



Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

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Consecration

of the

St. Edburgha Lodge No. 4621.

At the Masonic Hall, Worcester.

On Saturday, June 14th, 1924, at 2-45 p.m.

BY

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Wor. Bro. J. C. GILBETT, 3185, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., W.M. Designate.

Wor. Bro. R. REES FLEEMAN, 3219, Notts., P.M., S.W. Designate.

Bro. ARTHUR BRAMLEY, J.W. Designate.

LUNCHEON at 1-15.

Order of Procedure.

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession with the Grand Officers, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

3. **Opening Hymn.**

Hail Eternal by Whose aid
All created things were made;
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect 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, Architect Divine,
So mote it be.

4. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

6. **Opening Prayer.**

7. *Response*: "So mote it be."
8. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
9. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
10. The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order.
11. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
12. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
13. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

14. **The Oration.**

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.

15. **Arhem.**

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is to dwell together in unity.
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even unto Aaron's beard; and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
It is like the dew of Hermon, which fell upon the hill of Sion.
For there the Lord promised His blessing and life for evermore.—So mote it be.

16. **Dedication Prayer (First Portion).**

17. *Response*: "So mote it be."
18. *Musical Response*.—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
19. The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

The Invocation

20. *Response*: "So mote it be."
21. The Chaplain read II. Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.
22. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

The Consecration.

during which the elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

23. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.
24. The Brethren sing—

When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

25. The Consecrating Officer scatters corn—The symbol of Plenty.

26. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

27. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x., verse 39.

28. The Brethren sing—

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on Corner-stone,
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

29. The Consecrating Officer pours wine—the symbol of Joy and Peacefulness.

30. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

31. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

32. The Brethren sing—

And we have come fraternal bands
With joy and pride, and prosperous spoil
To honour Him by votive hands
With streams of Corn and Wine, and Oil.

33. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—The symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

34. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

35. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.

36. The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Keep this our temple from decay.

37. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

38. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

39. **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.**

40. The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

41. **Dedication Prayer** (*Second Portion*).

42. *Response*: “So mote it be.”

43. **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.**

44. *Response*: “So mote it be.”

45. **Patriarchial Benediction.**

46. *Response*: “So mote it be.”

Lodge Business.

The Installation of the Master Designate by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

To elect the Treasurer.

To elect the Charity Steward.

To elect the Tyler.

The W. M. will appoint and invest the Officers and invest the Treasurer and Tyler.

To adopt the Bye-Laws of the Lodge.

To receive propositions of Brethren wishing to join the Lodge.

To propose Candidates for Initiation.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will retire.

The Lodge will be closed.

CLOSING HYMN

FOUNDERS.

- Wor. Bro. J. C. GILBETT, 3185, T.M., P.P.G. S. B.
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,, J. T. WALTON, 1016.
,, E. MATTHEWS, 3185.
,, A. HOLMES, 3185.
,, J. WATERFIELD, 3185.
,, J. S. BRUCE, 3185.
,, J. W. A. RULE, 1874.
,, F. E. BILL, 1246.
,, W. R. HUNT, 1828.
,, T. H. BAINES, 2733.

The Lodge Meetings will be held at the Masonic Hall, Stechford.

Foreword

by

Wor. Bro. J. S. PRITCHETT, P.S.G.D. Eng.

St. Eadburgh, or using her Latin name, St. Edburgha, to whom the Parish Church of Yardley is dedicated, was one of the numerous daughters of King Edward the Elder the son of Alfred the Great.

Her father, being desirous of arranging for her future, at the early age of three caused to be placed before her the choice of a Prayer Book and Chalice on the one hand and a bracelet and necklace on the other. The child grasped eagerly the Prayer Book and Chalice and this was interpreted as a sign of her dedication to the service of God. She afterwards entered upon a religious life in the Convent of Winchester from which she was subsequently transferred to the Priory at Pershore to which the Manor of Yardley belonged. There is a story of her humility worth preserving. It is said that when Abbess of Winchester it was her custom to wash the socks of the Nuns while they were asleep, entering their cells noiselessly for the purpose.

During her life she obtained a great reputation for sanctity and on her death both Winchester and Pershore coveted her remains. Although she was interred at Winchester, Pershore nevertheless managed to obtain some of her bones which were preserved till the Reformation as precious relics and are reputed to have worked many miracles of healing.

This is practically all that is known of St. Edburgha, but that she was an actual person and in her lifetime greatly esteemed for her piety, is proved by the fact that many churches are dedicated to her memory. It is only natural that a Lodge of Freemasons meeting in a parish with which she was in her lifetime associated should wish to adopt her name and that an ancient tradition of piety and good works should thus be handed down to posterity.