

Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

Provincial Grand Master.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES,
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WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ALFRED ALLEN, P.G.D.,

Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER W. HARVEY GIBBS, P.G.D.

Consecration of

ELMLEY CASTLE LODGE

No. 6247

at the

MASONIC HALL, WORCESTER

on

Friday, 22nd March, 1946, at 2-30 p.m.

by

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES,
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Provincial Grand Master

assisted by

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

THE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

and the following Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge

W. Bro. F. H. GRIFFITHS, Prov.S.G.W.	-	-	-	-	as S.W.
W. Bro. C. T. BACKSTRAW, Prov.J.G.W.	-	-	-	-	as J.W.
Bro. Rev. E. H. DOWNEY, Prov.G.Chap.	-	-	-	-	as Chaplain
W. Bro. H. V. STANTON, P.G.D., Prov.G.Sec.	-	-	-	-	as Secretary
W. Bro. H. E. HEARNE, Prov.G.D.C.	-	-	-	-	as D.C.
W. Bro. Dr. S. M. STEEL, Prov.D.G.D.C.	-	-	-	-	as Assistant D.C.
W. Bro. W. S. SPINK, Prov.G.Organist	-	-	-	-	as Organist
W. Bro. T. B. ROBINSON, Prov.G.Pursuivant	-	-	-	-	as Inner Guard

W. Bro. ARTHUR HAYNES	-	-	-	-	Master Designate
Bro. B. G. THOMAS	-	-	-	-	S.W. Designate
Bro. A. T. OSBORNE	-	-	-	-	J.W. Designate

Order of Procedure

The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.

The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession with the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

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.
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The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the meeting and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

OPENING PRAYER

Response—"So mote it be."

The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.

The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.

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

The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

AN ORATION

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

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.

DEDICATION PRAYER (First Portion)

Response—"So mote it be."

Musical Response—Glory be to Thee, O God.

The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

THE INVOCATION.

Response—"So mote it be."

The Chaplain reads II Chron., chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.

The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

THE CONSECRATION.

During which the Elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

The Brethren 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.

The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn : the Symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on high.

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

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 Wine : the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on high.

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

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 pours Oil : the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

Musical Response—Glory be to God on high.

The Brethren are arranged round the Lodge Board, facing outward.

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

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 Thy Temple from decay.

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

Musical Response—Glory be to God on high.

THE CONSECRATING OFFICER DEDICATES THE LODGE.

Response—" So mote it be."

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 !

The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

DEDICATION PRAYER (Second Portion)

Response—" So mote it be."

The Brethren stand in the West, all facing East.

THE CONSECRATING OFFICER CONSTITUTES THE LODGE.

Response—" So mote it be."

PATRIARCHAL BENEDICTION.

Response—" So mote it be."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

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Lodge Business

THE INSTALLATION OF THE MASTER DESIGNATE BY THE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

- 1.—To invest the Wardens designate.
- 2.—To elect and invest the Treasurer.
- 3.—To elect the Charity Steward.
- 4.—To elect the Tyler.
- 5.—The Worshipful Master will appoint and invest the other Officers, and invest the Tyler.
- 6.—To elect Representatives on the Provincial Charity Organisation and Library and Museum Committees.
- 7.—To adopt the By-laws of the Lodge.
- 8.—To receive Propositions.
- 9.—To collect Alms.
- 10.—The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will retire.
- 11.—To close the Lodge.

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