

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

1. The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession with the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

2. **OPENING HYMN** (*Omnes*)

*O Grace this Lodge, Great Overseer,
With all Thy pure and earnest truth,
That it may flourish through all time
In strong and undecaying youth.*

*Their mark in hand, Thy mark at heart,
O may they ever constant prove,
And in all time and circumstance
Unite in brotherhood and love.*

*O bless the Brethren here this night,
That more and more their lives may be
Made glorious by increasing light,
Acknowledged and derived from Thee.*

3. The Lodge is opened in the Degree of Mark Master Mason.
4. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

5. **OPENING PRAYER**

Response—"So mote it be."

6. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
7. The Petitioners are arranged in order in the East.
8. The Warrant is read by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.

The Petitioners signify their approval in Masonic Form and resume their seats.

9. **AN ORATION**

On the Nature and Principle of the Institution is given by the CHAPLAIN.

10. **DEDICATION PRAYER** (*First Portion*)

Response—"So mote it be."

11. The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

THE INVOCATION

Response—"So mote it be."

12. The Chaplain reads II Chron., chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.

13. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

14. **THE CONSECRATION**

during which the Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the elements of Consecration four times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each Perambulation.

15. Before the First Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

The Brethren sing—

*When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.*

The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the emblem of Abundance and Plenty.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on High.

16. Before the Second Circuit the Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x., verse 39.

The Brethren sing—

*Where there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship, sin to foil,
On threshold and on Corner-stone
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.*

The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on High.

17. Before the Third Circuit the Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.

The Brethren sing—

*And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him by votive hands,
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.*

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Oil—the emblem of Peace and Harmony.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on High.

18. The Petitioners are arranged round the Lodge Board facing outwards, where they remain until after the Dedication.

19. Before the Fourth Circuit the Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.

The Brethren sing—

*To build on the Great Corner-stone,
To him who oversees our toil,
This temple to His praise alone,
Who gives us Salt, Corn, Wine, and Oil.*

The Consecrating Officer strews Salt—the emblem of Fidelity, Hospitality and Everlasting Friendship.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on High.

20. **THE CONSECRATING OFFICER DEDICATES THE LODGE**

21. The Brethren sing—

*Disposer Supreme, and Judge of the earth,
Who choosest for Thine the great and the poor;
To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth
Entrusting Thy riches which we shall endure.*

*Like clouds are they borne to do Thy great Will,
And swift as the winds about the world go;
The Word with Thy wisdom their spirits doth fill,
They thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.*

*All honour and praise, dominion and might,
Disposer Supreme we render to Thee,
Who round us hath shed Thine own marvellous light,
And called us from darkness Thy glory to see.*

22. The Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge, and halts in the East.

23. **DEDICATION PRAYER (Second Portion)**

Response—"So mote it be."

24. The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Brethren in the West, the Master and Wardens Designate in the Centre, all facing East.

25. **THE CONSECRATING OFFICER CONSTITUTES THE LODGE**

Response—"So mote it be."

26. **PATRIARCHAL BENEDECTION**

Response—"So mote it be."

*Collection for the Mark Benevolent Fund
NATIONAL ANTHEM (First Verse)*

LODGE BUSINESS

1. The Installation of the Master Designate.
2. Election of Treasurer.
3. Election of Tyler.
4. The W.M. will appoint and invest his Officers and invest the Treasurer and Tyler.
5. To adopt By-Laws of the Lodge.
6. Propositions of Joining Brethren.
7. Propositions of Candidates for Advancement.
8. The Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, together with Officers of Grand Mark Lodge will retire.
9. The Lodge will be closed.

CLOSING HYMN

*Have we marked well, Great Overseer,
A work to last beyond all time;
Each his allotted task fulfilled?
The glory and the praise be Thine.*

*In this degree we find the truth,
On earth below, in heaven above;
The corner stone of every work
Should be unselfish, lasting love.*

*Still will we work, and working, pray;
And trust that in a better land
Our mystic keystone may be raised,
And fitted by Thy Master-hand.*

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