

Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free
and Accepted Masons



"Fort Royal" Lodge

No. 4565

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

AT

THE MASONIC HALL, S. NICHOLAS STREET,
WORCESTER

Thursday 8th November, 1923

Consecration

OF THE

Fort Royal Lodge, 4565

BY

THE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE,

P.G.D.,

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

AND

Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge
of Worcestershire

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER DESIGNATE

The Right Wor. Bro.

General Sir Francis J. Davies

K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D.,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS

ASSISTING IN

The Consecration Ceremony

Wor. Bro. F. T. GOODMAN	Prov. S.C.W. as S.W.
Wor. Bro. H. CHUMBLEY	Prov. J.G.W. as J.W.
Bro. REV. R. A. NORRIS	P.P.G. Chap. as Chaplain
Wor. Bro. R. A. EDNEST PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C. E.N.G.	Prov. G. Sec. as Secretary
Wor. Bro. F. S. RAWSON	Prov. D.C. as D.C.
Wor. Bro. G. C. LING	P.P.A.G.D.C. as A.D.C.
Bro. A. M. SLATTER	Prov. G. Org. as Organist
Wor. Bro. ROBT. A. COLLEY	Prov. G. Purs. as I.G.

MUSIC

(Under the direction of Bro. A. M. SLATTER, Prov. G. Organist)

BY

- Wor. Bro. ENOCH RICHARDSON (Alto)
Bro. ERNEST R. LUDLOW (Tenor)
Bro. HERBERT PARKER (Baritone)
Bro. ERNEST DAVIES (Bass)

Order of Procedure.

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

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. CHANT (OMNES) : " 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.

An Oration

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

15.

Anthem

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, 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.

16. **Dedication Prayer (FIRST PORTION)**

17. CHANT (OMNES) : " 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. CHANT (OMNES) : " So mote it be "

21. The Chaplain reads II. Chron., Chap. ii., verses
1 to 10

22. 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

23. Before the first circuit 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. Before the second circuit 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 Cheerfulness

30. MUSICAL RESPONSE.—Glory be to God on High

31. Before the third circuit 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 stream 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. Before the fourth circuit 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. **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!

41. The Chaplain takes the Counsel three times round the Lodge and halts in the east

42. **Dedication Prayer (SECOND PORTION)**

43. CHANT (OMNES): "So mote it be"

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

45. CHANT (OMNES): "So mote it be"

46. **Anthem**

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give to thee a crown of life

47. **Patriarchal Benediction**

48. CHANT (OMNES): "So mote it be"

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.

Lodge Business.

The Installation of the Worshipful Master Designate

BY THE

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

To elect the Treasurer

To elect the Tyler

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

To adopt the By-Laws of the Lodge

To present JEWELS to the Consecrating Officers and
Founders

To receive propositions of Brethren wishing to join the
Lodge

To propose Candidates for Initiation

To collect Alms

The Wor. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his
Officers will retire

The Lodge will be closed

Founders and First Officers.

- W.M.* The Rt. Wor. Bro. General SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES,
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., P.G.D., Prov. G. Master.
- I.P.M.* Wor. Bro. Capt. HERBERT B. EMERSON, 3569, P.M.
- S.W.* Wor. Bro. Major ALFRED V. ROWE, 280, P.M.
- J.W.* Bro. The Rev. HAROLD G. CRABTREE, M.C., C.F., 3206,
Prov. G. Chaplain.
- Chaplain* Wor. Bro. The Rev. GEORGE F. HOUGH, T.D., C.F., 280
P.M., P.A.G. Chaplain (Eng.)
- Treasurer* Wor. Bro. T. OSBORNE YOUNG, 280, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.
- Secretary* Bro. Col. LAURENCE J. BLANDFORD, C.B.E., T.D., 3725.
- D.C.* Wor. Bro. Lieut. CUTHBERT H. COOK, 529, P.M.,
P.P.S.G.W., J.P.
- S.D.* Bro. Capt. CECIL KNIGHT CUTTS, M.C., 3208.
- J.D.* Bro. Major JOHN B. CAVENAGH, 2870.
- Organist* Wor. Bro. Major H. FRANK WILLIAMS, V.D., 529, P.M.,
P.P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G. Org.
- Ass. Sec.* Bro. Capt. A. D'ARCY C. HILFORD, 3378.
- Ass. D.C.* Bro. Capt. H. F. FENTON, 280, S.W.
- I.G.* Bro. FRED S. RODEN, 3638.
- S.S.* Wor. Bro. Major EDWARD FRANKLIN, O.B.E., 280,
P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.
- J.S.* Bro. Capt. HERVEVILLE CROWE, 280.
- Ch. Stud.* Wor. Bro. Major FRANCIS A. W. HOW, 3638, P.M.

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- Wor. Bro. Lieut. A. G. SAMS, 751, P.M., P.P.G.W. (Hereford).
- Bro. R. J. HILLIAR, M.B.E., 529, J.W.
- Bro. Lieut-Col. The Hon. C. J. COVENTRY, T.D., 280.
- Wor. Bro. Major F. W. SMITH, T.D., 2804, P.M.
- Bro. Capt. C. F. CURTIS, 3638, J.W.
- Bro. F. G. SAMS, 900.
- Bro. J. B. HIGGINS, 355.

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- Tyler* Bro. J. RADBAND, P.G. Ass. Tyler.