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## Provincial Grand Chapter of Worcestershire

Excellent Companion The Rev. J. E. GROSVENOR, M.B.E., T.D.  
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent.

E. Comp. F. H. Griffiths, P.G.ST.B., Second Prov. G. Principal.  
E. Comp. G. H. Tomlin, P.A.G.D.C., Third Prov. G. Principal.

Consecration of the

# WIGORNIA CHAPTER, No. 4935

at the

MOSELEY MASONIC HALL, ALCESTER ROAD SOUTH, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, 14  
on MONDAY, 5th MAY, 1958, at 3 p.m.

by

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent  
The Reverend J. E. GROSVENOR

assisted by

E. Comp. F. H. GRIFFITHS, P.G.ST.B., 2nd Prov. G. Princ.	as H.
E. Comp. G. H. TOMLIN, P.A.G.D.C., 3rd Prov. G. Princ.	as J.
E. Comp. F. B. MAYNE, Prov. G.S.E.	as S.E.
E. Comp. A. WRIGHT, Prov. G.S.N.	as S.N.
E. Comp. J. BEER, Prov. G.D.C.	as D.C.
E. Comp. H. BAUGH, Prov. Dep. G.D.C.	as A.D.C.

E. Comp. G. A. GILLIES, P.P.G.soj., will direct the musical arrangements.

E. Comp. A. V. BOLLINS	Z Designate
E. Comp. R. G. St. GEORGE	H. Designate
E. Comp. A. R. BETTERIDGE	J. Designate

# ORDER OF PROCEDURE

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

## Opening Hymn

When our ancient brethren came  
Out of bondage, out of shame;  
When they raised their shrine anew,  
And from chaos, order grew,  
Thou, Creator, did'st decree  
This sublime, supreme degree.

True and Living God Most High,  
May we feel thy presence nigh;  
Casting earthly cares behind,  
True and genuine knowledge find,  
Bless the work we now begin,  
Guide this august Sanhedrin.

Come, Companions, let us sing  
Hail to thee, O Priest and King;  
Thou to Whom all praise be due,  
Great I AM, our hearts renew;  
So for us unfold this night  
Realms of Glory and of Light.

*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 Aaror'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 candles be 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. 13.

Before the fourth circuit the Companions sing:—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy conservant power,  
And may 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 desirable 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.*”

#### **THE 150TH PSALM**

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

### **Patriarchal Benediction**

Response—“*So mote it be.*”

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

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The Principals Designate will be installed.

The Treasurer will be elected.

The Janitor will be elected.

The following resolution will be moved "that in accordance with Rule 48 of R. Regulations the Principals be empowered to appoint the remaining Officers of the Chapter."

The Officers will be appointed and, with the Treasurer and Janitor, invested.

The By-Laws of the Chapter will be adopted.

Alms will be collected.

Propositions will be received and any other business transacted.

The Chapter will be closed.

### CLOSING HYMN

Our mystic toil is o'er,  
We turn to rest, from labour;  
Almighty, in Thy power,  
Bestow Thy gracious favour.  
We thank Thee, that Thou hast  
Eternal truths disclosed,  
Oh, may we hold them fast  
In faithful breasts reposed.

Our ensigns raised above,  
In peace and love united,  
With instant step we move  
Till Holy Zion's sighted.  
Support us on our way,  
Our failing strength restore,  
Till Darkness turns to Day,  
And Time shall be no more.

So mote it be.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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## FOUNDERS

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