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# Provincial Grand Chapter of Worcestershire

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## Consecration

OF THE

# ST. EDBURGH CHAPTER

No. 4421

AT THE

MASONIC HALL, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, 9

ON

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1944, at 2-15 p.m.

BY

Most Excellent Companion S. S. SOMERS

Grand Superintendent.

ASSISTED BY

- M. Comp. W. HARVEY GIBBS, P.A.G.Soj., Second Prov.G.Prin. as H.
- E. Comp. PERCY H. BUCKLER, Third Prov.G.Prin. as J.
- E. Comp. H. V. STANTON, P.A.G.Soj., Prov.G.S.E. as S.E.
- E. Comp. BEN MARSH, Prov. G. Scribe N. as S.N.
- E. Comp. W. L. O. SOMERS, Prov. G.D.C. as D.C.
- E. Comp. C. S. FOTHERGILL, Prov. Asst.G.D.C. as A.D.C.

Comp. C. A. WILSON, Prov.G.Organist, will direct the Musical Arrangements.

- E. Comp. T. L. ELLIOTT, P.Z. 3185, P.P.G.Soj. Z. Designate.
- E. Comp. G. BARTON. P.H. 3845. H. Designate.
- E. Comp. O. L. BRAMLEY, P.Z. 1431, 3185, P.P.G.Soj. J. Designate.

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# ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The Companions assemble in the Chapter Room.

The Grand Superintendent, Provincial Principals having entered the Chapter Room, with the Grand Chapter Officers, and Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter, open the Chapter.

## 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.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Companions on the motive of the Meeting, and calls on the Third Prov. G. Principal to give the

## Opening Prayer

Response—" *So mote it be.*"

The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.

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

The Prov. G. Scribe E. reads the Charter.

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

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

The Third Prov. G. Principal delivers an **Oration.**

## 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  
Zion ; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.—" *So mote it be.*"

## The Dedication Prayer (first portion).

Response—" *So mote it be.*"

Companions turn to the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

## The Invocation

Response—" *So mote it be.*"

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

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

## The Consecration

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

The Prov. G. Scribe N. reads Psalm lxxii., v. 16.

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.

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

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

The Prov. G. Scribe N. reads Nehemiah x., v. 39.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

The Prov. G. Scribe N. reads Leviticus ii., v. 3.

Before the fourth circuit the Companions sing :—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy conservant power,  
And mark Thy Presence, Lord, we pray  
Keep this Thy Temple from decay.

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

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

The Consecrating Officer

### **Dedicates the Chapter**

#### **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 !

The Third Prov. G. Principal takes the Censer round the Chapter.

### **The Dedication Prayer (second portion)**

Response—“*So mote it be.*”

The Director of Ceremonies arranges the Petitioners in the West.

The Consecrating Officer

### **Constitutes the Chapter**

Response—“*So mote it be.*”

### **Patriarchal Benediction**

Response—“*So mote it be.*”

**NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

### INSTALLATION OF THE PRINCIPALS DESIGNATE.

- The Consecrating Officer will enquire of the Prov. Grand D. of C. if he has examined the Principals Designate.
- The Prov. Grand D. of C. replies and presents the Principals Designate who will then be installed.
- The Treasurer will be elected.
- The Janitor will be elected.
- The following resolution will be moved " that the Three Principals be empowered to appoint the Officers of the Chapter with the exception of the Treasurer and the Janitor, and that this Resolution continue until rescinded in open Chapter."
- The Officers will be appointed and, with the Treasurer and Janitor, invested.
- The By-Laws of the Chapter will be adopted.
- Propositions will be received.
- Alms will be collected.
- The Grand Superintendent, Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter Officers will retire.
- The Chapter will be closed.

### FOUNDERS

- E. Comp. H. H. HOLLAND, P.Z. 482, 3185, P.P.G.J.  
E. Comp. T. L. ELLIOTT, P.Z. 3185, P.P.G.Soj.  
E. Comp. O. L. BRAMLEY, P.Z. 1431, 3185, P.P.G.Soj.  
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Comp. W. B. HAYES, 3185.  
Comp. F. J. PALMER, 3185.  
Comp. S. MORRIS, 3185.  
Comp. J. G. BEDWORTH, 3185.  
Comp. E. A. GREEN, 3185.
- Comp. B. H. GALE, 1431.  
Comp. G. BAILLIE, 3185.  
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### Consecration of the St. Edburgha Chapter, No. 4621

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10, St. Catherine's Hill,  
Worcester.  
1st November, 1944.

Dear Sir and Companion,

I am desired by the M.E. Grand Superintendent to inform you that the Consecration of the ST. EDBURGH CHAPTER, No. 4621, will take place at the MASONIC HALL, STECHFORD, on SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1944, at 2-15 p.m., when the attendance of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the Present and Past Principals, and the members of the several Chapters within the Province is invited.

Light Refreshments will be provided before the Ceremony from 1 p.m. Tickets 5/- each (including wines). Application should be made to E. Comp. F. E. Wilkins, 66, Lyttelton Road, Stechford, Birmingham, 9, not later than 14th November. Tea will be served after the Ceremony.

Yours fraternally,

H. V. STANTON, P.A.G.Soj.,  
Provincial G.S.E.

DARK MORNING DRESS.

Craft and Royal Arch Jewels.

Trams leave New Street Station 12.35 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. for Stechford.  
No. 84 or 90 Tram from Martineau Street (5 mins. walk).  
Outer Circle (No. 11) Bus passes Hall.

#### ADMISSION SLIP

TO BE GIVEN UP ON ENTERING CHAPTER ROOM.

ADMIT Comp ..... Chapter No. ....

Chapter Rank .....

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