



Consecration

of the

Athlumney **L**odge of **R**oyal **A**rk
Mariners

Attached to the Athlumney Lodge of Mark Master
Masons, No. 590, on Thursday, September 12th,
1912, at 6-0 p.m., at the Talbot Hotel, Oldbury, by

Rt. Wcr. Brother Charles Fitzgerald Matier

Wast Grand Warden, Grand Secretary,

Assisted by

Several Grand Officers.

Rt. Hon. Lord Athlumney, Prov. G. M., W. C. H. Designate

Harry Richardson, Prov. G. Treas., S. J. Designate

S. O. Stephenson, Prov. Grand M. O., S. S. Designate

Edward Discor
Scribe [pro. tem.]

32, High Street,
Smetbwick.

Order of Proceedings.

Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge will be opened.

The Consecrating Officer takes the chair, and appoints his officers *pro. tem.*

Opening 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.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain for the Benefit of Prayer.

The D.C. addresses the Consecration Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.

The Brethren of the New Lodge are then arranged in order.

The Warrant is read by the D.C.

The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren of the Lodge if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.

The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

An Oration.

(by the CHAPLAIN) on the Nature and Principles of Royal Ark Masonry.

Dedication Prayer—First Portion.

Brethren—"So mote it be."

Brethren turn towards the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives the

Invocation.

"So mote it be."

The Chaplain reads Genesis, chap. vii., v. 11 to 14.

The Lodge Board is uncovered.

The Procession makes a Circuit of the Lodge, bearing Corn, Wine and Oil.

Before the first Circuit 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.

The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the emblem of Plenty.

Brethren—"Glory be to God on High."

The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

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.

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

Brethren—"Glory be to God on High."

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

Before the Third Circuit 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.

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Oil—the emblem of Unity.

Brethren—"Glory be to God on High."

The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.

Before the Fourth Circuit 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.

The Consecrating Officer strews Salt—the emblem of Friendship.

Brethren—"Glory be to God on High."

The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.

The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.

Brethren—"Glory be to God on High."

The Chaplain carries the Censer three times round the Lodge.

Dedication Prayer—Second Portion

Brethren—"So mote it be."

The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.

Brethren—"So mote it be."

Closing Hymn.

Now the evening shadow closing
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;
Mystic arts and rights proposing
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of Light, whose love unceasing
Death 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 Thy aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Overseer! be Thine.

Patriarchal Benediction.

Brethren—"So mote it be."

Enthronement of the W.C.M. Elect.

Election of Treasurer.

Appointment and Investiture of Officers.

Election of Warder.

Election of Committee to Frame By-Laws.

General Business.

Founders.

- Bro. Lord Athlumney, Prov. G. M.
- „ Harry Richardson
- „ S. O. Stephenson
- „ Edward Hiscox
- „ R. Owen Hughes
- „ J. W. Richardson
- „ A. G. Talow
- „ John Tallow
- „ A. D. Grestorey
- „ Percy Gibbs
- „ R. M. Hadley
- „ J. P. Clark
- „ J. W. Jordan
- „ H. D. Pitt
- „ H. J. Machin
- „ Rev. G. E. Lythgoe
- „ James Jones, Prov. G. Sec.