31. The District Grand Master will direct that the Patent of Appointment be read by the Grand Secretary.

32. The District Grand Master will address the Assistant District Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and will enquire if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties.

33. The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.

34. The District Grand Master will direct the Assistant District Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation.

35. The District Grand Master will invest the Assistant District Grand Master Designate who will be conducted to his seat by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

36. The Assistant District Grand Master will be proclaimed under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted by members of the District.

37. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will present the By-Laws of District Grand Lodge to the District Grand Master for his confirmation.

38. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will enquire of the District Grand Master if he confirms the appointment of those Officers of District Grand Lodge who were appointed at the last meeting of District Grand Lodge.

39. The District Grand Master will address the Installing Officer.

40. The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers will retire in procession.

41. The District Grand Master will address District Grand Lodge.

42. District Grand Lodge will be closed in due form.

43. **The Closing Hymn**

Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest,
Mystic arts and rites reposing,
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of light whose love unceasing,
Doth to all thy works extend,
Crown our order with thy blessing,
Build sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before thee,
Grateful for Thine aid divine,
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Overseer be Thine.

44. The National Anthem.

45. The District Grand Master will retire in procession.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas

District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Belgium

INSTALLATION

of

W.BRO. PAUL NEEFS, Dist.G.Sec.

as

DISTRICT GRAND MASTER FOR BELGIUM

by

M.W.BRO. PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, OStJ
PRO GRAND MASTER

at

The Masonic Hall of Antwerp
Genuastraat 15, 2000

on

Saturday, 5 December 2026

at

11 a.m.

Short black coat or dark lounge suit.
Grand Officers and District Grand Officers will wear ***Full Dress Mark Regalia.***
Masters, Wardens and Overseers will wear the Apron, Collar and Jewel of their respective Offices.
There will be a rehearsal for those participating in the Ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

The Brethren will assemble in the Lodge Room by 10.45 a.m.

The Opening Hymn

Hail Eternal, by Whose aid
All created things were made,
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,
Hear us, Overseer Divine.

May our work begun in Thee
Ever blest with order be
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace.

By Thy Glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Overseer Divine.

So mote it be.

1. District Grand Lodge will be opened in form by the Presiding Officer:

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GILBERT EMIEL AUGUST DENYS, P.G.S.D., Dep.Dist.G.M.

2. The Installing Officer, accompanied by his Assisting Officers, will enter in procession assume the Chair and appoint his Officers.

3. The Installing Officer will be saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

4. The Installing Officer will address the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting.

5. The Installing Officer will direct the Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and ascertain that the District Grand Master Designate is in attendance.

6. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will re-enter the Lodge and inform the Installing Officer that the District Grand Master Designate:

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER PAUL NEEFS, Dist.G.Sec.

is in attendance and requests to be installed.

7. The Installing Officer will direct that the Patent of Appointment be produced to him.

8. The Installing Officer will examine the Patent and direct that the District Grand Master Designate be introduced in proper form.

9. The Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren will retire in procession and will re-enter the Lodge introducing the District Grand Master Designate.

10. The Installing Officer will call upon the Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment.

11. The Installing Officer will address the District Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and will enquire if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties.

12. The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.

13. The Installing Officer will direct the District Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation.

14. The District Grand Master Designate will be conducted to the right of the Installing Officer, by whom he will be invested and installed in the Chair.

15. The Installing Officer will be conducted to his seat by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

16. The District Grand Master will be proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

17. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies will enquire of the District Grand Master whom he Appoints as Deputy District Grand Master.

18. The District Grand Master will announce the appointment of

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GILBERT EMIEL AUGUST DENYS, P.G.S.D., Dep.Dist.G.M

as

DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

19. The District Grand Master will direct the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the Deputy District Grand Master Designate in proper form.

20. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren will retire in procession and will re-enter the Lodge introducing the Deputy District Grand Master Designate.

21. The District Grand Master will direct that the Patent of Appointment be read by the Grand Secretary.

22. The District Grand Master will address the Deputy District Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and will enquire if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties.

23. The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.

24. The District Grand Master will direct the Deputy District Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation.

25. The District Grand Master will invest the Deputy District Grand Master Designate who will be conducted to his seat by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

26. The Deputy District Grand Master will be proclaimed under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted by members of the District.

27. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies will enquire of the District Grand Master whom he Appoints as Assistant District Grand Master.

28. The District Grand Master will announce the appointment of:

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER PANAGIOTIS GIOTOPOULOS, Dist.G.I.G.

as

ASSISTANT DISTRICT GRAND MASTER

29. The District Grand Master will direct the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the Assistant District Grand Master Designate in proper form.

30. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren will retire in procession and will re-enter the Lodge introducing the Assistant District Grand Master Designate.