

Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master:

The W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, *P.G.D.*

CONSECRATION OF THE
PRIORY LODGE, No. 5545

AT THE

Masonic Hall, Wellington Road, Dudley

ON

Saturday, August 31st 1935, at 3.15 p.m.

BY

The R. W. Bro. Gen. Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, *K.C.B.*, *K.C.M.G.*, *K.C.V.O.*, *D.L.*, *P.G.D.*,
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Bro. W. E. HARPER, <i>252</i>	J.W. „

In consequence of the lamented death of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, it is ordered by the
M.W. The Grand Master that Masonic Mourning be worn.

Order of Procedure.

- 1 The Brethren assemble in the Temple.
- 2 The Consecrating Officer, having entered in procession with the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

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 blest 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 token sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine,
So mote it be.

- 4 The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
- 5 The Consecrating Officer calls upon the Chaplain to give the

Introductory Prayer.

- 6 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 7 The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting.
- 8 The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
- 9 The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
- 10 The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order.
- 11 The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
- 12 The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
- 13 The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

14 **An Oration.**

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

15 **Emblem.**

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 forevermore—So mote it be.

16 **Dedication Prayer. (First Portion).**

- 17 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 18 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
- 19 The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

The Invocation.

- 20 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 21 The Chaplain reads II. Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.
- 22 The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

The Consecration.

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

- 23 The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.
- 24 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.

25 The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the Symbol of Plenty.

26 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

27 The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x., verse 39.

28 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.

29 The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

30 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

31 The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

32 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.

33 The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—the Symbol of Peace and Unity.

34 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

35 The Brethren are arranged round the Lodge Board, facing outwards.

36 The Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chap. ii., verse 13.

37 The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our work this sign we show,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Keep this our temple from decay.

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

39 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

40 **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.**

41 The Brethren resume their seats.

42 **Anthem.**

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh rejoice in the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy House; they shall always be praising Thee. Halleluiah.

43 The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

44 **Dedication Prayer.** (*Second Portion*).

45 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

46 The Brethren stand in the West, all facing East.

47 **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.**

48 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

49 **Patriarchal Benediction.**

50 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

Lodge Business.

The Installation of the Master Designate by the W. Bro. 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 Representatives on the Provincial Charity Organization and Library and Museum Committees.
- 5 To elect two Representatives to serve on the Board of Dudley Masonic Hall Ltd.
- 6 To elect the Tyler.
- 7 The Wor. Master will appoint and invest the other Officers, and invest the Tyler.
- 8 To adopt the By-Laws of the Lodge.
- 9 To receive Propositions.
- 10 To collect Alms.
- 11 The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will retire.
- 12 To close the Lodge.

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