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CONSECRATION

OF THE

CHAPTER OF STABILITY,

No. 564

AT THE

TALBOT HOTEL, STOURBRIDGE,

ON

MONDAY, 5th JUNE, 1939, at 5.15 for 5.30 p.m.

BY

Most Excellent Companion S. S. SOMERS, P.G.Treas.,
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ASSISTED BY

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PRINCIPALS DESIGNATE :

Ex. Comp. ALBERT GROVE, P.Z. 573, P.P.G.Reg.	Z.
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ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

1. The Companions assemble in the Chapter Room at 5.30 p.m.
2. The Consecrating Principals having entered the Chapter Room, with the Grand Officers, open the Chapter.

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 blessed 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 mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

So mote it be.

4. The Consecrating Principal addresses the Companions on the motive of the Meeting, and calls on the Principal J. to offer Prayer.

5. **Opening Prayer.**

6. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

7. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Principals.

8. The Consecrating Principal replies and gives directions.

9. The Companions of the New Chapter are arranged in order in the West.

10. The Scribe E. reads the Charter.

11. The Consecrating Principal inquires of the Companions of the New Chapter if they approve of the Officers who are named in the Charter to preside over them.

12. The Companions signify their approval in Masonic form and resume their seats.

13. The Principal J. delivers an **Oration.**

14. **ANTHEM.**

Behold how good and joyful it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity,
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard,
even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments.
As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of
Sion : for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

15. **The Dedication Prayer** (first portion).

16. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

17. Companions turn to the East whilst the Consecrating Principal delivers

The Invocation.

18. CHANT. *Omnes*—" *So mote it be.*"

19. The Scribe N. reads Ezra, ch. iii., vs. 8 to 13.

20. The Consecrating Principal directs that the board be uncovered and the candles lighted.

The Consecration,

during which the elements of consecration are carried round the Chapter.

21. The Scribe N. reads Psalm lxxii., v. 16.

22. Before the first circuit the Companions sing :—

When once of old, in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,
In showers of corn, and wine, and oil.

23. The Consecrating Principal scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty.

24. Musical Response—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

25. The Scribe N. reads Nehemiah x., v. 39.

26. Before the second circuit the Companions 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.

27. The Consecrating Principal pours out Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

28. Musical Response—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

29. The Scribe N. reads Exodus xxx., vs. 25 and 26.

30. Before the third circuit the Companions 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.

31. The Consecrating Principal sprinkles Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

32. Musical Response—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

33. The Petitioners are arranged around the Altar. Principals designate facing **East**.

34. The Scribe N. reads Leviticus ii., v. 13.

35. Before the fourth circuit the Companions sing :—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservation power ;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray
Keep this Thy Temple from decay.

36. The Consecrating Principal sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Hospitality, Friendship and Fidelity.

37. Musical Response—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”

38. The Consecrating Principal

Dedicates the Chapter.

39. ANTHEM.

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

40. The Principal J. takes the Censer round the Chapter.

41. **The Dedication Prayer** (second portion).

42. CHANT. *Omnes*—“ *So mote it be.*”

43. The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Petitioners in the **West**.

44. The Consecrating Principal

Constitutes the Chapter.

45. CHANT. *Omnes*—“ *So mote it be.*”

46. **Patriarchal Benediction.**

47. CHANT. *Omnes*—“ *So mote it be.*”

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

CHAPTER BUSINESS.

1. To invest the Principals Designate.
2. To elect the Treasurer.
3. To elect the Janitor.
4. To invest the Officers.
5. To adopt the By-Laws of the Chapter.
6. To receive propositions.
7. To collect Alms.
8. To close the Chapter.

CLOSING HYMN.

Now the evening shadows closing,
Worn from toil to peaceful rest,
Mystic arts and rites reposing
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of light, whose love unceasing,
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our Order with Thy blessing,
Build, sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before Thee
Grateful for Thy aid divine,
Everlasting power and glory
Mighty Architect be Thine.
So mote it be.

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