



The Wyche Lodge, No. 3638.

Consecration Ceremony

Salter's Hall, Droitwich,

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1913.

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R. W. Bro. General Sir William Campbell, K.C.B.,

Provincial Grand Master.

Wor. Bro. J. M. Towers, P.M. 280, P.G. Supt. of Works,

*Worshipful Master Designate.*



# Consecration Ceremony.



1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers having entered in procession, takes the Chair and appoints his officers *pro tem*.
3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

## 4. 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.

5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give 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 Brethren of the new Lodge are then arranged in order.
10. The Director of Ceremonies reads the Petition and Warrant.
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

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.

## 14. Canticle.

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for 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.

Consecration Ceremony—continued.



15. **Dedication Prayer** (*First Portion*).

16. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

17. *Sanctus*.—Glory be to Thee, O God.

18. The Brethren turn towards the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives

**The Invocation.**

19. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

20. The Chaplain reads II. Chron., chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.

21. The Consecrating Officer directs Lodge Board to be uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation. (Solemn music during the procession).

22. Before the first circuit the Brethren sing—

When once of old, O Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought their toil,  
Jehovah's blessing on them fell  
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

23. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty.

24. *Musical Response*.—Glory be to God on High.

25. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, v. 16.

26. Before the second circuit 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.

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

28. *Musical Response*.—Glory be to God on High.

29. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x., verse 39.

30. Before the third circuit the Brethren sing—

And we have come fraternal band,  
With joy and pride, and prosperous spoil,  
To honour him by votive hands,  
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

Consecration Ceremony—continued.



31. The Consecrating Officer pours oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
32. *Musical Response.*—Glory be to God on High.
33. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
34. Before the fourth circuit 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.

35. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
36. *Musical Response.*—Glory be to God on High.
37. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.
38. **The Consecrating Officer dedicates the Lodge.**

39. **Canticle.**

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; these shall always be praising Thee. Hallelujah?

40. The Chaplain takes the Genser three times round the Lodge, and halts in the East. (Solemn music during his progress).
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. **Canticle.**

Glory to God on high,  
Let Heaven and Earth reply,  
Praise ye His Name.  
Masons His love adore,  
Arched in their mystic lore,  
And cry out evermore,  
Glory to God.

46. **Patriarchal Benediction.**

47. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

## Lodge Business.

To instal Wor. Bro. J. M. Towers as Worshipful Master.

To elect Treasurer.

To elect Tyler.

The Worshipful Master to appoint and invest his Officers.

To receive propositions of Candidates for Initiation, and for joining Brethren.

To Close the Lodge.





## Founders of the Lodge.



Wor. Bro. J. M. TOWERS, P.M. 280, P.P.G. Supt. Works.

Bro. Rev. E. H. BLACKWOOD PRICE, 3278, P.G. Chap.

Bro. D. J. POND, 280.

Bro. A. J. BEARCROFT, 280.

Bro. R. C. ROWE, 96.

Wor. Bro. C. H. COOK, P.M. 529.

Wor. Bro. W. J. HILL, W.M. 529.

Bro. T. WILLIS, 529.

Bro. H. FERRY (unattached).

Wor. Bro. S. W. CULLEY, 36.

Wor. Bro. G. W. HOBSON, 301.

Wor. Bro. A. T. HARRIS, 1330.

Bro. JOHN BRAZIER (unattached).

Bro. T. F. CULLEY, 529.





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