

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

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THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER MATTHEW H. CLARKE,  
Provincial Grand Master.

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master.



**Consecration of  
THE SILHILL LODGE,  
OF  
Mark Master Masons, No. 972.**

AT THE  
MASONIC HALL, SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM,

ON  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1938, at 5 p.m.,

BY  
**THE R. W. BRO. MATTHEW H. CLARKE,**  
Provincial Grand Master,

ASSISTED BY

V. W. Bro. JAMES LUCKING, P.G.Ov., D.P.G.M.

V. Bro. A. DAWES, Prov.S.G.W. ... ..	... as S.W.
W. Bro. J. HEATHCOTE MEAKIN, A.G.D.C., J.G.W. ... ..	... as J.W.
W. Bro. The Rev. CANON C. A. H. RUSSELL, P.P.G.Chap. ... ..	as Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. W. ROE, P.G.O., P.P.G.W., Prov.G.Sec. ... ..	as Secretary.
W. Bro. P. H. JACKSON, Prov.G.D.C. ... ..	as D. of C.
W. Bro. L. BURNETT, Prov.A.G.D.C. ... ..	as A.D.C.
Bro. C. HOLLOS, Prov.G.Org. ... ..	as Organist.
W. Bro. C. A. HALL, Prov. G.I.G. ... ..	... as I.G.



# Order of Proceedings.

- 1 The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
- 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.**

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,
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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.

- 4 The Lodge is opened in the Degree of Mark Master Masons.
- 5 The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

6 **Opening Prayer.**

7 *Response*—"So mote it be."

- 8 The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
- 9 The Consecrating Officer replies and gives direction.
- 10 The Petitioners of the New Lodge are arranged in order by the Director of Ceremonies.
- 11 The Warrant is read by the Secretary.
- 12 The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
- 13 The Petitioners signify their approval in Masonic Form and resume their seats.

14 **San Oration**

on the Nature and Principles of the Institution is then given by the Chaplain.

15 **Anthem.**

Mark Masters, all appear  
Before the Chief Overseer,  
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.

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

17 *Response*—"So mote it be."

18 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.

- 19 The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the the Consecrating Officer pronounces

**The Invocation.**

20 *Response*—"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 Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each Perambulation.

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

24 The Brethren will 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 emblem of Plenty and Abundance.

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

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

28 Before the Second Circuit the Brethren sing—

Where 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 out Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.

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

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

32 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.

33 The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Oil—the emblem of Peace and Harmony

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

35 The Petitioners are arranged round the Lodge Board facing outwards, where they remain until after the Dedication.

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

37 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.

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

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

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

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

42 **Anthem.**

Now to the westward move,  
Where, full of strength and love,  
Hiram doth stand  
But if impostors are  
Mixed with the worthy there  
Caution them 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.

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

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

45 *Response*—“So mote it be.”

46 The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Brethren in the West, the Master and Wardens Designate in the Centre, all facing east.

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

48 *Response*—“So mote it be.”

49 **Patriarchal Benediction.**

50 *Response*—“So mote it be.”

## Lodge Business.

1. The Prov. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies presents the Master Designate, W. Bro. P. H. Jackson, Prov.G.D.C., to the R. W. Prov. G. Master for Installation.

### INSTALLATION OF THE MASTER DESIGNATE.

2. Election of Treasurer.
3. Election of Tyler.
4. Appointment and Investiture of Officers.
5. To approve By-Laws.
6. To receive Propositions.
7. Any other business.
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, play;  
And trust that in a better land  
Our mystic keystone may be raised,  
And fitted by Thy Master-hand.

### Stunders.

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W. Bro. G. PARTON, P.P.G.D.(Staffs & Shrops.)  
W. Bro. S. D. TOON, Prov.A.G.D.C.(Worcs.)  
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