



The Mark Degree

Ceremony of Advancement

¶ After all the prayers.

(Brethren sing) "So mote it be."

HYMN.

¶ To be sung immediately after Lodge is opened.

(TUNE, OLD HUNDREDTH)

Great Architect, receive our praise,
And hear when we our voices raise.
To thank Thee for Thy gracious care,
And for the love all Masons share.

This may Freemasonry extend,
With Thee, O Lord, its greatest friend
And fostered by Thy mighty hand,
Built on a Rock for ever stand.

¶ Whilst Candidates are proceeding to the S.W. to present their marks.

(Brethren sing) And he causeth all, both small and great, to receive a mark
in their right hand.

¶ During the "Heave over."

(TUNUS PEREGRINUS).

Fear me, O Lord, for Thy | loving kindness is good : hide not Thy
face from Thy servant, for I | am in trouble.

Approach hath broken my heart, and | I am full of heaviness :
Dis honour and shame have covered my face.

I am poor and sorrowful : let Thy salvation, O God, | set me up
on high.

¶ On command of W.M. to march in procession to the office of S.W. to
receive their wages.

(TUNE, MOSCOW).

(Sing during procession)—

Mark Masters, all appear
Before the chief o'ersee ;
In concert move ;
Let him your work inspect.
For the chief Architect,
If there is no defect
He will approve.

Now to the Westward move,
Where, full of strength and love,
Eram doth stand !
But if impostors are
Mixed with the worthy here,
Caution them to beware
Of the right hand.

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¶ During the search.

(CHANT, DR. CROTCH).

Seek, and | ye shall | find : **knock**, and it shall be | opened | unto | you.

¶ After the words, "The signs peculiar to this degree are four in number,"

W. M. sounds his gavel, and Brethren sing.

He that hath an ear to hear let him hear.

¶ At the end of threefold sign **W. M.** sounds his gavel, and brethren sing.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head stone
of the corner.

¶ After Candidates are placed on the left of the S.W., and whilst standing
there, Brethren sing,

To him that overcometh will I give a white stone, and on that stone
a new name written ^{a new name} which no man knows save him that receiveth it.

PSALM.

¶ While Candidates are going to pederast after being invested.

(GRAND CHANT).

By this I **know** that Thou | fa | vor'st | me : because mine enemy
doth not | triumph | over | me.

And as for me, Thou uphold'st **me** in | mine in | tegrity : and setteth
me be | fore Thy | face for | ever.

Blessed be the **Lord** | God of | Israel : from **ever** | last | ing to |
ever | lasting.

HYMN.

¶ After Lodge is closed and before I.P.M. concludes.

(TUNE, ST. PETER).

When Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty raised
A Temple to our Lord,
Wherein His Holy Name was praised,
And piously adored.

Our Ancient Brethren closer drew
These cords of Love Divine,
Which bound the hearts of Masons true
Since Light began to shine.

May faith in God, and hope in Him,
With Charity to all,
Still give to Masons power to win
Those joys that cannot pall.

On Wisdom may our Lodge be borne,
May Strength her walls uprear,
Secure that Beauty will adorn,
While Virtue's practised there.