

**TO ALL TO WHOM** these Presents shall come Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter etc., etc., etc., etc., Grand Master of Mark Masons in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown

**SEND GREETING :-**

Whereas a Petition has been addressed to the Grand Master by Brothers Seth Smith Somers, James Billingham, Sydney Hill, James Jones, Harry Vincent Stanton, Tom Killick Bathurst, Albert Edward Priest and fifteen others, regularly registered Mark Master Masons praying that they may be constituted a regular Lodge, and the Grand Master has confidence in the prudence and fidelity of these Brethren.

NOW BE IT KNOWN that the Grand Master doth hereby constitute these twenty-two Brethren a regular Lodge of Mark Master Masons under the title of

**PERSEVERANCE LODGE No. 733**

On the register of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to be holden under the Grand Master and his Successors in Office for ever and doth appoint Brother Seth Smith Somers to be the First Master, Brother James Billingham to be the first Senior Warden and Brother Sydney Hill to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge giving to them and their successors regularly elected and installed, authority to convene a Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Halesowen in the county of Worcester upon the third Monday in the months of February, April, October and December or such other time as they may appoint. **It is hereby declared** that these three Brethren and their Successors in Office on behalf of themselves and the Perseverance Lodge by the acceptance of this Warrant become bound now and hereafter to preserve the Landmarks of the Order, to observe the antient usages and established customs, and to obey and conform to all the regulations from time to time made by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Government of the Mark Degree and strictly to enforce them within their own Lodge. Upon these conditions only this Charter or Warrant is granted and is revocable in default of strict compliance therewith. **Lastly** the Grand Master for himself and his Successors declares that on due compliance with these Conditions and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons which may from time to time be promulgated he will protect and uphold this Lodge and every Mark Master Mason lawfully advanced therein. **In witness** whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and caused his Grand Registrar to affix the seal of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons this seventh day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Signed by the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. M. Hamill

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*On 6<sup>th</sup> July 1921, the Grand Secretary appended a note as follows :*

*Whereas the above named Brother James Billingham has departed this life the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to sanction and approve the substitution of the name of Brother Joseph Southall Morris as Senior Warden designate.*