

Chandler Lodge #138 F &AM
Lodge Education Program

Subject: So Mote It Be

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The term “So Mote it be” is an original meaning and translation of the Hebrew word and most common today “amen”. The original meaning was to signify “Truly” or “certainly”.

Its first known use relating to masonry, is in the oldest known document pertaining to ancient masonry the Halliwell Manuscript, or “Regis Poem”. This article was first published in 1839, but has been officially dated to 1389. This document became part of the Original Old Charges, and was incorporated into the formation of the first Grand Lodge of England. The closing line of the poem written by a gothic priest is “Amen, Amen, So mote it be!”

This makes this term, one of those ‘time immemorial’ symbols of our ancient craft, and has existed and evolved into today’s ritual almost 700 years later, as masons use this literal meaning to confirm, and approve the prayers given in lodge.

Source: Holy Bible, Chandler 138
Freemason Guide, Bernard Jones Pg 85