authority
 "to represent the Company on all lawful occasions
 "to preside at its Courts and Banquets and
 "to maintain its dignities and privileges for
 "the ensuing year"

12. The New Master takes the Chair