

SUPREME ORDER OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH

PROVINCE OF WARWICKSHIRE

M. E. COMP. THOMAS BURMAN,
Grand Superintendent.

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Second Prov. Grand Principal.

E. COMP. ARTHUR E. TERRY, J.P., P.A.G.D.C.
Third Prov. Grand Principal.

Consecration of
The Fortior Chapter, No. 6172

EDGBASTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM,

on SATURDAY, JUNE 19th, 1948

at 5.0 p.m., by

M.E. Comp. THOMAS BURMAN, Grand Superintendent.

Assisted by

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| E. Comp. The Rev. Dr. J. N. FRANKLAND, P.G.Std.B., 2nd Prov.G.Prin. | ... | ... | As H. |
| E. Comp. ARTHUR E. TERRY, J.P., P.A.G.D.C., 3rd Prov.G.Prin. | ... | ... | As J. |
| E. Comp. A. DUDLEY EVANS, P.A.G.Soj., Prov.G.S.E. | ... | ... | As S.E. |
| E. Comp. T. WELLS DAFFERN, Prov.G.S.N. | ... | ... | As S.N. |
| E. Comp. S. BOOTH, Prov.D.G.D.C. | ... | ... | As D.C. |

E. Comp. JAMES C. PARSONS, P.G.Std.B., P.P.G.J., will direct the Musical Arrangements.

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| E. Comp. F. H. GRIFFITHS, P.Z. 252, P.P.G.S.N.(Worcs.) | ... | ... | Z. Designate. |
| E. Comp. G. R. PERKS, M.E.Z. 564 | ... | ... | H. Designate. |
| E. Comp. E. W. LOVETT, P.Z. 2133 | ... | ... | J. Designate. |

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Order of Proceedings

- 1 The Companions assemble in the Chapter Room at 4-45 p.m.
- 2 The Grand Superintendent, the Provincial Grand Principals, Grand Chapter Officers, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter enter the Chapter Room in procession.
- 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.
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- 4 The Chapter will be opened in due form with solemn prayer.
- 5 The Grand Chapter Officers will be saluted.
- 6 The Consecrating Officer addresses the Companions on the nature of the Meeting, and calls on the Second Prov. G. Prin. to offer Prayer.
- 7 The Second Prov. G. Prin. offers the Introductory Prayer.
- 8 The Consecrating Officer calls on the Prov. G. Scribe E. to state the wishes of the Petitioners.
- 9 The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
- 10 The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Founders in the West.
- 11 The Prov. Grand Scribe E. reads the Charter.
- 12 The Consecrating Officer inquires of the Companions of the new Chapter if they approve of the Officers named in the Charter to preside over them.
- 13 The Founders signify their approval in Masonic form.
- 14 The Consecrating Officer calls upon the Second Prov. G. Prin. to give a **short Oration**.
- 15 The Founders resume their seats.
- 16 The Second Prov. G. Prin. delivers an Oration.
- 17 **ANTHEM** ... "Behold how Good and Joyful"
Behold, Brethren:
How good and joyful a thing it is to dwell together in unity.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is in unity in itself.
For our brethren and companions' sake we will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the House of our God, we will seek thy good
The Lord preserve thy going out and coming in,
From this time forth for evermore.
So mote it be.
- 18 The Second Prov. G. Principal gives the **Dedication Prayer** (first portion)
Omnes chant—"So mote it be."
- 19 Companions turn to the East while the Consecrating Officer delivers **The Invocation**.
Omnes chant—"So mote it be."
- 20 The Prov. G. S. N. reads Ezra iii, vs. 8 to 13.
- 21 The Consecrating Officer directs the Director of Ceremonies to light the candles and the Second and Third Prov. G. Prins. unveil the Pedestal.
- 22 The Consecration, during which the Elements of Consecration are carried round the Chapter.

- 23 Before the FIRST circuit, Prov.G. Scribe N. reads Psalm lxxii, v. 16, and then 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 **First Perambulation.** The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn, the symbol of Plenty and Abundance. *Sanctus*—"Glory be to God on high."

- 25 Before the SECOND circuit, Prov. G. Scribe N. reads Nehemiah x, v. 39, and then 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.
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- 26 **Second Perambulation.** The Second Provincial Grand Principal pours out Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness. *Sanctus*—"Glory be to God on high."

- 27 Before the THIRD circuit, the Prov. G. Scribe N. reads Exodus xxx, vs. 25 and 26, and then 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.
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- 28 **Third Perambulation.** The Third Provincial Grand Principal sprinkles Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity. *Sanctus*—"Glory be to God on high."

- 29 The Founders are arranged by the Director of Ceremonies round the Altar.

- 30 Before the FOURTH circuit, Prov. G. Scribe N. reads Leviticus ii, v. 13, and then the Companions sing :

Now o'er our work this salt we shower, Emblem of Thy conversant power ;		and may Thy presence, Lord, we pray, Keep this Thy temple from decay.
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- 31 **Fourth Perambulation.** The Consecrating Officer sprinkles salt—the symbol of Friendship and Fidelity. *Sanctus*—"Glory be to God on high."

- 32 The Director of Ceremonies relieves Principals of the Consecrating Vessels and they take their places in front of their Chairs.

- 33 The Consecrating Officer **Dedicates the Chapter.**

- 34 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 !

- 35 The Second Prov. G. Prin. carries the Censer three times round the Chapter.

During his perambulation he repeats Exodus xxx, vs. 7 and 8.

- 36 The Second Prov. G. Prin. gives the **Dedication Prayer** (second portion).

Omnes chant—"So mote it be."

- 37 The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Founders in the West.

- 38 The Consecrating Officer **Constitutes the Chapter.** in Ancient Form.

Omnes chant—"So mote it be."

- 39 ANTHEM.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

- 40 The Second Prov. G. Prin. gives the **Patriarchal Benediction.**

Omnes chant—"So mote it be."

A collection will be taken on behalf of the Ryon Hill Home.

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Chapter Business

Installation of the Principals Designate

The Consecrating Officer will enquire of the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies if he has examined the Principals Designate.

The Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies replies and presents the Principals Designate who will then be inducted.

The Charter, Book of Regulations, and Provincial Grand Chapter By-Laws will be presented.

The Treasurer will be elected.

The Janitor will be elected.

The Officers will be elected and, with the Treasurer and Janitor, invested.

The By-Laws of the Fortior Chapter, No. 6172, will be adopted.

Propositions for Joining and Exaltation will be received.

The Grand Superintendent, Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter Officers will retire.

The Chapter will be closed.

Founders

E. Comp. F. H. GRIFFITHS, P.Z. 252, P.P.G.S.N.(Worcs.)

E. Comp. G. I. PERKS, M.E.Z. 564.

E. Comp. E. W. LOVETT, P.Z. 2133.

E. Comp. A. WELLS, P.Z. 2946, P.A.G.D.C.

E. Comp. W. DAWKINS, P.Z. 2946, P.G.Std.B.

E. Comp. H. L. HOUSE, P.Z. 2946, P.G.Std.B.

E. Comp. T. HEEFER, P.Z. 1185.

Comp. S. I. CULL, 938.

Comp. F. J. JOHNSON, 3484.

Comp. W. T. KINGLAKE, 2946.

Comp. H. SANDERS, 1039.

Comp. H. R. HOLDSWORTH, 2946.

Comp. F. I. ASHTON, 2946.

Comp. T. DIXON, 3943.

Comp. W. O. GUEST, 3826.

Comp. P. A. TURNER, 3826.

Comp. H. BEVON, 3826.

Comp. D. E. SUTTON, 3826.

Comp. W. H. MARKHAM, 3826.

Comp. H. N. ILEY, 3826.

Comp. J. W. CLARE, 3826.

Comp. F. R. AUSTIN, 3826.

Comp. H. G. MICHIE, 252.