

Consecration Programme



OF

THE GODSON LODGE

OF MARK MASTERS, No. 550.

Consecrating Ceremony

WORSHIPFUL BRO. AUGUSTUS FREDK. GODSON,

Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master for Warwickshire

BY APPOINTMENT OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER JARD HENNIKER.

ASSISTED BY

V. WORSHIPFUL BROTHER REV. W. RANDALL, M.A.,

Prov. Grand Mark Chaplain.

AS CHAPLAIN.

RT. WORSHIPFUL BRO. FREDK. BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,

Grand Mark Secretary,

AS INSTALLING MASTER.

AT THE

MASONIC HALL, KIDDERMINSTER,

On Monday, Feb. 18th, 1884, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

BRO. GEORGE TAYLOR,

W.M. Designate.

BRO. W. CLEMENT GREEN,

S.W. Designate.

BRO. J. W. CONSTERDINE CHADWICK, J.W. Designate.

Order of Proceedings.

THE Brethren will assemble in the Club at Two o'clock, and will walk in procession into the Hall.

The Consecrating Officer will take the chair, appoint Officers *pro tem*, and open the Lodge.

A Ballot will then be taken by the Founders of the Lodge for the following.

CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCEMENT.

Bro. T. F. Bland	Stourbridge	J.G.	Stability Lodge	564
" T. Brettell	Dudley	P.M.	Harmony Lodge	252
" F. Burcher	Kidderminster	M.M.	Hope & Charity Lodge	377
" A. Comber	Ditto	P.M.	Ditto	377
" Dr. R. Eagar	Stourbridge	P.M.	Stability Lodge	564
" Geo. Green	Kidderminster	M.M.	Lechmere Lodge	1874
" Geo. Lees	Ditto	J.W.	Vernon Lodge	560
" Jno. Mossop	Ditto	J.D.	Lechmere Lodge	1874
" W. Perry, junr.	Stourbridge	J.W.	Stability Lodge	564
" H. B. Pigot	Kidderminster	P.M.	British Lodge	8
" W. M. Roden	Ditto	S.V.	Lechmere Lodge	1874
" J. E. Stone	Ditto	M.M.	Hope & Charity Lodge	377
" H. Taylor	Ditto	J.S.	Ditto	377
" W. J. Threlfall	Ditto	J.G.	Lechmere Lodge	1874
" W. J. Turney, J.P.	Stourbridge	P.M.	Stability Lodge	564
" T. Vale	Stourport	P.M.	Vernon Lodge	560

The newly-elected Brethren will be advanced to the Degree of M. M. M.

The Founders of the Lodge are arranged in order.

The Consecrating Officer having resumed the chair, will address the Brethren on the nature of the Meeting, and call upon the W.M. Designate to state the wishes of the Founders.

The W.M. Designate having replied, the Acting Secretary will read the Petition and Warrant.

The Consecrating Officer will enquire of the Brethren of the Lodge if they approve of the Officers named in the Petition and Warrant.

The Brethren signify their approval in the usual form.

The Consecrating Officer then proceeds to Constitute the Lodge.

An Oration will then be delivered on the principles of Mark Masonry by the Chaplain.

Invocation Response *So mote it be.*

Anthem.

Mark Masters, all appear
Before the Chief Officer;
Inconcert move;
Let Him your work inspect
For the Chief Architect,
If there is no defect,
He will approve.

2. Those who have pass'd the Square,
For your rewards prepare.
Join heart and hand;
Each with his mark in view
March with the just and true;
Wages to you are due,
At your command,

3. Hiram, the Widow's son,
Sent to King Solomon
Our great Key-Stone,
On which appears the name
That raises high the fame
Of all to whom the same,
Is truly known.

4. Now to the westward move,
Where, full of strength and love,
Hiram doth stand!
But if imposters are
Mixed with the worthy there,
Caution them to beware
Of the right hand.

5. Now to the praise of those
Who triumph'd o'er the foes
Of Mason's Arts;
To the praiseworthy three
Who founded this degree,
May all their virtues be
Deep in our hearts.

The Lodge Board is uncovered.

The Consecrating Officer and three Grand Officers form a Procession carrying the Consecration Elements.

The Consecration Prayer ... (First portion) Response ... *So mote it be.*
Sanctus ... *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

The Procession now makes the circuit of the Lodge.

During the First Circuit, the Brethren sing:—

When once of old in Israel
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehova's blessing on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine and Oil.

On arriving at the East, the Consecrating Officer strews Corn, the emblem of Plenty.

Grand Honours.

During 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.

The Consecrating Officer in the East pours Wine, the emblem of Truth, Joy and Happiness—

Grand Honours.

During the Third Circuit, the Brethren sing:—

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy, and pride, and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him, with voice and hands,
With streams of Corn, and Wine and Oil.

The Consecrating Officer in the East pours Oil, the emblem of Peace and Charity:—

Grand Honours.

During the Fourth Circuit, the Brethren sing:—

To build on the great corner-stone,
To Him who oversees our toil,
This Temple to His praise alone
Who gives us Salt, Corn, Wine and Oil.

The Consecrating Officer in the East strews Salt, the emblem of Fidelity and Hospitality—

Grand Honours.

The Chaplain then carries the Censer three times round the Lodge, the Brethren singing:—

Supreme Grand Master, God of Power,
Be with us in this solemn hour,
Smile on our work, our plans approve,
Fill every heart with joy and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
May we in union strong combine,
In work and worship so divine.

The Consecration Prayer (Second Portion).

Response—*So mote it be.*

THE CONSECRATING OFFICER THEN DEDICATES & CONSTITUTES THE LODGE

Response—*So mote it be.*

Anthem.

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.

The Installation of the W.M.

Election of Treasurer and Tyler.

Investiture of Officers.

Propositions for Advancement and Joining.

The Lodge is closed, and the Brethren adjourn to the Banquet Room, underneath the Hall.