

Proclamation Ceremony

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There is no set procedure for a Proclamation ceremony, so it can be tailored around a Lodge's custom.

The below is a suggested format.

1. Proclamation when a Chain bearing officer is in attendance
2. Proclamation Ceremony when the Principle Guest is a Grand Officer or Warden

When a Chain Bearing Officer is the Principle Guest

1. The Lodge is Opened and conducts its regular business
2. EA's/FC's retire and the Lodge Opens to the 3rd Degree
3. DC announces that the DPrGM/APrGM demands admission
4. The DPrGM/APrGM processes in and the Gavel is offered
5. DC Conducts Salutations
6. The Lodge resumes to the 1st Degree. EA's/FC's are admitted
7. The Lodge DC Proclaims the WM for the ensuing year (See below)
8. Officers are appointed (Address should only be given if a new officer is appointed)
9. Address to the Brethren by the Principle Guest
10. DC announces "That concludes the Ceremony of Proclamation"
11. Greetings of the PrGM by the Principle Guest
12. 1st Rising
13. DDC forms recession and the Principle Guest retires
14. 2nd Rising
15. 3rd Rising
16. Close the Lodge

When the Principle Guest is a Grand officer or Warden of the Province

1. The Lodge is Opened and conducts its regular business
2. DC announces that the Principle Guest requests admission
3. The Principle Guest processes in. (The Gavel is NOT offered)
4. As the Lodge is in the 1st Degree Salutations or NOT conducted
5. The Lodge DC Proclaims the WM for the ensuing year (See below)
6. Officers are appointed (Address should only be given if a new officer is appointed)
7. Address to the Brethren by the Principle Guest
8. DC announces "That concludes the Ceremony of Proclamation"
9. Greetings of the PrGM by the Principle Guest
10. 1st Rising
11. DDC forms recession and the Principle Guest retires (unless a Warden of the Province will retire at the 2nd Rising)
12. 2nd Rising
13. 3rd Rising
14. Close the Lodge

- A. It is not necessary for the Working tools to be given
- B. It is not necessary for the Brethren to process around the Lodge to salute The WM (as per the Board of Installed masters)
- C. It is not necessary for any address's to be given (unless it is an officer Newly appointed)
- D. It is not necessary to close the Lodge through all the degrees (Close by virtue)
- E. If the Principle Guest is NOT a Chain Bearing Officer the Gavel should NOT be offered.

- **Note wording for the Proclamation.** The DC stands, Court Bow's to the WM and says, "Brethren upstanding". Once all are stood he says "Brethren I now declare Brother John Smith Worshipful Master of this the Sincerity Lodge 3677 in the register of the United Grand Lodge of England for the ensuing 12 months or until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead. And I now call upon you to greet him with a Court Bow". The brethren then sit down and the DC address's the WM saying: "WM you will now appoint and Invest your Officers".