

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE CEREMONIES

Ceremony of Installing a Newly Appointed
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

1. The Brethren are assembled in the Temple with the Installing Officer, usually the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and his Assisting Officers, and also the Deputy Provincial Grand Master designate remaining outside.
2. A procession is formed by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies outside the door of the Temple with the Assisting Officers in order of seniority, Juniors leading, but the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in front.
3. As the procession enters the Temple the Dep.Prov.G.D.C. calls the Brethren to Order to receive the R.W.Prov. Grand Master and his Assisting Officers.
4. The R.W.P.G.M. enters, appoints his Officers, and opens a Provincial Grand Lodge.
5. The R.W.P.G.M. is saluted under the instruction of the Prov.G.D.C.
6. The R.W.P.G.M. announces the appointment of W.Bro. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Mark Master Masons.
7. The R.W.P.G.M. "Bro.Prov.G.D.C. you will ascertain that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master is in attendance."
8. The Prov.G.D.C. retires, ascertains, and re-enters the Lodge.
9. Prov.G.D.C. "R.W.P.G.M., W.Bro. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master is in attendance and requests that he may be admitted in order that he may be obligated, invested, and installed".
10. R.W.P.G.M. "Bro.Prov.G.D.C. you will form an escort and introduce the Dep.P.G.M. designate".
11. The Prov.G.D.C. calls by name:-

- (3) Two Cushion Bearers
- (2) Two Escorts
- (1) Dep. and Asst.G.D.C.'s. (Leading)

Prov.G.D.C. "Forward Brethren" and brings up the rear.

Outside the door of the Lodge the Prov.G.D.C. will form a procession thus:-

Leading

Asst.G.D.C. (2)
Escort 2.

Dep.G.D.C. (1)
Escort 1.

Dep.P.G.M. Designate

Prov.G.D.C.

Cushion Bearer (2)
with Chain of Office

Cushion Bearer (1)
with Patent & Prov.
By-Laws

12. As the procession enters the Temple the Dep.G.D.C. will say:
"To Order, Brethren."

The Dep. and Asst.Prov.G.D.C's. lead the procession from the West towards the East and take station, as rehearsed, such as to permit the remainder to pass through and facing inwards.

The two Escorts will pass between them and about two paces on towards the East will also halt and, in line, also face inwards. The Dep.P.G.M. designate, with the Prov.G.D.C. immediately to his right-hand rear will pass through and take station, as rehearsed, in the centre of the Lodge. The Cushion Bearers will follow on behind the Prov.G.D.C. and will take station, as rehearsed, just behind the Prov.G.D.C.

When these Brethren are all facing East the two Escorts and the Dep. and Asst.Prov.G.D.C's. will come into line all facing East.

R.W.P.G.M.

Pedestal

Kneeling Stool

Deputy Provincial Grand Master designate

Prov.G.D.C.

Cushion Bearer 2.

Cushion Bearer 1.

Escort 2. Asst.Prov.G.D.C. Dep.Prov.G.D.C. Escort 1.

13. The R.W.P.G.M. calls upon the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Patent of Appointment. The Prov.G.D.C. will take the Patent from the cushion to the Prov.G. Secretary, wait whilst it is read, then return it to the cushion.
14. The R.W.P.G.M. addresses the Dep.Prov.G.M. designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the Office to which he has been appointed, and will enquire if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties.
15. The Dep.P.G.M. answers.
16. The R.W.P.G.M. calls on the Prov.G.Chaplain for the benefit of Prayer.

The Dep.Prov.G.M. will kneel

Prov.G.D.C. "To Order, Brethren".

17. Provincial Grand Chaplain:

"Great Overseer of the Universe, be pleased to bestow Thy Blessing upon this Thy servant who is about to be Installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Endue him with wisdom to teach and humility to learn, that both he and the Brethren of this Province, marking well Thy Holy Commandments, may be found worthy to enter Thy Heavenly Temple above, and dwell therein for evermore."

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18. R.W.P.G.M. "You will rise and advance to the Pedestal".

The Dep.Prov.G.M. designate is conducted by the Prov.G.D.C. to the front of the Pedestal, followed only by the two Cushion Bearers. The four Brethren standing in line remain there.

19. R.W.P.G.M. "You will now take the Solemn Obligation of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master".

The Dep.P.G.M. designate will read from the card provided his Obligation:-

"I, in the presence of Thy Great Overseer of the Universe, and of this Assembly of Mark Master Masons of the Province of do agree to accept the Office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the said Province, and pledge myself to a faithful discharge of the duties of such Office, to the best of my skill and ability, so long as I shall hold the Office, and until a successor shall be duly appointed and installed in my stead.

I solemnly promise to maintain and uphold the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, and to obey its Laws, Constitutions, and Ordinances, and so far as lies in my power to enforce due obedience to them from others

I pledge allegiance to the Most Worshipful Grand Master; that I will his secrets preserve, his counsel keep, and in every respect assist him in the execution of his work, showing similar fidelity to the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master, and to my immediate Chief, the Provincial Grand Master for this Province. All this I solemnly promise on my honour - and ratify as a Solemn Obligation on the Volume of the Sacred Law.

20. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master designate is now conducted to the right of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master by the Prov.G.D.C. The Cushion Bearers should be within distance for the Prov.G.D.C. to hand to the R.W.P.G.M. the Dep.P.G.M's. Chain of Office which the R.W.P.G.M. places on the Dep.P.G.M. and then hands to him his Patent of Office and a copy of the Provincial By-Laws.

The R.W.P.G.M. then seats the Deputy Provincial Grand Master immediately to the immediate right of the Provincial Grand Master's Chair.

21. When the R.W. Provincial Grand Master has resumed his Chair the Prov.G.D.C. will say: "Be seated, Brethren".

22. The Prov.G.D.C. will then proceed to the North East and say:-
"Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of below the rank of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, To Order".

The Prov.G.D.C. will then proclaim the newly installed Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master in all his styled and titles following which he will call upon the Brethren to salute the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master with FIVE. FANFARE.

"Be seated, Brethren". The Prov.G.D.C. will be seated.

23. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master acknowledges the Salutations.
24. The remaining business of Provincial Grand Lodge is completed.
25. The Provincial Grand Lodge is closed.

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

JOHN ALAN WRIGHT

A Batchelor of Science of the University of Reading;

Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England;

Past Provincial Grand Steward in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England;

Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, Knight of the Black and White Eagle 30th Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas;

Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas;

Past Grand Junior Overseer and holder of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank;

etc. etc.

has this day been appointed, Invested and Installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Essex in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, and for the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner;

(ALL SIGNS OF REVERENCE)

(DPOF REV. SIGN)

Whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve and I call upon you to salute him as Deputy Provincial Grand Master with FIVE, taking the time with me.

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