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Consecration of Lodge Banner

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Banner presented by Bro. W. HODGE.
Brochure presented by Bro. C. B. METCALFE.

CONSECRATION PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, King of Kings, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, look down we beseech Thee, with Thine All-seeing eye, upon this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, and accept this Banner to Thy Honour and Glory.

To Thee, O Lord, we dedicate it and to Thee be praise and majesty, honour and glory.

Grant, we pray Thee, to the Brethren who shall range beneath it, that they may ever be mindful of Thy Presence in their midst; and that they may be inspired to promote the tenets and principles of the Craft to the welfare of mankind and to the Honour and Glory of Thy most Holy Name. So mote it be.

ADDRESS OF CONSECRATING OFFICER.

Before consecrating the Banner let us for a few moments consider together the reason for a Banner.

The Banner in olden days was a rallying point. It was taken into battle, and those bearing it guarded it with their lives. It was a point around which all associated with it found common ground.

And so your Banner should be a rallying point around which you all gather to express and maintain your common ideals.

Look at your Banner for a moment and discover some of those ideals.

First of all in your name. Now I am not going to deal with its ordinary significance, but to me it is symbolic. It has five letters, the number we shall consider later. But the letters making up the name have a special significance.

D—Devotion—to the Order and Lodge.

O—Obedience—to those who rule over us.

F—Fidelity—to our God, our King, our Craft.

R—Responsibility—towards all men in general, to Brother Masons in particular.

A—Assiduity—Apply yourselves assiduously to your work as Masons.

Then there is the picture of **Dover Castle**. This represents a fortress—a stronghold—those out at sea could think of it as a Haven. So can your Lodge be to all its members.

Again there is the picture of a **ship in full sail**—always moving onward to some desired goal. So your Lodge must always be in full sail moving forward to its goal.

I am not going to deal with the other well known Masonic symbols—with all of their teaching you are familiar.

So we pass to the number of your Lodge, and here I note that it is a compound of two numbers 5 and 7, 5 Hold a Lodge, 7 Make it perfect.

To me that is full of meaning. Hold your Lodge together during all the difficulties you find. Make it perfect in so far as it is possible for each individual to do so.

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