

# Consecration

OF

TEWKESBURY ABBEY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS No. 1238

AT

The Masonic Hall, Tewkesbury

ON

Tuesday, October 27th, 1959, at 3 p.m.

BY

R.W. Bro. F. H. CREESE,  
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

*assisted by*

W. Bro. H. SANDEMAN ALLEN,  
*Deputy Provincial Grand Master*

AND

OFFICERS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

W. Bro. H. W. BAKER, P.P.G.W.

*Master Designate*

W. Bro. J. HUGHES, P.P.G.Ov.

*Senior Warden Designate*

Bro. R. H. NEEMS

*Junior Warden Designate*

# Order of Procedure

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer with his Assistant Officers enters the Lodge, appoints his Officers and opens a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

3. **Hymn**

Hail, Eternal, by whose aid All created things were made, Heaven and earth Thy vast design, Hear us, Overseer 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, Overseer Divine. So mote it be.
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4. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain to give the Prayer.

5. **The Opening Prayer**

6. Chant (Omnes) : "So mote it be."
7. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
8. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
9. The Petitioners for the New Lodge are then arranged in order.
10. The Consecrating Officer directs that the Warrant be read.
11. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
12. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

13. **An Oration**

by the V.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon W. T. WARDLE, GRAND CHAPLAIN,  
of the Nature and Principles of the Institution.

14. **Anthem**

Eternal Wisdom whose decree Made light to dawn and darkness flie, Illumine Thou our earthly sight Make us indeed the Sons of Light.	Eternal Strength, whose mighty hand, Hath framed the sky, the sea, the land, Without Thee vain were mortal skill ; Make strong our hearts to work Thy will.	Eternal Beauty, who has blessed The works Thy hands in order dressed. Make us Thy loveliness to know And bear Thy Image here below.  So mote it be.
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15. **Dedication Prayer (First Portion)**

16. Chant (Omnes) : "So mote it be."
17. The Brethren turn towards the East and the Consecrating Officer gives

## The Invocation

18. Chant (Omnes) : "So mote it be."
19. The Chaplain reads II Chronicles, chap. ii verses 1 to 16.
20. The Lodge Board is uncovered.
21. The Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East after each perambulation.

22. Before the First Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm chap. lxxii, v. 16.

23. 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.

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

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

26. Before the Second Circuit the Chaplain reads Nehemiah chap. x, v. 39.

27. 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.

28. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.

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

30. Before the Third Circuit the Chaplain reads Exodus chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.

31. 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.

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

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

34. Before the Fourth Circuit the Chaplain reads Leviticus chap. ii, v. 13.

35. 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.

36. The Consecrating Officer gives Salt—the emblem of Fidelity, Hospitality and Everlasting Friendship.

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

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

39. **Anthem**

Disposer Supreme and Judge of the earth,  
Who chooseth for Thine the weak and the poor :  
To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth,  
Entrusting Thy riches which eye shall endure.

All honour and praise, dominion and might  
Thou Great Overseer, we render to Thee :  
Who round us hath shed Thine own marvellous light  
And calls us from darkness Thy glory to see.  
So mote it be.

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

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

42. Chant (Omnes) : “So mote it be.”

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

44. Chant (Omnes) : “So mote it be.”

45. **Patriarchal Benediction**

46. Chant (Omnes) : “So mote it be.”

## Lodge Business

Installation of Master Designate and Investiture of Officers.

Election of Treasurer.

Election of Tyler.

Approval of the draft By-laws of the Lodge.

Election of the Consecrating Officers as Honorary Members of the Lodge.

Propositions for Advancement or Joining.

Any other Mark Masonic Business.

### Closing Hymn.

Now the evening shadows closing  
Warn 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 Thine aid Divine  
Everlasting power and glory,  
Mighty, Overseer! be Thine.  
So mote it be.

### Founders of the Lodge

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