

Ceremony for a “Joining Member” in the Mark Degree

Following a successful ballot, the Director of Ceremonies receives the Joining Member at the door of the Lodge and from the North West corner, instructs him to salute the Worshipful Master

W.M. I am happy to inform you that the ballot is in your favour, but before I can acknowledge you as a member of this Lodge, I must ask you if you possess a Mark by which you can identify yourself?

J.M. I do Worshipful Master

W.M. Then the Director of Ceremonies will direct you to the Registrar’s table where you will give that proof by inscribing your Mark.

The Registrar provides the means for the joining member to make his Mark. This done, the Registrar compares the Mark with that on the Joining members Certificate, then addresses the Worshipful Master

R.O.M. Worshipful Master, The Mark inscribed by the Joining Member is clearly defined and compares with that shown on his Mark Grand Lodge Certificate.

W.M. Thank you brother Registrar of Marks

The Director of Ceremonies conducts the Joining Member to the front of the Master Overseer and faces the Worshipful Master

W.M. I must now ask you to affirm your strict observance of the Bye- Laws of this Lodge, a perfect submission to the Worship Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective Offices, and a ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions passed by a majority of the Brethren in open Lodge assembled. Do you affirm?

J.M. I do Worshipful Master

W.M. Thank you for your assurance, and I now take pleasure in proclaiming you a Regular Member of the Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 700 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges overseas.

W.M. Brother registrar of Marks, you will see that the Mark of our newly Joined Member is recorded in the Lodge register.

R.O.M. It shall be done Worshipful Master

W.M. Brother You will now advance to the pedestal so that I may hand you a copy of the Lodge Bye- Laws (hands over copy of the Bye Laws). Now on behalf of all the Members of the Lodge, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship, and may you Mark well. Brother Director of Ceremonies.

D.C. Brethren, be upstanding, by command of the Worship Master, I invite you to greet our newly Joined Member with Three, taking you time from me. Be seated Brethren

The Director of Ceremonies directs the newly joined Member to a seat in the Lodge