

Order of Procedure

Provincial Grand
Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire

The Right Worshipful Bro. CHARLIE D. EATON
Provincial Grand Master

The Very Worshipful Bro. RICHARD MASON HADLEY, P.G.Ov.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

CONSECRATION

of the

PERSEVERANCE LODGE

of Royal Ark Mariners

Attached to the Perseverance Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 733
at the

MASONIC HALL, HALESOWEN

on
MONDAY, JANUARY 21st. 1946, at 4.0 p.m.

by

The Right Worshipful Bro. CHARLIE D. EATON
Provincial Grand Master

ASSISTED BY

Very Wor. Bro. HARRY V. STANTON, P.G.Ov., Past Dep. Prov. G.M.
as Deputy Provincial Grand Master

and the following Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge

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| Senior Warden (J) | ... | ... | ... | W. Bro. S. D. TOON |
| Junior Warden (S) | ... | ... | ... | W. Bro. B. W. F. WHITTAKER |
| Chaplain | ... | ... | ... | Bro. Rev. J. E. L. MORT |
| Scribe | ... | ... | ... | W. Bro. JOHN HILL |
| Director of Ceremonies | ... | ... | ... | W. Bro. V. W. GROSVENOR |
| Asst. Dir. of Ceremonies | ... | ... | ... | W. Bro. F. H. GRIFFITHS |
| Organist | ... | ... | ... | Bro. C. A. WILSON |
| Guardian | ... | ... | ... | W. Bro. W. D. SPRAGGON |
| Warder | ... | ... | ... | Bro. J. E. DAVIES |

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1. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, enters in procession, takes the Chair, appoints his Officers pro tem., and opens a Royal Ark Lodge.

2. **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.

3. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

4. **Opening Prayer**

5. Chant (Omnes)—" So mote it be."
6. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
7. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
8. The Petitioners for the new Lodge are then arranged in order.
9. The Warrant is read by the Provincial Grand Secretary.
10. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
11. The Petitioners signify their approval in Masonic form and resume their seats.
12. The Consecrating Officer calls upon the Chaplain to deliver

13. **An Oration**

on the Nature and Principles of Royal Ark Masonry.

14. Dedication Prayer—First Portion.

15. Chant (Omnes) " So mote it be."

17. **The Invocation**

18. Chant (Omnes) " So mote it be."

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

20. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

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

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

23. 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.

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

25. Musical Response—" Glory be to God on high."

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

27. 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.
28. The Consecrating Officer pours out Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.
29. Musical Response—" Glory be to God on high."
30. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
31. 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.
32. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Oil—the emblem of Peace and Harmony.
33. Musical Response—" Glory be to God on high."
34. The Petitioners are assembled round the Lodge Board facing outwards where they remain until after the Dedication.
35. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.
36. 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 a rose,
 Who gives us Salt, Corn, Wine and Oil.
37. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt.—the emblem of Fidelity, Hospitality, and Everlasting Friendship.
38. Musical Response—" Glory be to God on high."

The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge

39. Musical Response—" Glory be to God on high."
40. The Petitioners resume their seats.
41. Anthem—A. & M. No. 431—
 Disposer Supreme, and judge of the earth, Like clouds are they borne to do Thy great will,
 Who chooseth for Thine, the weak and the poor; And swift as the winds about the world go;
 To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth The word with Thy wisdom their spirits doth fill,
 Entrusting Thy riches which aye shall endure. They thunder, they lighten, the waters o'erflow.

All honour and praise, dominion and might,
 Thou great Overseer, we render to Thee,
 Who round us hath shed Thine own marvellous light
 And called us from darkness Thy glory to see.

42. The Petitioners are assembled round the Lodge Board, facing outwards.
43. The Chaplain carries the Censer three times round the Lodge.
44. The Petitioners resume their seats.
45. Dedication Prayer—Second Portion.
46. Chant (Omnes)—" So mote it be."
47. The Petitioners are arranged in the West facing East.

The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge

48. Chant (Omnes)—" So mote it be."
49. The Chaplain gives the Patriarchal Benediction.
50. Chant (Omnes)—" So mote it be."

Lodge Business

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE C.N. DESIGNATE.

Very Wor. Bro. S. S. Somers, P.G.Tr., Grand Master Overseer

1. The Director of Ceremonies presents the C.N. Designate for Enthronement.
2. The W.C.N. will invest the Wardens.
3. The Treasurer will be elected.
4. The Warder will be elected.
5. Appointment and Investment of Officers.
6. To Consider and Adopt Bye-Laws.
7. To Receive Propositions.
8. To Close the Lodge.

Closing Hymn

On Ararat at close of day,
When skies were bathed in ruddy gold,
O'er hills and plains they shed their ray,
Where fate the waters darkly rolled.

When brightly gleamed the mystic bow,
And rose the smoke from sacred stone,
From Noah's lips was heard the vow
Which sealed his race to God alone.

So now his sons, ere they withdraw
From Mystic rite, at close of day
Proclaim once more the gracious law
That love shall have the final way.
So mote it be.

Founders and Officers Designate

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| W.C.N. | ... | Very Wor. Bro. S. S. SOMERS. |
| J. | ... | Very Wor. Bro. R. M. HADLEY. |
| S. | ... | Wor. Bro. P. H. BUCKLER. |
| I.P.C.N. | ... | Wor. Bro. W. L. O. SOMERS. |
| Chaplain | ... | Wor. Bro. C. A. HAWKESWOOD. |
| Treasurer | ... | Wor. Bro. WM. CHILTON. |
| Scribe | ... | Bro. A. B. HODSON. |
| Dir. of Ceremonies | ... | Bro. D. H. MORRIS. |
| Senr. Deacon | ... | Wor. Bro. T. CHILTON. |
| Junr. Deacon | ... | Bro. F. W. BAGNALL. |
| Organist | ... | Bro. E. PARKES. |
| Guardian | ... | Bro. R. L. C. BEARCROFT. |
| Steward | ... | Bro. W. J. MUNSLOW. |
| Steward | ... | Bro. J. A. NAYLER. |
| Warder | ... | Bro. E. W. MASON. |

Founders not in Office

Wor. Bro. F. T. GOODMAN.

Bro. J. E. GROSVENOR.