

**Provincial Grand
Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire**

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRO. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.O.,
Provincial Grand Master.

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

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**CONSECRATION
OF THE
STECHFORD LODGE
OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS**

Attached to the Stechford Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 747,

AT THE
MASONIC HALL, STECHFORD,

ON

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 1927, AT 2.45 P.M.,

BY

The Right Wor. Bro. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.O.,

ASSISTED BY

Wor. Bro. JAMES JONES, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M.,
and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Order of Proceedings

The Consecrating Officer takes the Chair, appoints his Officers *pro tem.*, and opens a Royal Ark Lodge.

Opening Hymn

O grace this Lodge, Great Overseer,
With all Thy pure and earnest truth,
That it may flourish through all time,
In strong and undecaying youth.

Bless the advancing ones this night,
That more and more their lives may be
Made glorious by increasing light,
Acknowledged and derived from Thee.

Their mark in hand, Thy mark at heart,
O may they ever constant prove,
And in all time and circumstance
Unite in brotherhood and love.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain for the benefit of Prayer.

The D.C. addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.

The Petitioners for the new Lodge are then arranged in order.

The Warrant is read by the Prov. G. Secretary.

The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.

The Petitioners signify their approval in Masonic form.

The Consecrating Officer calls upon the Chaplain to deliver

An Oration

on the Nature and Principles of Royal Ark Masonry.

DEDICATION PRAYER—First Person.

CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

Brethren turn towards the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives

The Invocation

CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

The Chaplain reads Genesis, chap. vii, verses 11 to 14.

The Lodge Board is uncovered.

The Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the elements of Consecration four times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation.

Before the First Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16.

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.

The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the emblem of Plenty and Abundance.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—"Glory be to God on high."

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

Before the Second Circuit 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.

The Consecrating Officer pours out Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—"Glory be to God on high."

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

Before the Third Circuit 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.

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Oil—the emblem of Peace and Harmony.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—"Glory be to God on high."

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

Before the Fourth Circuit the Brethren sing—

To build on the great Corner-stone
To Him who oversees our toil,
This Temple to His praise alone,
Who gives us Salt, Corn, Wine, and Oil.

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the emblem of Fidelity, Hospitality, and Everlasting Friendship.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—"Glory be to God on high."

The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge

MUSICAL RESPONSE—"Glory be to God on high."

ANTHEM—A. & M. No. 431—

Disposer Supreme, and Judge of the earth,
Who chooseth for thine the weak and the poor;
To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth
Entrusting Thy riches which aye shall endure;

Like clouds are they borne to do Thy great Will,
And swift as the winds about the world go;
The Word with Thy wisdom their spirits doth fill,
They thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.

As honour and praise, dominion and might,
Thou Great Overseer, we render to Thee,
Who round us hath shed Thine own marvellous light
And call'd us from darkness Thy glory to see.

The Chaplain carries the Censer three times round the Lodge.

DEDICATION PRAYER—Second Portion.

CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge

CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

The Chaplain gives the Patriarchal Benediction.

CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

Lodge Business

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE W.C.N. DESIGNATE

Wor. Bro. JOHN C. GILBETT, P.P.S.G.W.

- 1.—THE D. OF C. PRESENTS THE W.C.N. DESIGNATE FOR INSTALLATION.
- 2.—ELECTION OF TREASURER.
- 3.—ELECTION OF WARDER.
- 4.—APPOINTMENT AND INVESTMENT OF OFFICERS.
- 5.—TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT BYE-LAWS.
- 6.—TO RECEIVE PROPOSITIONS.
- 7.—TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Closing Hymn

Have we marked well, Great Overseer,
A work to last beyond all time;
Each his allotted task fulfilled?
The glory and the praise be Thine.

In this degree we find the truth,
On earth below, in heaven above;
The cornerstone of every work
Should be unselfish, lasting love.

Still will we work, and working, pray;
And trust that in a better land
Our masonic keystone may be raised,
And fitted by Thy Master-hand.



Founders

JOHN CHARLES GILBETT.
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