MODE OF PREPARATION
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FIRST DEGREE - SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION

You have no doubt thought your M*** of P******** this evening to be somewhat peculiar, but we as Freemasons do nothing for which we cannot give a reason.

You were divested of all Monies and valuable metallic substances before entering the L**** to show that it is the internal, not external qualities of a man which F********y regards.

You were h******** so that the heart might conceive before the eyes beheld the beautiful L****s of F********y.

Your L*** B***** was made bare to show your S** as no woman can be made a F*******n.

Your R**** A** was made bare to show that you carried no weapons, either offensive or defensive, the laws of F********y forbidding the one therefore rendering the other unnecessary.

Your L*** K*** was made bare as a token of humility to G** for it was on your B*** L*** K*** that you knelt to take the S***** O******** of an Entered Apprentice Mason.

Your R**** H*** was s***s*** in allusion to an ancient Israelitish custom, when two men made a bargain the one plucked off his R**** S*** and handed it to the other. On being returned this sealed or ratified the bargain. You have now sealed or ratified your bargain and in future if anyone asks you what it cost to become a F*******n, you may reply, the price of an old S*** of my Mother=s - that S*** being the property of your M****r L****.