



CEREMONY OF

**Consecration**

AND

**Constitution**

OF THE

**OLD MASONIANS**

**MIDLAND LODGE**

No. 6762

THE MASONIC HALL,  
WRETHAM ROAD,  
HANDSWORTH,  
BIRMINGHAM.

FRIDAY,  
28th JANUARY, 1949  
AT 12 NOON

*Consecrating Officer :*

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,  
R. W. Bro. The Right Honourable  
THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH, G.C.V.O., T.D., D.L., P.G.W.

assisted by

Th Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master,  
W. Bro. Col. W. J. KENT, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., P.G. Swd. B.

and

The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master,  
W. Bro. R. B. HUMMERY, P.G.D.

and the following Grand Lodge and  
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers :

W. Bro. S. W. MASLEN-JONES, Prov. S.G.W.	as S.W.
W. Bro. R. WHITMORE, Prov. J.G.W.	as J.W.
V.W. Bro. Rev. Pres. A. T. S. TALBOT, P.G. Chap.	as Chaplain
W. Bro. H. E. MITCHELL, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.	as Secretary
V. Bro. Maj. H. WILSON-KEYS, A.G.Swd.Br., Prov. G.D.C.	as D. of C.
W. Bro. R. H. H. JOLLY, Prov. S.G.D.	as S.D.
W. Bro. A. E. SHINTON, Prov. J.G.D.	as J.D.
W. Bro. Col. J. R. PIGGOTT, Prov. G. Swd. Br.	as Swd. B.
W. Bro. J. J. JASPER, Prov. D.G.D.C.	as Asst. D. of C.
W. Bro. J. P. SAVAGE, Prov. G. Std. Br.	as Std. B.
W. Bro. H. K. PRIESTLEY, P.P.G.D.	as Std. B.
W. Bro. F. J. HARRISON, Prov. G. Org.	as Organist
W. Bro. A. L. N. HALL, P.P.A.G.P.	as I.G.
Bro. Sergt. T. W. BENNETT, Prov. G. Tyler	as Tyler

# ORDER OF PROCEDURE

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by Provincial Officers, enters in procession, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

## 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 blest 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. A Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
5. The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master, Consecrating Officer, accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, enters in procession and takes the Chair, and appoints the Officers to assist in the Consecration Ceremony.
6. **Opening Prayer**
7. Chant (*Omnes*) " So mote it be."'
8. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting.
9. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
10. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives Directions.
11. The Brethren of the new Lodge are ranged round the Lodge Board.
12. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
13. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
14. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.
15. **An Oration by the Chaplain**

on the Nature and Principles of the Institution

16. Anthem— " BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND JOYFUL "

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.

17. The Chaplain gives the first portion of the **Dedication Prayer**.  
18. Chant (*Omnes*) : " So mote it be."  
19. *Musical Response* :—" GLORY BE TO THEE O GOD."  
20. The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

**The Invocation**

21. Chant (*Omnes*) : " So mote it be."  
22. The Chaplain reads II. Chron., chap. ii, verses 11—16.  
23. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

**The Consecration**

24. *Before the first circuit* the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16.  
25. The Brethren sing :  
When, of old in Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovah's blessings on them fell  
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.  
26. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty and Abundance.  
27. *Musical Response* :—" GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."  
28. *Before the second circuit* the Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x, verse 39  
29. 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.  
30. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.  
31. *Musical Response* :—" GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

32. Before the third circuit the Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.

33. 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.

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

35. Musical Response :—“GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.”

36. The Brethren of the new Lodge are ranged round the Lodge Board.

37. Before the fourth circuit the Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.

38. 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.

39. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

40. Musical Response :—“GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.”

41. The Consecrating Officer dedicates the Lodge

42. Anthem :—“O HOW AMIABLE ARE THY DWELLINGS.”

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.

43. The Censer is handed to the Chaplain who perambulates the Lodge.

44. The Chaplain gives the second portion of the **Dedication Prayer**.

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

46. Anthem :—“GOD IS A SPIRIT.”

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

47. The Founders are assembled in the West.

48. The Consecrating Officer constitutes the Lodge

49. Chant (*Omnes*) :—“So mote it be.”

50. Patriarchal Benediction

51. Chant (*Omnes*) :—“So mote it be.”

National Anthem

INSTALLATION OF THE MASTER DESIGNATE

by

W. Bro. Col. W. J. KENT, C.B.E., P.G. Swd. Br.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

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LODGE BUSINESS

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To invest the Senior and Junior Wardens Designate.

To elect the Treasurer and Tyler.

The Worshipful Master to appoint and invest the Officers.

To adopt the By-laws of the Lodge.

To receive Propositions for Initiates, Joining Members and  
Honorary Members.

To collect the Charity Offertory.

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The Rev. W. or. Provincial Grand Master, Grand Lodge  
Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers will  
retire

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To close the Lodge.

MASTER

V.W. Bro. EDGAR J. RUTTER, O.S.M., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. S. Wales (E.Div.)

I.P.M.

W. Bro. A. L. VAUGON, P.M.2700

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OFFICERS

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S.W. .... Bro. C. R. JORDAN  
J.W. .... Bro. W. P. SMART, M.C.  
Chaplain .... W. Bro. Canon B. H. GREEN, P.P.G. Chap. (Worcs.)  
Treasurer .... W. Bro. J. F. PARKER, W.M.4495  
Secretary .... Bro. G. E. TAYLOR  
D.C. .... W. Bro. S. W. HUGHES, P.G. Std. B. L.G.R.  
S.D. .... Bro. R. S. CAMPBELL-WHITE  
J.D. .... Bro. L. T. LAMSDALE  
Almoner .... W. Bro. C. H. NUNN, P.M.5050  
I.G. .... Bro. G. H. WATSON, M.C.  
Steward .... Bro. C. BURROWS  
Tyler .... Bro. S. PRICE

# FOUNDERS

- V. W. Bro. EDGAR J. RUTTER, O.S.M., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. S.Wales  
(E. Div.), P.P.G.W. (Middsx.), P.P.G.W. (Worcs.), Chairman,  
Board of Management, R.M.I.B.
- R. W. Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, P.G.W., Senior Trustee,  
R.M.I.B.
- W. Bro. R. S. CHANDLER, P.G.D., L.G.R., P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. Lt. Col. H. J. JONES, D.L., P.A.G.D.C., Secretary, R.M.I.B.
- W. Bro. S. W. HUGHES, P.G., Std. B., L.G.R., P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. H. LEWIS, L.G.R., P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. E. A. EVANS, L.G.R., P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. Canon B. H. GREEN, A.K.C., P.P.G.Chap. (Worcs.).
- W. Bro. H. B. GOUGH, P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. E. J. HUGHES, P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. C. H. NUNN.
- W. Bro. A. L. VAJCON, B.Sc., P.M.2700.
- W. Bro. J. F. PARKER.
- W. Bro. B. FIELD, W.M.2700.
- Bro. H. FULD.
- Bro. W. P. SMART, M.C.
- Bro. P. S. CAMPBELL-WHITE, B.D.
- Bro. V. K. NUTTING.
- Bro. G. R. LLOYD JONES.
- Bro. G. L. SMITH.
- Bro. C. R. JORDAN.
- Bro. C. BURROWS.
- Bro. G. E. TAYLOR.
- Bro. L. T. LAMSDALE.
- Bro. G. H. WATSON, M.C.



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COURSES WILL BE SERVED AS AVAILABLE

## TOASTS

1. The King and Craft.

Proposed by the Worshipful Master.

2. The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

Proposed by the Worshipful Master.

3. The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, The Right Hon. The Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., The Right Worshipful the Assistant Grand Master, Sir-General W. H. V. Darrell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

Proposed by Bro. W. P. Smart, J.W., Designate.

4. The Consecrating Officer.

Proposed by Bro. C. R. Jordan, S.W., Designate.

Response by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, The Right Hon. The Earl of Dartmouth, G.C.V.O., T.D., D.L., Past Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Master.

5. The Old Masonians Midland Lodge, No. 6762.

Proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

W. Bro. Col. W. J. Kent, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., P.G.Swd.B.

Response by the Worshipful Master.

6. The Visitors.

Proposed by Bro. G. E. Taylor, Secretary, Designate.

7. The Tyler's Toast.

## OLD MASONIANS MIDLAND LODGE

No. 6762

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Each new Lodge has its individual characteristics, but the Lodge being consecrated today has a special significance for every Mason. It has been formed by Old Boys of the Royal Masonic School in response to a demand from those who enjoyed its patronage, to join that Brotherhood, the beneficence of which they are so well aware.

There is an Old Masonians Lodge No. 2700 which meets in London. It has over 200 members, including many of Grand, London and Provincial Rank. Old Boys with a total of £3,850 headed the lists at the recent Festival. In view of the large number of local Old Masonians anxious to join the craft, it was felt we should have our own Lodge, the first we hope of others in the Provinces. Its formation would mark the 50th Anniversary of No. 2700 and the 150th Anniversary of the School.

The School, like most great undertakings, started from very small beginnings. In 1798 Bro. Burwood and others founded an institution which maintained, clothed and educated six sons of Masons near their homes. Boys in increasing numbers were out-educated until 1857 when a School was opened at Wood Green, London. At the Centenary Festival in 1898 sufficient funds were collected to enable the present School at Bushey to be built. In 1903 the Boys entered into possession of their magnificent new home. In 1928 a Junior School was opened with accommodation for 400. To date 8,917 Boys have received the Benefits of the Institution.

Erected in spacious grounds of 90 acres, the Senior School buildings, dominated by a majestic clock tower, make an impressive spectacle. Lack of space precludes a detailed

description, but mention must be made of the beautiful chapel which was presented by our greatest benefactor W. Bro. Charles E. Keyser, First W.M. of the Old Masonians Lodge and Chairman of the Board, the appointment, by a happy coincidence is now held by our Master, V.W. Bro. Rutter, 50 years later. Suffice it to say every amenity necessary for the work of a great Public School is provided from the vast Assembly Hall to the Tuck Shop. The Staff, under the Headmaster, Bro. N. T. Sinclair, M.A., whose human attitude has made him so popular with Boys young and "old", includes more than 20 University Graduates and experts in the Arts, ranging from Music and Drama, to Cricket and Boxing.

Old Boys are spread over the face of the globe in a great variety of occupations. Ninety-three have graduated at Oxford or Cambridge, and 127 at other Universities. Just a few recent achievements:—President of the Institute of Petroleum; Cambridge Hockey Blue; Vice-President of the National Broadcasting Corporation of U.S.A.; Art Editor of the Strand Magazine; Two Headmasters; A crack member of England's Rugby League team; The author of a "Book of the Month".

In World War II, 1,448 joined the combatant services and Merchant Navy, as against 663 in the first war. It is illuminating to note that advancing years produced an increase in the percentage of Officers from 29% to 38%. We honour and remember 236 boys who made the supreme sacrifice. 163 honours were awarded during the last war.

What of the future? We quote from a speech made by V.W. Bro. Rutter:—"It was intended to keep abreast of the times by extending the benefits of education at the School to a wider circle of sons of Masons, and aim at making it the best possible School in the country and to maintain it as such. It would be our School, our money and for our boys, with the view to giving them guidance in our way of life:—truth, honour, justice and uprightness of character."

Consecration of the  
Old Masonians Midland Lodge.

No. 6762.

Province of Staffordshire

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Friday 28th January, 1949.

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89, Perera Road,  
Harborne,  
Birmingham, 17.  
4th January, 1949.

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are invited to attend the Consecration of the Old Masonians Midland Lodge No. 6762 which will take place at the Masonic Hall, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham on Friday, 28th January, 1949 at 12 noon prompt.

The Ceremony will be performed by the R.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Dartmouth, G.C.V.O., Provincial Grand Master, assisted by W.Bro. Col. W. J. Kent, C.B.E., P.G.Swd.Br., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. R. B. Munnery, P.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master with certain Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. E. TAYLOR,

Secretary (Designate)

Dark Morning Dress. Full Dress Masonic Clothing to be worn.  
Please return the enclosed card as early as possible.