



# Consecration

The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.

1. The Consecrating Officer enters, accompanied by the Assisting Officers; he appoints his Officers and opens a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

2. **The Opening Hymn**

*Hail Eternal, by whose aid  
All created things were made,  
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,  
Hear us, Overseer Divine.*

*May our work begun in Thee,  
Ever blest with order be,  
And may we, when labours cease,  
Part in harmony and peace.*

*By Thy Glorious Majesty,  
By the trust we place in Thee,  
By the badge and mystic sign,  
Hear us, Overseer Divine.  
So mote it be.*

3. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain for Prayer.

4. **The Opening Prayer**

Chant (*Omnes*)—*So mote it be.*

5. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.

6. The Petitioners are arranged in order in the East.

7. The Warrant is read.

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

The Petitioners signify their approval by the sign of F.

8. **The Oration**

by the CHAPLAIN on the Nature and Purpose of the Institution.

9. **Anthem**

*Eternal Wisdom, whose decree  
Made light to dawn and darkness  
flee,  
Illumine Thou our earthly sight,  
Make us indeed the Sons of Light.*

*Eternal Strength whose mighty  
hand  
Hath framed the sky, the sea, the  
land.  
Without Thee vain were mortal  
skill,  
Make strong our hearts to work  
Thy will.*

*Eternal Beauty who has  
blessed  
The work Thy hands in order  
dressed,  
Make us Thy loveliness to  
know  
And bear Thy Image here  
below.  
So mote it be.*

10. **Dedication Prayer (First Part)**

Chant (*Omnes*)—*So mote it be.*

The Brethren turn towards the East.

11. **The Invocation**

Chant (*Omnes*)—*So mote it be.*

12. The Chaplain reads II Chronicles, chap. ii, vv. 1 to 16.

13. The Lodge Board is uncovered.

The Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East after each perambulation.

14. Before the First Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, v. 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.*

15. Before the Second Circuit the Chaplain reads Nehemiah chap. x, v. 39.

The Brethren sing—

*When 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.*

16. Before the Third Circuit the Chaplain reads Exodus chap. xxx, vv. 25 and 26.

The Brethren sing—

*And we have come, fraternal bands,  
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil  
To honour Him by votive hand  
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.*

The Petitioners are arranged in order around the Lodge Board.

17. The Chaplain reads Leviticus chap. ii, v. 13.

The Brethren sing—

*Now o'er our work this salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy consecrant power:  
And may Thy Presence Lord we pray,  
Keep this our Temple from decay.*

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

Musical Response—*Glory be to God on high.*

18. **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge**

19. **Anthem**

*Dispose, Supreme and Judge of the earth,  
Who chooseth for Thine the weak and the poor,  
To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth,  
Entrusting Thy riches which aye shall endure.*

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

*So mote it be.*

20. The Chaplain perambulates the Lodge three times, censuring.

21. **Dedication Prayer (Second Part)**

Chant (*Omnes*)—*So mote it be.*

The Petitioners are arranged in order in the West.

22. **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge**

Chant (*Omnes*)—*So mote it be.*

23. **Patriarchal Benediction**

Chant (*Omnes*)—*So mote it be.*

## Installation

24. Presentation of the Master Designate.  
Installation (*Board of Installed Masters*).
25. The Master is Saluted and Proclaimed.
26. Appointment and Investiture of Officers.
27. The Addresses (*to the Master, Wardens, Overseers and Brethren*).
28. Approval of By-laws.
29. ~~Election of the Consulting Officers - Honorary Members~~  
General Business.
30. To close the Lodge.
31. Closing Hymn, and National Anthem.
32. Recession.

## Founders and First Officers

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