

## *Mark regalia*



A different set of regalia is required in the Mark consisting of an Apron and Jewel and you should be aware of the costs involved in this. The jewel is not worn when attending a Craft or Chapter meeting.

In summary, the Mark Degree conveys moral and ethical lessons using a ritualised allegory based around the building of King Solomon's Temple. The events of the degree require the candidate to undertake the role of a Fellow Craft, thus the degree is seen as an extension of the Fellow Craft Degree and the philosophical lessons conveyed are appropriate to that stage in a candidate's Masonic development.

If you would like further information on the Mark Degree

<http://www.cyprus-markmasons.org>

for more information.



District Grand Lodge of Mark Master  
Masons of Cyprus

A Fact Sheet for the information  
Of Master Masons interested  
In Joining the Mark Degree

## Mark Master Masons Degree

# Information about the Degree of Mark Master Mason

## *The Mark Master Masons Degree*

This Fact Sheet has been drawn up to make the new Master Mason aware of the Mark Master Masons Degree and to invite you to seriously consider taking 'the next regular step' in Freemasonry.



### *The Ceremony*

The Mark Master Mason Degree (usually referred to as the Mark Degree) is generally considered as the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Freemasonry and is one of hope and encouragement. The ritual is based 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 in its building, but its real message is one of contemplation of human strength and weakness.

The Mark Degree contains many messages for the discerning man and illustrates that the wisest of men can be mistaken, that the experts are often wrong, 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. There is a firm statement that no man is beyond redemption and the possibility of distinction is always within our grasp. Finally the Mark Degree 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 Mark 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.

### *Administration*

The administration of the Mark Degree varies greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, although in all jurisdictions the candidate is required to be a Master Mason to be eligible for advancement in the degree. In England & Europe the Mark Degree is conferred in separately warranted Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. In England and Wales the governing body is the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, which also controls the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, conferred in separately warranted Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. In Scotland, the Mark Degree is conferred in a Craft Lodge and is seen as the completion of the Fellow Craft degree, although the candidate is required to be a Master Mason.

The officers of a Mark Lodge are similar to those in a Craft Lodge, but there are three additional, progressive officers who rank just below the Junior Warden in seniority; there are the Master Overseer, the Senior Overseer and the Junior Overseer.

### *Cyprus Lodges*

In the District of Cyprus there are 4 Mark Lodges, all of which meet 3 times a year:

**St Paul's Mark Lodge No.455, meeting at Jerusalem St, Limassol,**  
**Kypros Mark Lodge No.1835, meeting at the apollo Rooms, Episcopi,**  
**Kiton Mark Lodge No.1904, meeting at the San Remo Hotel, Larnaca and**  
**Phoenix Mark Lodge No 1923 meeting at Nicosia.**

With the establishment of a 4th Mark Lodge on the Island it was possible to also establish a Mark District on the Island and on Saturday 27th November 2010 The District Grand Lodge of Cyprus was Constituted by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, John Hale assisted by Officers from Grand Lodge at the St Raphael Hotel, Limassol and R.W.Bro. Theodosios Socratous Theodossiou was installed as the first District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus..