

We offer our best congratulations to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of this Lodge. We commend their zeal, and hope it will meet with ample reward. May this Lodge be the happy home of virtue and benevolence! May it be protected from all harm, and long remain a monument of devotion to Freemasonry! May this Lodge flourish and prosper; its union to strengthen; and its happiness to abound!

And when they, and we all, shall be removed from the labors of this earthly lodge, may we be admitted to that Celestial Lodge above, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Grand Master:**

Worshipful Master, your lodge has been rededicated in due form and I now return the gavel to you.

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**PUBLIC REDEDICATION CEREMONY  
OF MASONIC LODGES**

*Note: Grand Lodge supplied song sheets should be distributed to the craft and visitors before the ceremony begins.*

*(Grand Master accepts gavel from Worshipful Master and retains it.)*

**Grand Master:**

The Officers of \_\_\_\_\_Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ will vacate their stations and the Grand Lodge Officers will assume the same.

*(All Officers obey these instructions.)*

**Grand Marshal:**

By authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Connecticut Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and in obedience to his order, I now command and require all persons here assembled to preserve silence during these ceremonies.

**Grand Secretary:**

*(Shall read the letter from the lodge requesting the Grand Master to assemble the Craft for the Rededication Ceremony.)*

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, it has been the custom among the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, from time immemorial, on invitation, to assemble the Craft and with appropriate ceremonies, rededicate Masonic and public buildings and edifices. In obedience to that custom, and having accepted the invitation of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ to rededicate in due and ancient Masonic form, \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, I am here today with the Officers of the Grand Lodge to perform that duty in the presence of the Craft assembled and our visitors.

It is therefore my order, and you will proclaim it to the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden and he to the Craft and others present, that they, having due and timely notice, may govern themselves accordingly.

**Grand Senior Warden:**

Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, it is the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the rededication of this lodge be now carried out in appropriate Masonic form. This you will proclaim to the Craft and all present, that the proceedings of this occasion may be observed with due and becoming solemnity.

**Grand Junior Warden:**

Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity and all visitors present, take notice that the Most Worshipful Grand Master will now rededicate \_\_\_\_\_Lodge No. \_\_\_\_ in appropriate Masonic form. You will therefore observe that order and decorum which becomes the dignity and solemnity of the occasion.

*(The Craft and visitors are called up by three knocks.)*

**Grand Chaplain:**

Let us pray: Almighty, eternal God, Creator and Upholder of the Universe, Who in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; as children of Thy creation we too, create and make, plan and build; and we Thy servants, by Thy kind providence, are assembled here today to rededicate this lodge to the highest interests of Freemasonry.

Thou, O God, knowest our needs in this our present work. In Thee is our strength, inspiration and accomplishment. Vouchsafe to us, we implore Thee, grace, wisdom and understanding, that we may discharge the solemn duties of this hour to Thine honor and glory.

This lodge, designed and built by wisdom, supported by strength and adorned in beauty is consecrated in the name of the great Jehovah, the Grand Architect of the Universe; which teaches us that in all our works, begun, continued and finished, that we should acknowledge, praise and adore Him.

Our march around the Symbolic Lodge reminds us of the travels of human life, in which Masonry is an enlightened, safe and pleasant path. It suggests to us that we are always progressing through the diversity and uncertainty of human affairs toward eternity.

Following still our ancient constitutions, we rededicated this Lodge to the honor of Freemasonry. Our best affections are due to the Craft. In its prosperity, we find our joy; and in paying it honor, we honor ourselves. But its worth rises above our high regards, and its glory will outlive our praise.

Brethren, it is our pride that we have our names on the record of Freemasonry. Let it be our high ambition that our names give forth a luster on the everlasting pages of Freemasonry.

We also rededicated this lodge to virtue. This worthy characteristic will always be duly regarded, while the moral duties which our lectures inculcate are cherished in our hearts and illustrated in our lives. As Freemasonry aims to enliven the spirit of helping mankind, and to promote the cause of charity, so we rededicated this Lodge to universal benevolence; in the assurance that each of its members will rededicate his affections and abilities to the same purposes.

This, then, is the significant meaning of the ceremony we have just performed.

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Grand Stewards, you will cover the Symbolic Lodge and extinguish the tapers.

*(Grand Master returns to the East.)*

**Grand Master:**

Officers of the Grand Lodge, you will resume your stations and places.

*(Grand Lodge Officers return to their stations and places by facing East, marching East and then peel off outward to return to their seats.)*

*(The Grand Lodge Officers are seated by one knock.)*

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, make your proclamation.

**Grand Marshal:**

I am ordered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do proclaim, that \_\_\_\_\_Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ has been solemnly rededicated to the purposes of Freemasonry in due form.

*(The Grand Master may give the ceremonial address (optional) as follows:*

Brethren and guests, the ceremony of rededication which we have just performed is not without meaning, but is of solemn and instructive importance. Allow me to point out to you the ennobling sentiments that this ceremony is designed to convey.

We fervently implore Thy blessings on all who shall labor within this lodge, and to Thy name shall we give all praise and glory, both now and forever. Amen.

*Response by craft:* SO MOTE IT BE.

*(The Craft and visitors are seated by one knock.)*

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper Jewel of your Office?

**Deputy Grand Master:**

The Square, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**Grand Master:**

Have you applied the Square to the parts of this edifice which should be square?

**Deputy Grand Master:**

I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the builders and craftsmen have performed their duty.

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the proper Jewel of your Office?

**Grand Senior Warden:**

The Level, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**Grand Master:**

Have you applied the Level to the parts of this edifice which should be level?

**Grand Senior Warden:**

I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the builders (and craftsmen) have performed their duty.

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper Jewel of your Office?

**Grand Junior Warden:**

The Plumb, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

**Grand Master**

Have you applied the Plumb to the parts of this edifice that should be plumb?

**Grand Junior Warden:**

I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the builders (and craftsmen) have performed their duty.

*(The Grand Marshal collects the Jewels from the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden, placing them on the Grand Secretary's desk and returns to his place.)*

**Grand Master:**

My Brothers and friends, the skill and fidelity displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in the architect; the builders and their craftsmen at the commencement of this undertaking have secured the entire approbation of the Grand Lodge and they sincerely pray that this edifice, conceived and erected in the spirit of the Masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, may continue as a lasting monument of their virtue before the world and as a fitting testimony to the quality, spirit and liberality of its providers.

**Grand Junior Warden:**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present to you, to be used according to ancient custom, this vessel of oil, an emblem of that joy which should animate every Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut on the completion of this important undertaking.

**Grand Master:**

In the name of the whole Masonic Fraternity in Connecticut, I do solemnly rededicate, symbolically, \_\_\_\_\_Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ to the practice of universal benevolence.

*(The following is then read or sung):*

*(Note: NO PROCESSION)*

To Heaven's high Architect all praise,  
All praise, all gratitude be given,  
Who deigned the human soul to raise,  
By mystic secrets, sprung from Heaven.

*(The Grand Chaplain then makes the INVOCATION):*

*(The craft and visitors are called up by three knocks.)*

**Grand Chaplain:**

Let us pray: May the Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift, bless the brethren here assembled in all their lawful undertakings, and grant to each of them in needful supply the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment and the Oil of Joy. Amen.

*Response by craft: SO MOTE IT BE.*

*(The craft and visitors are seated by one knock.)*



*(The procession again moves once around the Symbolic Lodge, clockwise, (to the left), while the following is read or sung):*

Bring with thee Virtue, brightest maid!  
Bring Love, bring Truth, bring Friendship here;  
While social mirth shall lend her aid  
To soothe the wrinkled brow of care.

*(The procession having been made once around the Symbolic Lodge, the Grand Senior Warden presents the vessel of wine to the Grand Master, saying):*

**Grand Senior Warden:**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, wine, the emblem of refreshment, has been used by our ancient brethren in the rededication and the consecration of their lodges and buildings. I present to you this vessel of wine, to be used on the present occasion, according to ancient Masonic form.

**Grand Master:**

In the name of the Holy Saints John, I do solemnly rededicate, symbolically, \_\_\_\_\_Lodge No. \_\_\_\_ to the practice of every humanitarian attribute in empathy and with compassion.

*(The procession again moves once around the Symbolic Lodge, clockwise, (to the left), while the following is read or sung):*

Bring Charity, with goodness crowned  
Encircled in Thy heavenly robe,  
Diffuse Thy blessings all around,  
To every corner of the globe.

*(The procession having again passed around the Symbolic Lodge, the Grand Junior Warden presents the vessel of oil to the Grand Master, saying):*

**Deputy Grand Master:**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the edifice in which we are assembled, and the plan upon which it was originally constructed having met with your approbation, it is the desire of the Fraternity that it should now be rededicated, according to ancient form and usage.

**Grand Master:**

So Be It. Right Worshipful Grand Stewards, you will uncover the Symbolic Lodge and light the tapers.

*(Grand Stewards proceed to west of the altar, then to the Symbolic Lodge, one on each side of the altar, uncover the Symbolic Lodge, light tapers, return to west of the altar, again one on each side of the altar and then return to their places.)*

**Grand Master:**

Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, you will form the Grand Lodge around the Symbolic Lodge.

*(The Grand Lodge Officers are called up by two knocks.)*

**Grand Marshal:**

Officers of the Grand Lodge, you will form in procession around the Symbolic Lodge.

*(Grand Marshal forms procession in the South facing West with the Senior Officer on the right in the following order:*

*Grand Marshal followed by*

*Grand Stewards with rods*

*Grand Treasurer and Secretary*

*Grand Wardens (with vessels)*

*Deputy Grand Master (with vessel) and Grand Chaplain*

*Grand Deacons with rods*

*Grand Master*

*The Grand Lodge Officers then travel to the Symbolic Lodge under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Associate Treasurer and Secretary do not*

*march. The procession travels West to the Junior Deacons's place, turns right and travels North, turns right and travels East to the Senior Deacon's place, turns right traveling to the East, finally turning West forming about the Symbolic Lodge. Grand Marshal ends up between the altar and the Symbolic Lodge. Grand Master ends up between the Symbolic Lodge and the East. When all are in place, Grand Marshal signals all to face the Symbolic Lodge.)*

*(The craft and visitors are called up by three knocks.)*

**Grand Chaplain:**

Let us pray: Almighty, ever glorious and gracious Lord, eternal God, creator of all things and governor of everything that Thou has made, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of a house made with hands, mercifully look upon Thy servants now assembled in Thy name and presence, and bless and prosper all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, that whatsoever we do may be well pleasing in Thy sight. Graciously bestow upon us wisdom in all our doings, strength and support in all difficulties and temptations, and beauty of harmony and holiness in all our work and communications. Be pleased by the offering which we make this day, the rededication of this house to the honor and glory of Thy name. May all who shall come and dwell herein, and all who shall labor here, be under Thy special care, protection and guidance, and faithfully observe and fulfill all their obligations to Thee, O Lord. May all who come within these consecrated walls be filled with brotherly love. May all the proper work of our Fraternity, which will be performed in this house be such that Thy wisdom shall approve and Thy goodness prosper. And finally, O gracious Father, bless we pray Thee, the Masonic Craft wheresoever dispersed, and make them true and faithful to Thee, to their neighbors and to themselves. And when the time of our labor shall draw to its end, and from our nerveless grasp shall drop forever the working tools of life, give us confidence to pass through the valley of the shades of death, supported by Thy rod and Thy staff to the mansions in the sky, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen.

*Response by craft:* So Mote It Be.

*(The craft and visitors are seated by one knock.)*

*(All Grand Lodge Officers turn to the left and the procession then moves once around the Symbolic Lodge, while the brethren join in and read or sing the following):*

*Air - Duke Street, L.M.*

Genius of Masonry descend,  
And with thee bring Thy spotless train.  
Constant our sacred rites attend,  
While we adore Thy peaceful reign.

*(The Grand Master, having reached the East, the Deputy Grand Master presents the vessel of corn to the Grand Master, saying):*

**Deputy Grand Master**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, in rededication of Masonic Lodges and buildings, it has been an ancient custom to pour corn upon the structure, as an emblem of nourishment. I therefore present you with this vessel of corn, to be employed by you according to ancient usage.

**Grand Master:**

In the name of the great Jehovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I do solemnly rededicate symbolically, \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, as I pour upon this symbolic edifice, the corn of nourishment to strengthen and sustain it.