

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

April 2001

THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IN CONNECTICUT

At the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, A.F. & A.M., when the Most Worshipful Grand Master is satisfied that all business proper to come before the Grand Lodge Session has been presented and disposed of, he shall then call for the Installing Past Grand Master, the Installing Grand Marshal (or Marshals), and the Installing Grand Chaplain, to be presented on the level before the Grand East.

Announcing his readiness to be relieved of office, the Grand Master will symbolically affirm this by presentation of his gavel to the Installing Past Grand Master.

The Installing PGM will show in manner appropriate, the respect and courtesy due the retiring Grand Master as he steps from the chair.

The Jewel and Collar of the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master-elect are to be left with the Installing Past Grand Master for presentation.

The remaining elected and appointed officers will also leave their Jewel and Collar with the Installing Past Grand Marshal for presentation, or they may exchange their Jewel and Collar in the ante-room before being escorted into the Grand Lodge.

GRAND EAST

INSTALLING PGM

ALTAR

GRAND SOUTH

D.G.M. - G.S.W. - G.J.W. - G. TREAS. – G. SECY. - G.S.D. - G.J.D. - G. MAR.

(Remove Chairs after installing each officer)

G.S.S. – G.J.S. - G. CHAP. – G. ORG. - TILER - A.G. TILER – A.G. TILER - G. HIST.

(Remove Chairs after installing each officer)

M.W.G.M.

GRAND WEST

Order of Installation

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| 1. Grand Master | 9. Marshal |
| 2. Deputy Grand Master | 10. {Sr. Steward -Together} |
| 3. {SW Warden - Together} | 11. {Jr. Steward - Together} |
| 4. {JW Warden - Together} | 12. Chaplain |
| 5. Grand Treasurer | 13. Organist |
| 6. Grand Secretary | 14. {Tiler -Together} |
| 7. {Sr. Deacon - Together} | 15. {Assoc. Tiler -Together} |
| 8. {Jr. Deacon - Together} | 16. Historian |

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Brother Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Gives three (3) Raps with his gavel.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

I present to the Grand Lodge, the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Brethren, and members of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut. You have duly elected your Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year, and we are now ready to perform the ceremony of their installation into office.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Master-elect for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master, I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____ Grand Master-elect for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Brother Grand Marshal, you will cause our Grand Master-elect to kneel at our altar for the purpose of prayer, and there to take upon himself the obligations of the office of Grand Master.

INSTALLING GRAND CHAPLAIN:

(Official Installation Prayer used in Connecticut) Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention and grant that this Thy servant may dedicate himself to Thy service and to the ideals of Freemasonry. Endue him with a competency of Thy Divine Wisdom that by the secrets of our art he may be better enabled to display the beauties of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and furnish us an example of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice to the honor of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

My Brother, you will say I, state your name in full, and repeat after me.

I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, and before the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, do promise and swear, that, to the best of my ability, will faithfully, impartially, and honestly perform the duties of Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction during the term of my office; and that I will conform to, and maintain the Constitutions, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, and the usage's and customs of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and will at all times enforce compliance thereto. So help me God.

Arise Most Worshipful Brother, - for henceforth in Freemasonry, you are thus to be known.

(Gives one Rap).

When you are inducted into your Chair of Office in the Grand East, it will be in the performance of the solemn duty symbolic of the commencement of your governance of the Ancient Craft in Connecticut.

The interests and well-being of Connecticut Masons for better or worse are your responsibilities during the term in your office as Grand Master.

By immemorial usage of the landmarks of Masonry, you, as Grand Master are invested with great authority and grave responsibility. A generous and understanding mind is made cautious and gentle in the exercise of the power of authority, to rule and govern well is an honorable ambition. But it is not by the strong arm or iron will that obedience and order, the chief requisites of good government, are secured, rather, it is by knowing the way to the hearts of men.

The office of Grand Master is of antiquity and respect. It is one of the highest dignities to which a Mason may aspire. Look well to the Grand East. I will now clothe and invest you with the external insignia of your rank and authority in Connecticut Masonry and before the world.

You now receive your Collar of Purple and the Jewel of your Office.

Your Hat, symbolic of the Crown of Authority worn by Solomon, King of Israel, Ancient Freemasonry's first Most Excellent Grand Master.

Your Gavel, as the potent symbol of Masonic power and authority which, in your hands, should never be sounded in vain.

And now, to you I tender this first act of homage as Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, by relinquishing to you, your chair in the Grand East.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, behold your Brethren, family and friends. Brethren and guests of the Grand Lodge, behold our _____th Grand Master.

- SONG -

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Grand Marshal, conduct the Deputy Grand Master-elect to the altar and cause him to kneel so that in the presence of this Grand Lodge he also may take upon himself the obligations of Office.

*** (Call up the Grand Lodge)

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, Deputy Grand Master-elect for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

At the outset, when Freemasonry in its wisdom organized the concept of the Grand Lodge, the office of Deputy Grand Master was introduced into its structure. So Brother _____, having given your attention to the ceremony of installing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and your knowledge of our Constitution and Regulations, you are aware that in the case of his incapacity to act in the fulfillment of the responsibilities of his office, you will succeed to his duties and prerogatives. Your office, therefore is one of great dignity and importance; remember and contemplate all that has been said and assumed by the Grand Master, for you know not how soon such responsibility may have a personal application to yourself; and remember, also, that Masonic usage as well as our specific regulations have placed you in a most intimate and confidential relationship to him as supporter and counselor.

Brother _____, do you obligate yourself without equivocation or reservation to all the duties of your office, So Help You God?

* (Seat the Grand Lodge)

It is with great pleasure that Most Worshipful Brother _____ now invests you with the Jewel of Office as Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, and I seat you in your place at the right hand of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Installing Grand Marshal, you will cause the other Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed, to rise, placing their right hand over their heart. My Brothers, as officers of the Grand Lodge serving with M.W. _____, for the ensuing year, you have heard our Grand Master obligate himself to the duties of his

office agreeable to our Grand Lodge Constitutions, Rules and Regulations. Du you freely, fully, without equivocation or reservation, assume such obligations, and specifically as they apply to the duties and responsibilities of your individual office, So Help You God?

Installing Grand Marshal, you will cause the Grand Lodge officers to be seated with the exception of the Grand Wardens.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Wardens-elect to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, Grand Senior Warden-elect and Brother _____, Grand Junior Warden-elect for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Brother Grand Senior Warden and Brother Grand Junior Warden, when the Grand Master looks from the East over the Grand Lodge assembled, he sees the ever familiar Lodge, with the Grand Senior Warden in the West, the Grand Junior Warden in the South, and the other Officers in their proper Stations and Places.

Thus the importance of your stations is underscored; the Grand Wardens are serving; two officers with singularity in function, but having duality in purpose.

Brother Grand Senior Warden , you will now be invested with the Jewel of your Office. Brother Grand Senior Warden, look well to the Grand West.

Brother Grand Junior Warden , you will now be invested with the Jewel of your Office. Brother Grand Senior Warden, look well to the Grand South.

Serve both the M.W. Grand Master and the Craft in your commitment to office.

Brother Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden to their respective stations.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Brother Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Treasurer-elect to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, Grand Treasurer-elect for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Brother _____, you have been elected to serve Connecticut Freemasonry as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. The funds, books, and fiscal management are placed in your care as one well qualified to keep and manage them, as you have demonstrated in your past service. They must never be used by you in any other manner than the Constitutions, laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge shall direct. The Jewel of your Office, the Keys, with which you are now invested have a two fold significance, they are instruments to bind as well as to loose; to make fast as well as to open. Installing Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Treasure to his place in the Grand Lodge.

Brother Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Secretary-elect to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, Grand Secretary-elect for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Right Worshipful Brother _____, you have been elected to serve the Grand Lodge as R.W. Grand Secretary. The duties of your office are numerous, varied, and demanding. Your ability to promptly and faithfully execute them has induced your Brethren to put their trust I you. I invest you with the Jewel of your Office, bearing the pens of the recorder's craft, symbolic of your obligation to the Masons of Connecticut to keep a true and just account of your official doings in their behalf. Installing Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Secretary to his place in the Grand Lodge.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Installing Grand Marshal, you will present the Grand Deacons to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Senior Deacon and Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Junior Deacon for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brothers, vigilance and zeal are necessary requisites of your representative offices in our Grand Lodge. As participants in Grand Lodge ceremonies your official positions are essential to the comfort an good order of all present. As Grand Senior and Junior Deacons, you are now invested with your Jewels of Office, (and with the rods, the symbols of your authority and function). On

those occasions, when you as Deacons, along with the Grand Stewards, are called upon to erect with your rods, the arch of the symbolic Lodge, you, yourselves become the living part of that arch for all to behold, So Mote It Be.

Installing Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Deacons to their respective places in the Grand Lodge, after which you will present the Grand Marshal to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Marshal for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brother _____, The good of the Grand Master's ceremonial relationships with his officers and with the Fraternity in its general assemblies and processions depends upon your skill and assiduity. The duties of your office require energy, activity, quickness or perception, and an always radiant personality in the service of both Grand Master and Grand Lodge. Possessing such qualifications, you are invested with your Jewel and Baton, and sent forth to labor. Installing Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Marshal to his place in the Grand Lodge, after which you will present the Grand Stewards to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Senior Steward and Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Junior Steward for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brothers, attention and diligence in the observation of the workings of the Grand Lodge are essential requisites of your offices in our Grand Lodge. As Grand Senior Steward and Grand Junior Steward, you are now invested with the Jewels of your Office (and with the rods, emblems of your authority). What was said to the Grand Deacons concerning participation in ceremonies where the rods are carried, applies equally to the Grand Stewards. Strive to excel in all you do in Freemasonry. Installing Grand Marsha, you will escort the Grand Stewards to their respective places in the Grand Lodge, after which you present the Grand Chaplain west of the altar for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge, Reverend and Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Chaplain for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brother, you have been appointed to the sacred position of Grand Chaplain and I invest you with the Jewel of your Office. The principles of morality and virtue which you are accustomed to expound to the world as a minister of God will be appropriate lessons you will be expected to recommend to your Brethren. The profession you have chosen as your lot in life affords the best proof that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with loyalty to your God and this Grand Lodge and with faith as well as charity toward all mankind.

(If a laymen is appointed as Chaplain, use the following: You have been appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year and I invest you with the Jewel of your Office. You will conduct the devotional exercises of this Grand Lodge and bear before the throne of heavenly grace the spiritual needs of your Brethren.)

Installing Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand Chaplain to his place in the Grand Lodge, after which you will present the Grand Organist to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Organist for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brother, you have been appointed Grand Organist of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year and I invest you with the Jewel of your Office. Under the direction of the Grand master you will conduct the musical exercises of the Grand Lodge. Installing Grand Marshal, you will conduct the Grand Organist to his place in the Grand Lodge, after which you will present the Grand Tilers to the east for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Tiler and Brothers _____, who have been appointed Associate Grand Tilers for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brothers, the importance of your places in our Grand Lodge is known to all Masons. Courtesy, care, and watchfulness are essential since ours is a sanctuary entrusted to your faithful vigilance to guard at all times. Your place is without the door of the Grand Lodge, to which you will now retire vested with these Jewels, armed with the proper instruments of your office, there to carry out your M.W. Grand Master's will and pleasure. Installing Grand Marshal, you will escort the Grand

Tilers to their respective places in the Grand Lodge, after which you will present the Grand Historian to the East for installation.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

M.W. Past Grand Master: I present to the Grand Lodge Brother _____, who has been appointed Grand Historian for installation.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

R.W. Brother, you have been appointed Grand Historian of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year and I invest you with the Jewel of your office. May the records you will submit keep us ever mindful of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Installing Grand Marshal you will escort the Grand Historian to his place in the Grand Lodge.

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

I declare the Officers, elected and appointed, of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, duly installed into office for the ensuing year, in Ample form.

- SONG -

INSTALLING PAST GRAND MASTER:

Brother Installing Marshal, you will make your official proclamation from the Grand South, the Grand West and the Grand East.

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

I declare the Officers, elected and appointed, of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, duly installed into office for the ensuing year, in Ample form. This proclamation is made from the Grand South. (Gives one rap at the Grand South).

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

I declare the Officers, elected and appointed, of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, duly installed into office for the ensuing year, in Ample form. This proclamation is made from the Grand West. (Gives one rap at the Grand West).

INSTALLING GRAND MARSHAL:

I declare the Officers, elected and appointed, of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, duly installed into office for the ensuing year, in Ample form. This proclamation is made from the Grand East. All Brethren take due notice and be governed accordingly. (Gives one rap at the Grand East).

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK - 1982 -1983

R.W. Herbert R. Olson, Chairman

R.W. Gustaf R. Bodin

W.B. Gary H. Davis

W.B. Ernest J. Kjellson

W.B. Elliot J. Wilcox

W.B. Bradford Wylie, Jr.

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