

Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons



LODGE OF
ST. JOHN IN BEDWARDINE,
No. 7458

Consecration Ceremony

at

The Masonic Hall, Worcester

Friday, 21st September, 1956

Consecration
of the
Lodge of
St. John in Bedwardine

No. 7458

by

The Right Worshipful Brother
Edward L. Bunting, M.B.

Provincial Grand Master

assisted by

The W. Bro. H. E. Clive, O.B.E., P.G.D.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

and

The W. Bro. A. W. Smallwood, P.A.G.St.B.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

and

Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

at

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Worshipful Master Designate:

W. Bro. P. B. Mayne, P.P.G.W.

P.M. 4565.

Provincial Grand Officers

assisting in

The Consecration Ceremony

W. Bro. JOHN H. LEWIS, O.B.E.	-	Prov. S.G.W. as S.W.
W. Bro. S. W. BLOXIDGE	- -	Prov. J.G.V. as J.W.
W. Bro. REV. E. C. MOIR	- -	Prov. G. Chap. as Chaplain.
W. Bro. LT.-COL. E. J. R. MITCHELL, O.B.E., E.D., P.A.G.D.C.	-	Prov. G. Sec. as Secretary
W. Bro. H. GORDON MICHIE	-	Prov. G.D.C. as D. of C.
W. Bro. C. HIGHWAY	-	Prov. D.G.D.C. as A.D.C.
W. Bro. W. KENT	- -	Prov. S.G.D. as S.D.
W. Bro. E. V. BACON	- -	Prov. J.G.D. as J.D.
W. Bro. G. E. COOPER, A.R.C.M.	-	P.P.G.Org. as Organist for Consecration.
W. Bro. T. R. C. PROTHORPE	-	Prov. G. Org. Des. as Organist for Installation.
W. Bro. A. P. M. BRADLEY	-	Prov. A. G. Purs. as I.G.
Bro. E. G. DAVIES	- - -	P. Prov. G. Tyler as Tyler.

MUSIC

(Under the direction of W. Bro. G. E. COOPER, A.R.C.M.)

by

W. Bro. R. G. ST. GEORGE, P.P.G.W.

W. Bro. B. J. W. CHAMBERS

Bro. B. C. FRIAR

Bro. H. MOUNTFORD

Bro. G. SIMPSON

Order of Procedure

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room
2. The Presiding Officer, accompanied by the Consecrating Officers, enters in procession, takes the Chair, and appoints his Officers
3. A Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons is opened in the Three Degrees
4. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, enters in procession and takes the Chair

Opening Hymn

Hail Eternal by whose aid May our work begun in Thee,
All created things were made; Ever blest with order be;
Heaven and earth Thy vast design; And may we when labours cease
Hear us, Architect Divine. Part in harmony and peace.

By Thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the bridge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine. *So mote it be.*

5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the
6. **Opening Prayer.**
7. CHANT (*Omnis*): "So mote it be"
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.

Anthem

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 for evermore.—

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 Unanimity.

34. MUSICAL RESPONSE.—Glory be to God on High

35. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13

36. The Brethren sing—

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

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

38. MUSICAL RESPONSE.—Glory be to God on High

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

40. **Anthem**

O 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!

41. The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge

42. **Dedication Prayer** (SECOND PORTION)

43. CHANT (*Omnes*) : “ So mote it be ”

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

45. CHANT (*Omnes*) : “ So mote it be ”

46. ANTHEM: 150th Psalm

47. **Patriarchal Benediction**

48. CHANT (*Omnes*) : “ So mote it be ”

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Lodge Business

The Installation of the Worshipful Master Designate, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Investiture of Wardens Designate.

To elect the Treasurer.

To elect the Tyler.

The W.M. will appoint and invest the Officers and invest the Treasurer and Tyler.

To elect Representatives on the Provincial Charity Organisation and Library and Museum Committees.

To present Founders' Jewels.

To adopt By-Laws of the Lodge.

To receive Propositions.

To collect Alms.

The Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master and his Officers will retire.

To close the Lodge.

Founders and First Officers

W.M.	W. Bro. P. B. MAYNE, P.P.G.W.
I.P.M.	W. Bro. R. F. JENKINSON
S.W.	W. Bro. R. W. THOMASON, P.P.G.D.
J.W.	Bro. F. A. NORMAN
Chaplain	W. Bro. H. F. WILKINS, P.P.G.W.
Treasurer	Bro. A. L. JONES
Secretary	Bro. K. F. THOMPSON
D.C.	W. Bro. M. P. MARTIN
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Steward	Bro. H. S. COVERDALE
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Steward	Bro. C. H. CHARLES
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