

☛ Saint Laurence Lodge, ☛

. . No. 2,724. . .



Consecration Ceremony

. . . DECEMBER 8th, 1898. . . .



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No. 2,724.



Consecration Ceremony,

Installation,



and

Banquet.

Chief Consecrating Officer,  
The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master  
of Worcestershire,  
SIR FREDERICK GODSON, M.A., M.P., P.G.D. Eng.

Bro. GEORGE GRAHAM POPPLETON,  
P.M. 1,783, W.M. DESIGNATE.

Church Schools,  
Northfield,

Thursday, 8th December, 1898.

## CONSECRATING OFFICERS.

R.W. Bro. SIR FREDERICK GODSON, M.A., M.P., P.G.M. Eng.  
 Very W. Bro. COL. WARNER OTTLEY, D.P.G.M.  
 Wor. Bro. F. RUSSELL, Prov. G.J.W. as S.W.  
 Wor. Bro. A. COTTON, Prov. G.J.W. as J.W.  
 Wor. Bro. REV. H. MCKEAN, Prov. G. Chaplain as Chaplain.  
 Wor. Bro. W. T. PAGE, Prov. G. Sec.  
 Wor. Bro. E. BENNETT, Prov. G.D.C. as D.Cs.  
 Wor. Bro. W. G. PAGE, Prov. G. Pust.

## FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. G. G. POPPLETON, P.M.	Wor. Bro. J. C. ASTON, P.M.
Bro. T. A. BAYLISS.	Bro. W. O. DINGLEY.
Bro. T. R. BAYLISS.	Wor. Bro. W. LISTER, P.M.
Bro. G. J. C. CROSS.	Bro. J. EYRE.
Bro. CHAS. LEVERS.	Bro. J. W. DRAYCOTT.
Bro. HOWARD JENNINGS.	Bro. PAUL RAYNER.
Bro. JOSEPH HULL.	Bro. F. W. PHELPS.
Bro. REV. HUGH TATHAM, B.A.	Bro. CHAS. TAAFE.
Bro. E. J. COLLINS	

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Wor. Bro. G. G. POPPLETON	-	-	W.M.
Wor. Bro. W. LISTER	-	-	I.P.M.
Bro. T. A. BAYLISS	-	-	S.W.
Bro. G. J. C. CROSS	-	-	J.W.
Bro. T. R. BAYLISS	-	-	Treasurer.
Bro. HOWARD JENNINGS	-	-	Secretary.
Bro. JOSEPH HULL	-	-	S.D.
Bro. CHARLES LEVERS	-	-	J.D.
Bro. W. O. DINGLEY	-	-	I.G.
Wor. Bro. J. C. ASTON, D.C.	-	-	D.C.
Bro. REV. F. H. TATHAM, B.A.	-	-	Chaplain.
Bro. PAUL RAYNER	-	-	Steward.
Bro. CHARLES TAAFE	-	-	Organist.
Bro. J. DALLEY	-	-	Tyler.

## CONSECRATION CEREMONY.



1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers, having entered in procession, takes the Chair, and appoints his Officers, *pro tempore*.
3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

### Opening Hymn.

HAIL! ETERNAL, by whose aid  
All created things were made,  
Heaven and earth Thy vast design;  
Hear us, Architect Divine.

Our work, begun in Thee,  
Ever blest with Thy decree,  
Ere 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."

5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

### Opening Prayer.

6. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
7. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
8. The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.
9. The Brethren of the New Lodge are then arranged in order.
10. The Director of Ceremonies reads the Petition and Warrant.
11. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
12. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

13.

### An Oration

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

14.

### Antbem (Psalm cxxxiii.)

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together  
in unity.

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto 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 Zion.  
For there the Lord promised His blessing, and life for evermore. So  
MOTE IT BE.

15.

### Dedication Prayer (First Portion).

16. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

17. *Sanctus*. "GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD."

18. The Brethren turn to the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives

### The Invocation

19. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

20. The Chaplain reads 2 Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 10.

21. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered, and the  
Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the Elements of Consecration  
three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation.  
(Solemn music during the procession.)

22. Before the first Circuit the Brethren sing—  
In the land of olden Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovah's blessings on them fell  
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

23. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty.

24. *Musical response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

25. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

26. 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.

27. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

28. *Musical response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

29. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x., verse 39.

30. 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.
31. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
32. *Musical response* GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
33. The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
34. Before the fourth circuit the Brethren sing—  
 Now o'er our work this Salt we show,  
 Emblem of Thy conservant power,  
 And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,  
 Keep this our Temple from decay.
35. The Consecrating Officer Sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
36. *Musical response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
37. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chap. vi., verse 3.
38. **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.**
39. Anthem—  
 O how amiable are Thy dwelling, 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!
40. The Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge, halting in the  
 East (Solemn music during his progress.)
41. **Dedication Prayer (Second Portion)**
42. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
43. **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.**
44. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
45. Hymn  
 Glory to God on high,  
 Let Heaven and earth reply,  
 Praise ye His name;  
 Masons His love adore,  
 Arched in their mystic lore,  
 And cry out evermore,  
 Glory to God.
46. **Patriarchal Benediction.**
47. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be"





LODGE BUSINESS.

30

To install Wor. Bro. G. G. Poppleton as Worshipful Master.

To elect the Treasurer and Tyler.

The Worshipful Master to appoint and invest his Officers.

To elect a Committee to frame By-Laws.

To present Jewels to the Consecrating Officer.

To present Jewels to the Founders of the Lodge.

To receive propositions for Initiations and Joining Members.

To close the Lodge.



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MENU.



Soup.

CLEAR OX TAIL.      MOCK TURTLE.



Fish.

TURBOT.      LOBSTER SAUCE.  
FRIED FILLETS OF BRILL.



Entrees.

SAUTE OF KIDNEYS AND CHAMPIGNONS.  
LAMB CUTLET AND PEAS.



Removes.

ROAST RIBS OF BEEF—HORSE RADISH SAUCE.  
SADDLES OF MUTTON.  
ROAST TURKEYS.      BOILED CHICKENS.

—  
PHEASANTS.



Sweets.

CHARLOTTE RUSSE.  
FRUIT AND WINE JELLIES.  
FRENCH PASTRY.  
COMPÔTE OF FRUIT.  
ICE PUDDING.



Dessert.


—  
COFFEE.





## TOASTS.



1. The Queen and the Craft.
  2. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England,  
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.
  3. The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, The Rt. Hon.  
Earl Amherst, and the Officers of Grand Lodge,  
present and past.
  4. The Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, The  
R.W. Bro. Sir Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P.,  
P.G.D. Eng.
  5. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wor. Bro.  
Lieut. Col. Warner Otley, and Officers of  
Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past.
  6. The Consecrating Officers.
  7. The W.M. of the St. Laurence Lodge.
  8. The I.P.M. of the St. Laurence Lodge, Wor. Bro.  
V. Lister, P.M. 482.
  9. The Visiting Brethren.
  10. The Treasurer and Secretary.
  11. The other Officers of the Lodge.
  12. The Tyler's Toast.
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MUSIC.



- The National Anthem - - - - -  
Solo by Bro. G. J. COLEMAN CROSS.
- National Air - - - - - "God bless the Prince of Wales."  
Solo by Bro. C. LEVERS.
- Part Song - - - - - "On the Banks of Allan Water."  
THE CLEF QUARTETTE.
- Song - - - - - "The Monarch of the Woods."  
Bro. J. HULL.
- Part Song - - - - - "The Beleaguered."  
THE CLEF QUARTETTE.
- Song - - - - - "Here's a health to our W.M."  
Wor. Bro. C. D. EATON, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1874, W.M. Elect 560.
- Song - - - - - "When Friendship, Love, and Truth abound."  
Wor. Bro. G. G. POPPLETON, W.M.
- Part Song - - - - - "The long day closes."  
THE CLEF QUARTETTE.



Coast I.—THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT.

The National Anthem ... ..

Solo by Bro. G. J. COLEMAN CROSS



OD save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen!

Send her victorious  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen!  
Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign!  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice  
God save the Queen!

**Coast 2.** The Most Worshipful GRAND MASTER of England,  
H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

*National Air* ... .. "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Solo by Bro. C. LEVERS.

**A**MONG our ancient mountains,  
And from our lovely vales,  
Oh! let the prayer re-echo  
"God bless the Prince of Wales."

With heart and voice awaken  
Those mingled strains of yore,  
Till Britain's name and glory  
Resound from shore to shore.  
Among our ancient mountains,  
And from our lovely vales,  
Oh! let the prayer re-echo  
"God bless the Prince of Wales."

**Coast 3.**—The R.W. the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, The Rt. Hon. Earl Amherst, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, present and past.

Part Song

“On the Banks of Allan Water.”

THE CLEF QUARTETTE.



ON the banks of Allan Water,  
When the sweet springtime did fall,  
Was the miller's lovely daughter,  
Fairest of them all.

For his bride a soldier sought her,  
And a winning tongue had he ;  
On the banks of Allan Water,  
None so gay as she.

On the banks of Allan Water,  
When brown Autumn spreads its store,  
There I saw the miller's daughter—  
But she smiled no more ;

For the summer grief had brought her,  
And the soldier false was he ;  
On the banks of Allan Water,  
None was sad as she.

On the banks of Allan Water,  
When the wintry snow fell fast,  
Still was seen the miller's daughter,  
Chilling blew the blast.

But the miller's lovely daughter  
Both from cold and care was free ;  
On the banks of Allan Water,  
There a corpse lay she.

**Coast 4.**—The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER of Worcestershire,  
The R.W. Bro. Sir Frederick Godson, M.A., M.P.,  
P.G.D. Eng.

Song .. . . . "The Monarch of the Woods."

Bro. J. HULL.

**B**EHOLD the monarch of the woods!  
The mighty old oak tree,  
He braves the raging of the storm  
On land and rolling sea.  
He waves his branches decked with green  
In summer's golden glow,  
And ivy clothes his leafless form  
Through winter's frost and snow.  
King Time, the conqueror of all,  
He boldly does defy,  
For green and hearty will he stand  
When ages have gone by.  
How oft the monarch of the woods,  
Upon a summer's day,  
Has seen the merry children sport,  
And 'neath his shadow play;  
From youth to manhood they spring up,  
And old age comes at last,  
Then green grass waves upon their graves  
And all life's dreams are past.  
Yet stronger grows the mighty tree,  
In hale and hearty prime;  
And stands the monarch of the woods  
Defying age and time.



Coast 5.—The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, W. J. ...  
Bro. Lieut. Col. Warner Ottley, and Officers of  
Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past.

Part Song

“The Beleaguered.”

THE CLEF QUARTETTE

**B**LING wide the gates! come out dauntless and true!  
Brothers of heart be stout, we are but few.  
Bring from the battlements our flag again  
Though by the leaguer sent it in their stain!

Mothers and wives to prayer from morn till eve,  
The Lord of Hosts will care for those we leave,  
Plead that we sought not fight nor chose the field.  
But every free heart's right, we dare not yield.

Who needs the trumpet-blown to make him bold?  
Who speaks in undertone of ransom gold?  
Let such his counsel hide in vault or cave,  
We have no time to chide a willing slave.

Mothers and wives to prayer, relief is nigh!  
For you each heart will dare deeds not to die  
For pure as fire doth flame or foams the sea  
You shall to-night upraise songs of the free!

Coast 6.—THE CONSECRATING OFFICERS.

Coast 7.—THE W.M. OF THE ST. LAURENCE LODGE.

Song ... .. "Here's a health to our W.M."

Wor. Bro. C. D. EATON, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1874, W.M. Elect 560.

WE have toasts in the Craft among others  
That specially thrill through the breast,  
While singing in praise of our Brothers,  
Who rightly rule over the rest ;  
The blood in our veins flows the faster  
As the health is proposed loud and free,  
Of our excellent Worshipful Master,  
For a jolly good Mason is he !  
Here's a health to our Worshipful Master  
Belov'd of us all 'round the square,  
Let his name in the Craft, with all honours be quaff'd,  
And "prosper the art" ev'ry where.  
Though we greet him with hearty ovation,  
As monarch o'er all he surveys,  
We must help him on every occasion  
His banner masonic to raise ;  
Our love and obedience requite him,  
Our zeal in the cause gives him bliss,  
And our harmonies ever delight him  
With a chorus as friendly as this—  
Here's a health, &c.  
At the sound of his voice or his gavel,  
Let smiling attention prevail,  
None dreaming to cark or to cavil,  
But silently utter "all hail."  
May his year be a season of gladness,  
His cup and his cupboard be full ;  
And our way to ward off care and sadness  
Is with him together to pull.  
Here's a health, &c.

**Coast 8.—THE I.P.M. OF THE ST. LAURENCE LODGE,**  
Wor. Bro. W. Lister, P.M., 482



**Coast 9.—THE VISITING BRETHREN.**



Song ... "When Friendship, Love, and Truth abound.  
Wor. Bro. G. G. POPPLETON, W.M.

**W**HEN friendship, love and truth abound  
Among a band of brothers,  
The cup of joy goes gaily round,  
Each shares the bliss of others.  
Sweet roses grace the thorny way  
Along this vale of sorrow;  
The flowers that shed their leaves today,  
Shall bloom again to-morrow.  
How grand in age, how fair in youth,  
Are holy friendship, love, and truth!

On hallow'd wings our moments pass,  
Life's true cares beguiling;  
Old Time lays down his scythe and glass,  
In gay, good humour smiling;  
With grime beard and forelock grey  
His reverend front adorning,  
He looks like Winter turned to May—  
Night softened into Morning.  
How grand in age, how fair in youth,  
Are holy friendship, love, and truth!

From these delightful fountains flow  
Ambrosial rills of pleasure,  
Can man desire, can Heaven bestow  
A more resplendent treasure?  
Adorned with gems so richly bright—  
We'll form a constellation  
Where every star with modest light  
Shall gild his proper station.

How grand in age, how fair in youth,  
Are holy friendship, love, and truth!

**Toast 10.—THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY.**



**Toast 11.—THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE**



Part Song

“The long day closes”

**THE CLEF QUARTETTE.**

**N**O star is o'er the lake, its pale watch keeping,  
The moon is half awake, thro' grey mist creeping,  
The last red leaves fall from the porch of roses,  
The clock hath ceased to sound—the long day closes.

Sit by the silent hearth, in calm endeavour  
To count the sounds of mirth now dumb for ever;  
Heed not how hope believes or fate disposes,  
Shadow is round the eaves—the long day closes.

The lighted windows dim are fading slowly,  
The fire that was so trim now quivers lowly;  
Go to the dreamless bed where grief reposes;  
Thy book of toil is read—the long day closes.



**Toast 12.—The Tyler's Toast.**

*To all poor and distressed Masons wherever dispersed  
over the face of the earth and water, wishing them a  
speedy relief from their sufferings, and a happy return  
to their native country, should they desire it.*



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