

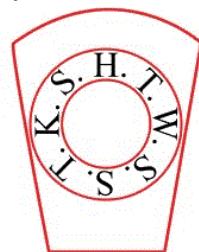


Chiltern Lodge of Mark Master Masons

The Mark Degree is one of hope and encouragement and the ritual is built upon a single verse of Psalm 118, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the headstone of the corner'. It deals with the building of King Solomon's Temple and the various craftsmen employed, but its real message is one of contemplation of human strength and weakness.

With almost 30,000 members, this Degree is the third largest in Freemasonry.

All brethren are eligible to join the Mark Degree as soon as they become a Master Mason and there is no prerequisite to have attained the chair in the Craft before becoming a Worshipful Master in the Mark. In this degree there is a much more in-depth explanation of the role of Adoniram, which helps make some sense of his inclusion in the Craft ceremony.



The Degree contains many messages for the discerning man and illustrates that the wisest of men can be mistaken, that the experts are often wrong and that the weakest can display greater perseverance than the strongest, that the insignificant has the potential for distinction and that we all have a part to play in the Building of Life. It is for each man to put his own interpretation on the message which the Degree proclaims, but there is a firm statement that no man is beyond redemption and the possibility of distinction is always within our grasp.

Mark Masonry reminds us that when the wisest and cleverest of the builders were gathered together only one exhibited the wisdom necessary to assume the mantle of leadership.

The Degree represents the everyday life of each one of us, for the Stone hewn from the virgin rock depicts us all on our journey through life, and its final recognition as perfection should be the guide to our conduct through life so that we too may finally be found worthy.



The regalia is an apron with a light blue and claret border, together with a distinctive keystone breast jewel.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was founded in 1856 and the Order became a fundamental part of Freemasonry in its own right. In the ensuing years, Grand Lodge granted warrants to a rapidly growing number of Mark Lodges throughout the British Empire as enthusiasm for the Order gathered momentum.

Chiltern Mark meets in Dunstable on the 1st Tuesday in April, July (Installation) and November. In 2025 the annual subscription is £62.

The Chiltern Lodge of Mark Master Masons is a vibrant Lodge with an increasing membership of Brethren from across the South of the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford. Our meetings start regularly at 6 pm and normally finish by 9.30 pm after a our jovial festive board. The Lodge will provide new members with their required regalia and has a favourable offer for their intital subcriptions.

If you're interested in joining the Mark, please complete and submit the form below and the Lodge Secretary will contact you.