

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION.

Half an hour before the hour appointed for the ceremonies the M. W. the Grand Master (or officiating officer) with the officers and members of Grand Lodge will assemble in an apartment convenient to the Craft Hall, where the ceremony is to be performed, and Grand Lodge will be opened in AMPLE FORM. The rite of constitution and consecration is performed by the M. W. the Grand Master, or by his direct authority. The Grand Lodge is declared open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master in person presides; in DUE FORM when a Past Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master presides and IN FORM when by an appointee or proxy of the M. W. the Grand Master. The authority and legality of the act are in all three cases the same coming as they must from the M. W. the Grand Master, and this authority when delegated must be in writing to the officiating officer

PROCEEDINGS IN PRIVATE LODGE ROOM.

The Lodge to be constituted and consecrated having been duly summoned (the object of the meeting having been stated in the summons) assembles and is opened in its lodge room, at the same hour as has been appointed for the opening of Grand Lodge. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the W. M. says :

"The M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada are now assembled in an adjoining apartment, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating this lodge in accordance with the ancient usages, customs and ceremonies of the fraternity. Brothers P. M.'s A., B., C., you will be good enough to advance to the altar. (The P. M.'s named do so and salute.) You will convey the following written message to the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge :

"M. W. Sir : The Worshipful Master, Wardens, officers and brethren of Lodge are now assembled at and have instructed us to inform you that under the Dispensation you were pleased to grant them, bearing date day of A. L. 58, authorizing them to form and open a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at in the District, they have regularly assembled and conducted the business of Masonry according to the best of their abilities; that their proceedings have received the approbation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge; they have obtained a Warrant of Constitution, and are desirous that their lodge should be constituted and consecrated, their Worshipful Master installed, and their Wardens and other officers invested, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity, for which purpose they are now assembled and await your pleasure.' You will now retire."