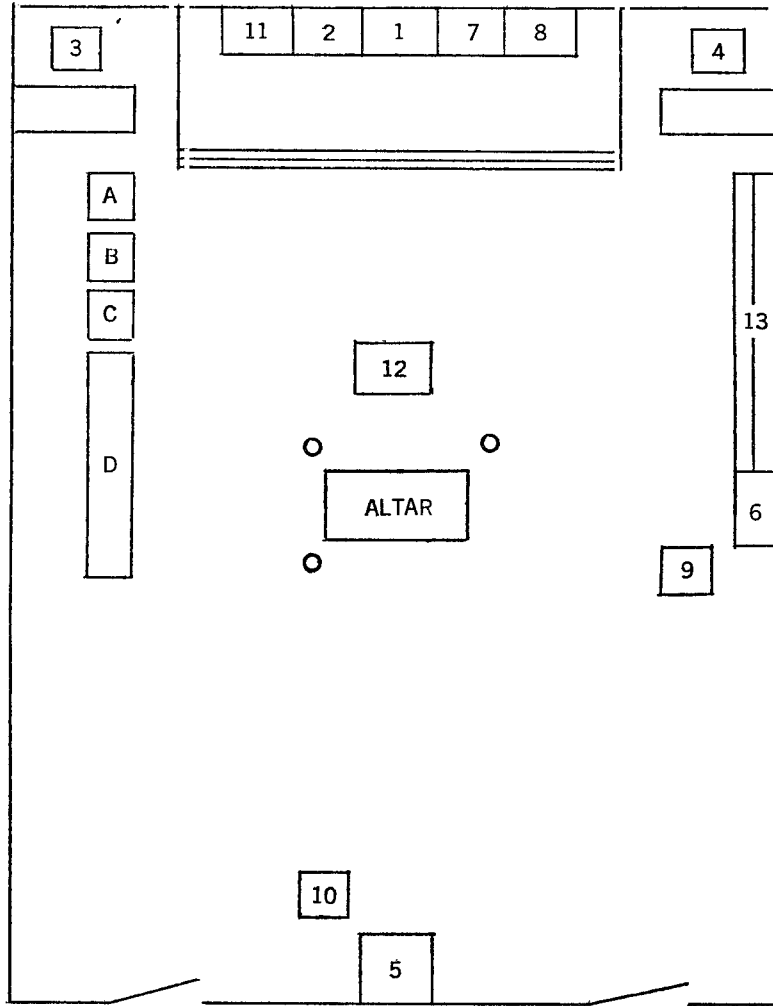


**CEREMONY
OF
CONSTITUTING
A MASONIC LODGE**

1965

FLOOR PLAN



SEATING

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| 1. GRAND MASTER | 7. GRAND MARSHAL |
| 2. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER | 8. GRAND CHAPLAIN |
| 3. GRAND TREASURER | 9. GRAND STEWARD |
| 4. GRAND SECRETARY | 10. GRAND STEWARD |
| 5. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN | 11. DIST. DEP. GRAND MASTER |
| 6. JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN | 12. CONSECRATION TABLE |
| 13. GRAND LODGE OFFICERS NOT PARTICIPATING | |
| A. MASTER DESIGNATE | |
| B. SENIOR WARDEN DESIGNATE | |
| C. JUNIOR WARDEN DESIGNATE | |
| D. OFFICERS OF THE LODGE-APPOINTED | |

This Ceremony is NOT open to the public

ORDER OF PROCESSION

(In Column of Twos)

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- GRAND MARSHAL
AND/OR
DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL
GRAND STANDARD BEARER
WITH FLAG
REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES
STANDING COMMITTEES
GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES
GRAND SWORD BEARERS
GRAND STEWARDS
SENIOR AND JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS
GRAND CHAPLAINS
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS
TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND
PAST ELECTIVE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND TREASURER
SENIOR AND JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
GRAND MASTER

Ceremony of Constituting a Lodge

The Grand Master and his associate Grand Lodge Officers meet in a room of the Temple set apart for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The brethren are seated in the Lodge room, the Officers designate of the new Lodge occupying the North-east corner. The Lodge is NOT OPEN and the stations and places are UNOCCUPIED. A CLOSED Bible should be placed upon the Altar prior to commencing the ceremony. Seats in the Southeast corner are reserved for the Grand Lodge Officers entering in procession but not otherwise participating in the ceremony.

The Grand Marshal enters the Lodge room, proceeds to the East and raises the brethren.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Brethren, the Most (Right) Worshipful
....., (acting as) Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, with his associate Grand Lodge Officers, is about to enter. Silence is commanded during the ceremony to ensue.

The Grand Marshal will then return to the Grand Lodge Officers and conduct them into the Lodge room.

The procession advances immediately to the East, one column deploying toward the right, the other toward the left, facing inward, so the Grand Master may pass between the lines to the East escorted by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Standard Bearer, with Flag, takes a position west of the Altar.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Brethren, the Most (Right) Worshipful
....., (acting as) Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Grand Honors.

GRAND MASTER:

Let no man enter upon a great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Almighty God.

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

INVOCATION

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, we will repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country.

One verse of the Star Spangled Banner. (Optional)

GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer, post the colors in their proper place in the East.

GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, escort the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to his station.

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, escort the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden to his station.

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, escort the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden to his station.

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, escort the Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain to his place.

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, escort each of the two Grand Stewards to their place.

The remaining Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren will take seats.

The Grand Master seats the Brethren.

MUSIC (Optional)

The Master-designate of the new Lodge will address the Grand Master.

MASTER-DESIGNATE:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Master-designate, Wardens-designate and brethren of Lodge, No., here assembled, have instructed me to inform you that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York was pleased to grant them letters of dispensation authorizing them to form and open a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the town (City) (Village) of; that due return of all their proceedings has been made to the Grand Lodge, and it is their desire that a Charter be granted to them, that the Lodge be consecrated and dedicated and constituted, and its officers installed agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the Craft. For this purpose they are now met and await your further pleasure.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the brethren of Lodge, No., duly instructed in mysteries of Masonry, have assembled at stated periods. The work of the Lodge under dispensation has been properly recorded and approved, and the Grand Lodge has granted the brethren of this new Lodge a Charter confirming them in the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Lodge.

GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, read the Charter.

GRAND MASTER:

By virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, I will now proceed to constitute these brethren into a regular Lodge.

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, present the Officers named in the Charter west of the Altar.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present Brother, Junior Warden-designate; Brother, Senior Warden-designate and Brother, Master-designate, the duly appointed Officers of this new Lodge by the name of Lodge, No.

The Grand Marshal now conducts these Officers to the foot of the Symbolic Lodge where they form a semi-circle. The Grand Marshal takes position at the head of the Symbolic Lodge and directs these Officers to kneel, after which the Grand Marshal uncovers the Symbolic Lodge.

The Grand Master raises the brethren.

GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, lead us in prayer.

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all the worlds, deign from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes

of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and at all times wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, oh Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to erect this Lodge and now solemnly to consecrate it to the honor of Thy Glory. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

The Grand Master seats the brethren.

The Grand Marshal now directs the Officers-designate of the Lodge to rise and conducts them to the place they occupied on first entering the room. The Grand stewards in the West and South will advance West of the Altar where they will receive from the Grand Marshal the vessel of wine and the vessel of oil which they will carry to their respective Wardens in the West and South. The Grand Marshal will carry the golden vessel of corn to the Deputy Grand Master in the East. The Grand Chaplain, descending from his place for the first perambulation, will march once around the Symbolic Lodge, beginning at the west end, reciting.

FIRST PERAMBULATION

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then I will perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father: and I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. So Solomon built the house and finished it.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

Presenting golden vessel of corn.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the consecration of Masonic Lodges it has been the immemorial custom to pour corn upon the Lodge as an emblem of nourishment. I, therefore, fraternally present to you this golden vessel of corn.

The Grand Master, receives the vessel of corn, calls the brethren to their feet.

GRAND MASTER:

In the name of the Great Jehovah, whose kingdom is from everlasting to everlasting, I solemnly consecrate this Lodge to His service.

The Grand Master descends from the East, escorted by the Grand Marshal, and pours the corn upon the Symbolic Lodge.

GRAND MASTER:

May the spirit of His righteousness, as the Corn of Nourishment, ever be vouchsafed to those who shall minister at the Altar of this Lodge. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

The Grand Master returns to the East, escorted by the Grand Marshal.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Brethren, Grand Honors.

The Grand Master seats the brethren.

MUSIC (Optional)

SECOND PERAMBULATION

The Grand Chaplain will march twice around the Symbolic Lodge, reciting.

For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece; and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars; the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits.

And nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the chapters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:

Presenting silver vessel of wine.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, wine, the emblem of refreshment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the consecration of their Lodges, I fraternally present to you this vessel of wine to be used agreeably to ancient Craft usage.

The Senior Grand Warden then delivers the vessel of wine to his Steward who will present it across the Altar to the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal will carry the vessel to the Grand Master, who calls the brethren to their feet.

GRAND MASTER:

In the name of the Universal Father and in remembrance of His manifold blessings, I solemnly consecrate this Lodge to His glory.

The Grand Master descends from the East, escorted by the Grand Marshal, and pours the wine upon the Symbolic Lodge.

GRAND MASTER:

May the fountains of His strength flow in perennial streams, as Wine of Refreshment, to inspire the hearts of those who labor in this vineyard. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

The Grand Master again takes his station in the East, escorted by the Grand Marshal.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Brethren, Grand Honors *twice*.

The Grand Master seats the brethren.

MUSIC (Optional)

THIRD PERAMBULATION

The Grand Chaplain will march thrice around the Symbolic Lodge, reciting.

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation . . . and spread forth his hands toward heaven: and he said; Lord God of Israel, there is none like Thee in heaven above, or on earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart. Who hast kept with Thy servant David my father that Thou promisedst him, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day. Therefore now, Lord God, keep with Thy servant David my father that Thou promisedst

him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me . . . have respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prayeth before Thee this day, that Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even towards this house, the place of which Thou hast said: My Name shall be there.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN:

Presenting the vessel of oil.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I fraternally present to you the element of oil, the emblem of joy, to be used according to ancient customs in consecrating this Lodge.

The Junior Grand Warden then delivers the vessel of oil to his Steward who will present it across the Altar to the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal will carry the vessel to the Grand Master, who calls the brethren to their feet.

GRAND MASTER:

In the name of the Fraternity, wherever dispersed on this terrestrial globe, in devout thanksgiving to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his mercy and goodness, I solemnly consecrate this Lodge to the honor of His Holy Name.

The Grand Master steps to the Symbolic Lodge, escorted by the Grand Marshal, and pours the oil thereon.

GRAND MASTER:

May the Oil of Joy be diffused over all who are distressed; and may those of our Fraternity who labor here

be inspired to such deeds of benevolence as shall prove a constant joy to all mankind. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

The Grand Master returns to the East, escorted by the Grand Marshal.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Brethren, Grand Honors *thrice*.

GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, lead us in prayer.

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

Grant, oh Lord, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this Lodge may be imbued with the wisdom to instruct their brethren in all their duties; may brotherly love, relief and truth always prevail among the brethren of this Lodge, and may this bond of union continue to strengthen the Lodges throughout the world. Bless all of our brethren, wherever dispersed. Grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed. We commend to Thee all the members of Thy whole family. May they increase in the knowledge of Thee and in the love of each other. Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thine approbation, and when Thou art done serving Thyself with us upon earth, may each find an everlasting abode in the temple beyond the skies, and to Thy great and Holy Name shall be unceasing praises, world without end. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

The Grand Marshal will cover the Symbolic Lodge and the vessels of consecration.

DEDICATION

GRAND MASTER:

To the memory of the Holy Saints John, I solemnly dedicate this Lodge. May every brother revere their characters and imitate their virtues. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

CONSTITUTION

GRAND MASTER:

In the name of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, by virtue of the Charter given unto you by the Grand Lodge and the authority vested in me as Grand Master, I now constitute and form you, my brethren, into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. From henceforth, I empower you to act as a regular Lodge, constituted agreeably to the rites of our Order and the charges of our ancient and honorable Fraternity. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe prosper, direct and counsel you in all your doings. Amen.

BRETHREN:

So mote it be.

GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, make due proclamation.

The Grand Marshal goes to a position in front of the South and Faces North.

GRAND MARSHAL:

In the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and by order of the Most (Right) Worshipful
..... (acting as) Grand Master, I proclaim this new Lodge by the name of Lodge, No., duly consecrated, dedicated and constituted agreeably to the usages of ancient Craft Masonry and in ample form. I proclaim it in the South.

The Grand Marshal then goes to a position in front of the West and faces East.

GRAND MARSHAL:

In the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and by order of the Most (Right) Worshipful
..... (acting as) Grand Master, I proclaim this new Lodge by the name of Lodge, No., duly consecrated, dedicated and constituted agreeably to the usages of ancient Craft Masonry and in ample form. I proclaim it in the West.

The Grand Marshal then proceeds to the East and faces West.

GRAND MARSHAL:

To the Glory of Almighty God; in the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and by order of the Most (Right) Worshipful
..... (acting as) Grand Master, I proclaim this new Lodge by the name of
..... Lodge, No., duly consecrated, dedicated and constituted agreeably to the usages of ancient Craft Masonry and in ample form. I proclaim it in the East. Brethren, Grand Honors.

The Grand Master seats the brethren.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master will then place the gavel in the hands of the District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Marshal calls the brethren to their feet.

GRAND MARSHAL:

Brethren, the Most (Right) Worshipful
(acting as) Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, with his Grand Lodge associates, is about to retire. You will remain under the direction of the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master, escorted by the Grand Marshal and followed by the Grand Lodge Officers, will then retire.

The District Deputy Grand Master will appoint officers to fill the chairs and open the Lodge in due form; he will then proceed to install the officers of the new Lodge, according to the work in the Grand Lodge Monitor.