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# Provincial Grand Chapter of **Worcestershire**

## CONSECRATION

OF THE

# ABBOT LICHFIELD CHAPTER

No. 3308.

AT THE

MASONIC HALL, EYESHAM,

THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd 1920, at 3 o'clock for 3-30 p.m.

BY

Most Excellent Companion **WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.A. Soj.,**  
Grand Superintendent.

Excellent Companion **WILLIAM WALDRON, P.A.G.D.C.,** Provincial Grand H.

Excellent Companion **W. J. HILL,** Provincial Grand J.

ASSISTED BY

The Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter.

### PRINCIPALS DESIGNATE.

Exc. Comp. A. RENFREW, Prov. 1st Asst. Soj. (Glos.)	...	...	...	Z.
Exc. Comp. H. BLOXHAM, P.Prov.G. 1st Asst. Soj.	...	...	...	H.
Exc. Comp. J. W. E. BAGGIT, Prov.G.Std.B. (Warwicks.)	...	...	...	J.

# PROGRAMME.

1. The Companions assemble in the Chapter Room at 3-30 p.m.
2. The Consecrating Principals having entered the Chapter Room, with the Grand Officers open the Chapter.

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 blessed 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 Consecrating Principal addresses the Companions on the motive of the Meeting, and calls on the Prin. J. to offer Prayer.

5. **Opening Prayer**

6. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

7. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Principals.

8. The Consecrating Principal replies and gives directions.

9. The Companions of the New Chapter are arranged in order in the West.

10. The Director of Ceremonies reads the Charter.

11. The Consecrating Principal inquires of the Companions of the New Chapter if they approve of the Officers who are named in the Charter to preside over them.

12. The Companions signify their approval in Masonic form and resume their seats.

13. The Third G. Prin. delivers an **Oration.**

14. **ANTHEM.**

Behold how good and joyful it is, for Brethren to dwell together in unity,  
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard,  
even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments.  
As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of  
Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

15. **The Benediction Prayer** (first portion).

16. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

17. Musical Response—" *Glory be to Thee, O God.*"

18. Companions turn to the East whilst the Consecrating Principal delivers  
**The Invocation.**

19. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

20. The Scribe N reads Ezra, ch. iii., vs. 8 to 13.

21. The Consecrating Principal directs that the board be uncovered and the candles lighted.

22. **The Consecration,**

during which the elements of consecration are carried round the Chapter.

23. Before the first circuit the Companions sing :—

When once of old, in Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,  
In showers of corn, and wine, and oil.

24. The Consecrating Principal scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty.

25. Musical Response—" *Glory be to God on high.*"

26. The Scribe N reads Psalm lxxii, v. 16.

27. Before the second circuit the Companions 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.

28. The Consecrating Principal pours out Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

29. Musical Response—" *Glory be to God on high.*"

30. The Scribe N reads Nehemiah x., v. 39.

31. Before the third circuit the Companions 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.

32. The Consecrating Principal sprinkles Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

33. Musical Response—" *Glory be to God on high.*"

34. The Scribe N reads Exodus xxx., vs. 25 and 26.

35. The Petitioners are arranged around the Altar, Principals designate facing East.

36. Before the fourth circuit the Companions sing:—

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

37. The Consecrating Principal sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Friendship and Fidelity.

38. Musical Response—" *Glory be to God on high.*"

39. The Scribe N reads Leviticus ii., v. 15.

40. The Consecrating Principal

**Dedicates the Chapter.**

41.

**ANTHEM.**

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts. My soul hath a desire  
and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice  
in the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they shall  
always be praising Thee. Hallelujah!

42. The Principal J. takes the Center round the Chapter.

43. **The Dedication Prayer** (second portion).

44. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

45. The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Petitioners in the West.

46. The Consecrating Principal

**Constitutes the Chapter.**

47. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

48.

**ANTHEM.**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us;  
God save the King.

O Lord, our God arise—  
Scatter his enemies,  
And make them fall;  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks;  
On Thee our hopes we fix—  
God save us all.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign,  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice  
God save the King.

49.

**Patriarchal Benediction.**

50. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

## CONSECRATING OFFICERS.

Exc. Comp. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.A.G.S.Eng. Grand Superintendent.  
Exc. Comp. WILLIAM WALDRON, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.H. Exc. Comp. E. LYTHGOE, S.N.  
" " W. J. HILL, Prov.G.J. " " C. D. EATON, D.C.  
" " A. COTTON, S.E., P.G.Std.Bearer. " " A. G. UGLOW, A.D.C.  
Exc. Comp. H. V. STANTON, Organist.

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## CHAPTER BUSINESS.

1. The Consecrating Officer will enquire of the D. of C. if he has examined the Principals Designate.
2. The D. of C. presents the Principals Designate for Installation.
3. The Officers will be elected.
4. The Janitor will be elected.
5. The Officers will be invested as follows:—

I.P.Z.	...	Exc. Comp. C. REES PRICE.
Scribe E.	...	Comp. E. H. TESTAR.
" N.	...	" W. GILL SMITH.
Treasurer	...	" E. H. TESTAR.
Pr. Soj.	...	" E. W. BECK.
1st Asst. Soj.	...	" C. E. BATEMAN.
2nd " "	...	" A. R. WILLIAMS.
Organist	...	
S. Steward	...	" R. H. ROWLAND.
J. Steward	...	" LESLIE SHOVELTON.
Janitor	...	
6. The Bye-Laws of the Abbot Lichfield Chapter, No. 3308, will be adopted.
7. To receive propositions of Joining and Exaltations.
8. To present Founders' Jewels.
9. The Consecrating Principal and the Grand Officers will retire.
10. To transact any other business not requiring notice.
11. To close the Chapter.

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## FOUNDERS.

Exc. Comp. A. RENFREW, Prov. 1st Asst. Soj. (Glos.)  
" " H. BLOXHAM, P.Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.  
" " J. W. E. BAGGITT, Prov.G.Std.B.(Warwicks.)  
" " C. REES PRICE.  
Comp. G. H. WHITE. Comp. E. W. BECK.  
" A. R. WILLIAMS. " E. H. TESTAR.  
" C. E. BATEMAN. " W. GILL SMITH.  
" L. F. LESLIE. " LESLIE SHOVELTON.  
" COLLINS ASHWIN. " R. H. ROWLAND.

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Merstone, Kidderminster,

April 1st, 1920.

Dear Sir and Companion,

I am desired by the Provincial Grand Superintendent to inform you that the Consecration of the ABBOT LICHFIELD CHAPTER, No. 3308, will take place at the MASONIC HALL, EVESHAM, on THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1920, at 3-30 p.m., when the attendance of all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the Present and Past Principals, and the members of the several Chapters within the Province is invited.

A Dinner will be provided after the Ceremony, Tickets 7/6 each (exclusive of wines), may be obtained on application to Comp. E. H. Testar, Bridge Street, Evesham, Tel. 171, on or before the 19th inst.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. COTTON,

P.G.Std.B., Prov.G.Scribe E.

#### DRESS.

Dark Morning Dress, Craft and Royal Arch Jewels only to be worn.

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**Railway Service.** Dudley 12-33 p.m.; Stourbridge Junction 1-28; Kidderminster 1-41; arrive Evesham  
Droitwich 1-57; Worcester, S.H. 2-45; Great Malvern 2-5. 3-9 p.m.  
Birmingham (Midland) 1-15; arrive Evesham 3-0.

**Return** - - Evesham 7-46; Worcester 8-13; Droitwich 8-37; Kidderminster 9-0;  
Stourbridge Junction 9-20; Dudley 9-55.  
Evesham (Midland) 7-50; Barnt Green 9-12; Birmingham 9-45 p.m.