**First Officers**

{#f\_officers}

{prefix} {name} {role}

{/f\_officers}

# **Members**

{#f\_officers}

{prefix} {name}

{/f\_officers}

**The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons**

**of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas**



**CONSECRATION**

of

**The {lodge\_name} Lodge**

of

**Mark Master Masons**

**No. {lodge\_no}**

by

**{presiding\_title} {presiding\_name}**

**{presiding\_role}**

at

**{address}**

on

**{date}**

at

**{time}**

*Short black coat or dark lounge suit.* ***Full Dress Mark Regalia.***

***There will be a rehearsal for those participating in the Ceremony at 9.30 a.m***

## **CONSECRATING OFFICER**

**{presiding\_title} {presiding\_name}**

**{presiding\_role}**

**Assisted by:**

{#f\_officers}

{prefix} {name} {role}

{/f\_officers}

**Installation and Lodge Business**

24. Presentation and Installation of the Master Designate.

25. The Master is proclaimed, saluted and entrusted with the Warrant.

26. Appointment and Investiture of the First Officers of the Lodge

27. The Addresses

28. Approval of the Lodge By-Laws.

29. Election of the Consecrating Officer and his Assisting Officers as Honorary Members.

30. The Consecrating Officer accompanied by his Assisting Officers will retire in procession.

31. Any other general Lodge business.

32. To close the Lodge.

33. **The Closing Hymn**

*Now the evening shadows closing God of light whose love unceasing*

*Warn from toil to peaceful rest, Doth to all Thy works extend,*

*Mystic arts and rites reposing Crown our Order with Thy blessing*

*Sacred in each faithful breast. Build, sustain us to the end.*

*Humbly now we bow before Thee*

*Grateful for Thine aid divine,*

*Everlasting power and glory*

*Mighty Overseer be Thine.*

Omnes: *So mote it be.*

34. **First Verse of the National Anthem**

35. Recession

**The Brethren will assemble in the Temple at 10.45 a.m.**

**Ceremony of Consecration**

1. The Consecrating Officer will enter in procession and appoint his Assisting Officers.

2. **The Opening Hymn**

*Hail Eternal, by whose aid May our work begun in Thee,*

*All created things were made, Ever blest with order be,*

*Heaven and earth Thy vast design And may we, when labours cease,*

*Hear us, Overseer Divine. 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.*

Omnes: *So mote it be.*

The Consecrating Officer will open a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The Consecrating Officer is saluted.

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

4. **The Opening Prayer**

Omnes: *So mote it be.*

5. The Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.

6. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions. 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 Master and Wardens named in the Warrant. The Petitioners signify their approval with the sign of Fidelity.

**The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge**

8. **The Oration**

By the Grand Chaplain on the nature and purpose of our Institution

9. **Anthem**

*Eternal Wisdom, whose decree Eternal Strength, whose mighty hand*

*Made light to dawn and darkness flee, Hath framed the sky, the sea, the land,*

*Illumine Thou our earthly sight, Without Thee vain were mortal skill,*

*Make us indeed the sons of light. Make strong our hearts to work Thy will.*

*Eternal Beauty, who has blessed*

*The works Thy hands in order dressed,*

*Make us Thy loveliness to know*

*And bear Thy image here below.*

*Omnes:* So mote it be.

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

Omnes:  *So mote it be.*

The Brethren turn towards the East, while the Consecrating Officer pronounces

11. **The Invocation**

Omnes: *So mote it be.*

12. The Chaplain reads 2 Chronicles, Chapter 2, Verses 1 to 4.

13. The Lodge Board is uncovered.

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

14. **The First Circuit**

The Chaplain reads Psalm 72, Verse 16:

The Brethren sing: *When once of old in Israel*

*Our early brethren wrought with toil,*

*Jehovah’s blessing on them fell*

*In showers of corn and wine and oil.*

The Consecrating Officer scatters corn - the emblem of abundance and plenty.

Musical Response: Omnes: *Glory be to God on High.*

15. **The Second Circuit**

The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chapter10, Verse 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: Omnes: *Glory be to God on High.*

16. **The Third Circuit**

The Chaplain reads Exodus Chapter 30, Verses 25 and 26:

The Brethren sing: *And we have come, fraternal bands,*

*With joy and pride and prosperous spoil*

*To honour Him with votive hands*

*With streams of corn and wine and oil.*

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles oil - the emblem of peace and harmony.

Musical Response: Omnes: *Glory be to God on High.*

The Petitioners are arranged in order around the Lodge Board.

17. **The Fourth Circuit**

The Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chapter 2, Verse 13.

The Brethren sing: *Now o'er our work this salt we shower,*

*Emblem of Thy conservant power:*

*And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,*

*Keep this our Temple from decay.*

The Consecrating Officer strews salt – the emblem of fidelity, hospitality and everlasting friendship.

Musical Response: Omnes: *Glory be to God on High.*

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

19. **Anthem**

*Disposer 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*

*Disposer Supreme we render to Thee,*

*Who round us hath shed Thine own marvellous light,*

*And call’d us from darkness Thy glory to see.*

Omnes: *So mote it be.*

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

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

Omnes: *So mote it be.*

The Petitioners are arranged in order in the West.

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

Omnes:  *So mote it be.*

23. **Patriarchal Benediction**

Omnes: *So mote it be.*