

**Provincial Grand Lodge of
Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire.**

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRO. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.O.
Provincial Grand Master.

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master.



CONSECRATION
OF
THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE
OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 733

AT
THE MASONIC ROOMS, DRILL HALL, HALESOWEN,

— ON —

TUESDAY, JULY 12th, 1921, at 3-30 p.m.

BY

The Right. Wor. Bro. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.O.
RT. WOR. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

ASSISTED BY

The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Order of Proceedings.

The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.

The Provincial Grand Master having entered in procession, takes his seat, appoints his officers, pro tem, and a Lodge of Mark Master Masons is opened.

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.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain for the benefit of Prayer.

The D.C. addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.

The Petitioners for the New Lodge are then arranged in order.

The Warrant is read by the Prov. G. Secretary.

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

The Petitioners signify their approval in Masonic Form.

The Consecrating Officer calls upon the Chaplain to deliver

An Oration

on the Nature and Purposes of our Institution.

ANTHEM.—

Mark Masters, all appear
Before the Chief O'erseer ;
In concert move ;
Let Him your work inspect,
For the Chief Architect,
If there be no defect,
He will approve

Those who have passed the square
For your reward prepare,
Join heart and hand ;
Each with his mark in view,
March with the just and true ;
Wages to you are due,
At His command.

Hiram, the widow's son,
Sent to King Solomon
Our great Keystone ;
On which appears the name
That raises high the fame
Of all to whom the same
Is truly known.

DEDICATION PRAYER—First portion.

CHANT. Omnes—"So mote it be."

Brethren turn toward the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives

The Invocation.

CHANT. Omnes—"So mote it be."

The Chaplain reads 2 Chron. chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.

The Lodge board is uncovered.

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

Before the First Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii.; verse 16.

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.

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

Before the Second Circuit 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 out Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

Before the Third Circuit 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 sprinkles Oil—the emblem of Peace and Harmony.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

Before the Fourth Circuit the Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.

The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our work this salt we show
Emblem of Thy servant's power,
And may Thy Presence, Lord, we pray,
Keep this Thy Temple from decay.

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the emblem of Fidelity, Hospitality and Everlasting Friendship.

MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge

MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

ANTHEM—

Now to the westward move,
Where, full of strength and love,
Hiram dot' stand,
But if impostors are
Mixed with the worthy there
Caution the hand to beware
Of the right hand.

Now to the praise of those
Who triumphed o'er the foes
Of Masons' Arts.
To the praiseworthy three
Who founded this degree,
May all their virtues be
Deep in our hearts

The Chaplain carries the Censer three times round the Lodge.

DEDICATION PRAYER—Second Portion.

CHANT. *Omnes*—“ *So mote it be.*”

The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.

CHANT. *Omnes*—“ *So mote it be.*”

The Consecrating Officer gives the Patriarchal Benediction.

CHANT. *Omnes*—“ *So mote it be.*”

Lodge Business.

INSTALLATION OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER DESIGNATE

Bro. SETH S. SOMERS, 290, 330.

1. THE D. OF C. PRESENTS THE W.M. DESIGNATE TO THE INSTALLING OFFICER FOR INSTALLATION.
2. ELECTION OF TREASURER.
3. ELECTION OF TYLER.
4. APPOINTMENT AND INVESTMENT OF OFFICERS.
5. TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT BYE-LAWS.
6. TO RECEIVE PROPOSITIONS.
7. TO CLOSE THE LODGE.

Closing Hymn.

Have we marked well, Great Overseer,
A work to last beyond all time;
Each his allotted task fulfilled?
The glory and the praise be thine.

In this degree we find the truth,
On earth below, in heaven above;
The corner stone of every work
Should be unselfish, lasting love.

Still will we work, and working, pray
And trust that in a better land
Our mystic keystone may be raised,
And fitted by Thy Master-hand.



Founders.

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