



**CONSECRATION**

**CEREMONY** 

OF THE

**Abbot Lichfield Lodge,**

No. 3308.

**THURSDAY.**  

**14th JANUARY, 1909.**



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ABBOT LICHFIELD LODGE,

No. 3308

**Consecration** .  
• **Ceremony,**

**INSTALLATION,**

AT TOWN HALL, EVESHAM, and

**BANQUET**

AT CROWN HOTEL,

THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1909.



CONSECRATING OFFICER:

The Very Worshipful Brother Sir Edward Letchworth,  
F.S.A., G. Sec.

W. Bro. Thomas Cox, P.M.,  
W.M. 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.
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## 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 be up 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 the 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 the 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 13.
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 Brethren sing—

When one of old in Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought with toil  
Jehova'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 72, verse 16.
26. Before the Second circuit 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. 10, 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. 30, verse 25 and 26.
34. Before the fourth circuit 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. 2, verse 15.

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

#### 39. Canticle.

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thy 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 Censer three times round the Lodge and halts in the East (So emit Music during his progress).

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

42. Chant (*omnes*) "So mote it be."

### 43. The N. W. Prov. Grand Master 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.

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To instal Wor. Bro. Thomas Cox as Worshipful Master.

To elect Treasurer and Tyler.

The Worshipful Master to appoint and invest his Officers.

To present Jewels to the Consecrating Officers.

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

To close the Lodge.

## Banquet Menu.

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### Soup.

Gravy. Hare.

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### Fish.

Boiled Turbot and Lobster Sauce  
Fillets of Sole.

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### Entree.

Curried Prawns.

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### Joints

Roast Sirlon Beef.  
Boiled and Roast Turkey.  
Roast Leg of Mutton.  
Venison.

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### Game.

Pheasants.

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### Sweets and Savoury.

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Cheese. Celery.

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### Dessert.

## Wine List.

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### Sherry.

Pale Dry ... .. 5/- Bottle. 2/6 Half Bottle.

### Hock.

Liebfraumilch, 1900 ... 5/- .. 3/- ..

### Champagnes.

Geo. Goulet, 1898 ... 13/- .. 7/- ..  
 Bollinger, 1900 ... 12/- .. ..  
 Giesler, 1st quality ... 10/- .. 5/6

### Burgundy.

Beaune ... .. 4/- ... 2/- ..

### Claret.

Chateau Lafite ... 6/- .. 3/- ..

### Port.

Cockburn's Tawny ... 5/- .. 2/6 ..  
 Old Vintage 7/6 .. 3/9 ..

### Liqueurs.

Benedictine, Chartreuse, Curaçao ... 6d. a Glass.

MINERAL WATERS ... 6d.

HAVANA CIGARS ... 6d.



## Toast List.



1. His Majesty the King, Protector of our Order.
2. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.C., Most Worshipful Grand Master.
3. The Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master (The Earl Amherst); the R.W. Deputy Grand Master (Rt. Hon. T. F. Halley); and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past.
4. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master (General Campbell, C.B.); The Deputy P.G. Master (Wor. Bro. W. T. Page); and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past.
5. The Consecrating Officers.
6. The W.M. of the Abbot Lichfield Lodge.
7. The Visiting Brethren.
8. The Officers of the Abbot Lichfield Lodge.
9. The Tyler's Toast.

## Consecrating Officers.



**The Very Worshipful Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G.S.**

Assisted by

R. Wor. Bro. Gen. CAMPBELL, C.B., Provincial Grand Master.

W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, P.A.C.D.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

W. Bro. E. BENNETT, P. Prov. G. Treas., Prov. S.G.W. as S.W.

W. Bro. R. FENWICK, Prov. J.G.W. - - - as J.W.

Bro. The Revd. E. LYTHGOE, Prov. G. Chap. as Chaplain.

W. Bro. E. COLLENS, P.G. Stan. Bearer, Prov. G. Sec.  
as Secretary.

W. Bro. R. PERCY SIMPSON, M.A., P. Dep. G.D. Cerms as D.C.

W. Bro. G. E. BOTTOMLEY, Past Prov. G.W. - as Organist.

W. Bro. T. A. BAYLISS, Past Prov. G.D. - as I.G.

## Founders of the Lodge.



- Wor. Bro. THOMAS COX, P.M., 301.  
,, ,, A. K. LINDSELL, P.M., 803, P.P.C.S.W. (Beds).  
,, ,, JULIUS SLADDEN, P.M., 1036, P.P.G.D.C. (Oxon).  
,, ,, E. H. WILTON, P.M., 1121, P.P.G., Reg. (Devon)  
,, ,, REV. J. M. WALKER, P.M., P.P.G.Chap. (Suffolk).  
Bro. JOHN T. WILLIAMS, No. 301.  
,, G. H. HUNT.  
,, A. L. KING, No. 280.