

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

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRO. CHARLIE D. EATON,
Provincial Grand Master.

THE VERY WORSHIPFUL BRO. HARRY V. STANTON, P.G.Ov.,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

CONSECRATION

OF THE

**ST. LAURENCE LODGE
OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS**

Attached to the St. Laurence Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 893.

AT THE

MASONIC HALL, NORTHFIELD

ON

Monday, September 9th. 1935, 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., Dep. Prov. G.M.,
and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Order of Procedure

- 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."

- 16 The Brethren will turn towards the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives

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 blessings 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 outward 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 alone,
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."

39 **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge**

40 MUSICAL RESPONSE—"Glory be to God on high."

41 The Petitioners resume their seats.

42 ANTHEM—A. & M. No. 431—

Disposer Supreme, and judge of the earth,
Who chooseth for Thine the weak and the poor;
To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth
Entrusting Thy riches which aye shall endure.

Like clouds are they borne to do Thy great will,
And swift as the winds about the world go;
The word with Thy wisdom their spirits doth fill.
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 call'd us from darkness Thy glory to see.

43 The Petitioners are assembled round the Lodge Board, facing outwards.

44 The Chaplain carries the Censer three times round the Lodge.

45 The Petitioners resume their seats.

46 DEDICATION PRAYER—Second Portion.

47 CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

48 The Petitioners are arranged in the West facing East.

49 **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge**

50 CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

51 The Chaplain gives the Patriarchal Benediction.

52 CHANT (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Lodge Business

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE W.C.N. DESIGNATE

Wor. Bro. A. E. MILLWARD, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.W. East Lanc., P.C.N. etc.

- 1 The Director of Ceremonies presents the W.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

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 keys may be raised
And fitted by Thy Master-hand.

Founders and Officers Designate

W.C.N.	...	...	CHARLIE D. EATON, Prov.G.M., P.C.N. 115, 408, 667.
I.P.C.N.	...	...	A. E. MILLWARD, P.C.N. Mount Horeb, No. T.I. & 667.
S.W. (J)	...	...	ALFRED ALLEN, P.C.N., 408 & 667.
S.W. (S)	...	...	A. S. ALLEN, 408.
Chaplain	...	...	J. TURNER, 318.
Treasurer	...	...	Rev. R. A. HAYSOM, 330.
Scribe	...	...	DANIEL OAKLEY, P.G.D., P.C.N. 330 & 667
D.C.	...	...	W. SHELLY, 408.
S.D.	...	...	J. PLANT, 698.
J.L.	...	...	H. A. YOWARD, 115.
A.D.C.	...	...	R. McKENZIE, 330.
Organist	...	...	P. E. GROAT, 115.
Guardian	...	...	G. A. RUSSELL, 330.
S.	...	...	J. McKENZIE, 330.
S.	...	...	A. B. DAVIS, 330.
S.	...	...	B. T. DAVIS, 330.
S.	...	...	W. D. SPRAGGON, 330.
S.	...	...	N. R. HARTLEY, 330.
Warder	...	...	S. PRICE.