

Glossary of unusual words found in Ritual Books
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ADMONISH - warn, remand, reprove
ANIMATED - lively, vivacious
ANNALS - narrative of events, historical records
ANNO LUCIS - after light (beginning of Masonry)
APPROBATIONS - approvals
ARTIFICE - cunning, skill
ARTIFICER - craftsman
ASHLAR - square hewn stone
ASSIDUITY - constant attention
ASSIDUOUSLY - diligent, unremitting
AVARICE - greed
AVOCATIONS - vocation, calling

BANEFUL - pernicious, destructive, injurious
BARK (BARQUE) - a sailing vessel
BENIGN - kindly, gentle

CELESTIAL - heavenly, dwelling in heaven, in the visible heavens
CHAPITER - head or capital of a column
COMPASS - range, extent
COMPASSES - tool for measuring compass or describing circles
CONDUCE - leads or contributes
CONJOINED - made one, combined
CORPOREAL - referring to the body
COWAN - Mason who has not served apprenticeship
CRITERION - principle, standard to judge by
CUBIT - old measurement of 18-20" (forearm)

DIFFIDENCE - self distrust, shyness
DILATE - enlarge, widen
DIVERS - sundry, various
DORMER - upright window in sloping roof

EFFACED - erased or wiped out
EMANATES - issues, proceeds from
ENCROACHMENT - intrusion upon territory
ENDUE - clothe or invest with
ETHEREAL - airy, unearthly, heavenly
EQUI-DISTANT - at equal distance
EQUI-POISE - equilibrium, counterpoise
EQUIVOCATION - double or doubtful meaning, conceal truth
EXCRESCENCIES - abnormal outgrowth
EXHORT(ATION) - urge

FACULTIES - aptitude, mental power
FERVENCY/TLY - hot, ardent, intense
FIDELITY - faithfulness, loyalty, accuracy
FORTITUDE - courage in adversity
FUTURITY - future time

HEINOUSNESS - atrociousness
HELE - to hide, conceal
HOODWINK - deceive, to blindfold

IMPIOUS - wicked, profane
INCUMBENT - resting, a duty or obligation
INCULCATED - urged, impressed
INDIGENCE - needy, poor
INDITE - put into words, write
INSIDIOUS - treacherous, proceeding secretly
INVIOLEABLE - not to be broken

LEWIS - a cramp, a Freemason's son
LUMINARY - shedder of light

MALIGNANT - showing ill will
MAUL - heavy wooden hammer
MENATSCHIN - supervisor, overseer
MOSAIC - picture or pattern of small pieces

NURTURE - rear, bring up, nourish

OBLATION - offering to God
OBLIGATION - binding agreement
OBTRUDE - thrust forward
ORDINANCES - authoritative direction, law, religious rite

PALLIATE - alleviate without curing, excuse
PARADOX - seemingly contradictory
PARALLELOPIPEDON - solid contained by parallelograms
PONIARD/POIGNARD - a dagger
PRECEPTS - rules for action
PREFECTS - administrative officers
PREMISE/D - proposition from which an inference is drawn
PROMULGATE - publish as coming into force
PROPRIETY - rightness, correctness of behaviour
PROVIDENCE - timely care, beneficent care of

RECANTED - withdrawn, renounced
RECAPITULATE - summarize, restate briefly
REPOSED - rested, laid to rest
REPOSITORY - storage space, safe place for secrets

SANCTION - authoritative permission
SANCTUM SANCTORUM - most holy place
SCRUPLE - doubt or hesitation with regard to right or wrong
SKIRRET - reel acting on a centre-pin
SOLACE - comfort in distress or disappointment
SPECIE - coined money
SUBLUNARY - under the moon
SUBSISTED - existed

SUPPLICATIONS - making humble petitions

TENET - belief, doctrine

TERRESTRIAL - of or existing on earth, earthly

TESSELLATED - paved with small blocks making a pattern

TRANSITORY - not lasting, brief moment

TYLER/TYLED - doorkeeper against intrusion, bind to secrecy

UNSULLIED - unsoiled, not discredited

WONTED - habitual