



Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois

IN-CONVOCATION ACTIVITY: MATCH THE MARK

INTENTION/GOAL

As a Mark Master Mason, we sign our name in our Chapter's Book of Marks and then, before we receive the Holy Royal Arch Degree, make our mark on the page we signed. This mark then, becomes the symbol that has deep meaning for us.

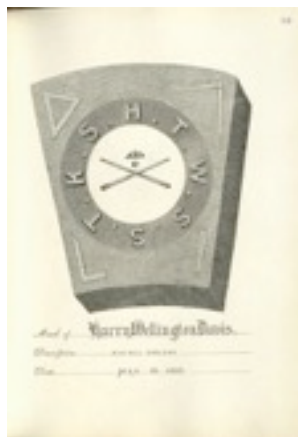
This activity is designed to help Companions become familiar with the backstories that our Companions had in picking and making their mark. It is intended to reinforce some of the ideals of the Mark Master Degree, that we should take pride in our work and celebrate our places as rightful workmen in the quarry of life.

NEEDS

Your Chapter's Book of Marks and a list of the Companions who commonly and regularly attend your stated Chapter meetings. Ideally, you will pick the marks of every Companion who attends on the evening of the convocation you are having this meeting (you may wish to find out exactly who that is before completing the form). Attached to these instructions is the activity sheet you should print out, fill in, and make copies of.

HOW TO RUN THE ACTIVITY

Once you have determined which Companions will be present for the activity, print out the attached activity sheet, and have your Chapter's Book of Marks at the ready.



Find the page in the Book of Marks for each Companion that you believe will be participating in the activity. Draw the Mark corresponding to each Companion's name on the activity sheet (see boxes provided). Use more than one sheet, if necessary.

DO NOT write the Companion's name below each Mark, however you should make a note as to which Mark corresponds to which Companion. This will help with "grading" the activity later and assist with the discussion that follows.



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Make as many copies as necessary so that each Companion who is participating has the activity sheet(s). You may wish to make a few extra copies in case more Companions show up and participate. You can even keep one copy for yourself, writing in the Companion's name below their Mark, to serve as a "master" or "grading sheet."

When you are ready to run the activity, explain the "rules" as follows:

"As Mark Master Masons, we learn the importance of presenting work to the Overseers that is skillfully crafted, needed for the Craft, and, most importantly, of our own creation. In Ancient times, Craftsman placed their Mark upon their work so that its creator could be readily identified."

"In this activity, you will be presented with a number of Marks from Companions in your Chapter. Your job is to write the name of the Companion below the Mark that you think is their's."

"Once everyone is done, we'll tally who is right and then each person will explain why they chose their Mark and the significance of it."

WINNING

While you don't necessarily have to have a "winner," if you wish, you may want to have a small prize or giveaway to the person(s) who guessed the most correct answers.

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INSTRUCTIONS

These are the Marks of your Companions in your Chapter. Place the name of a Companion below the Mark that you think is their's.

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