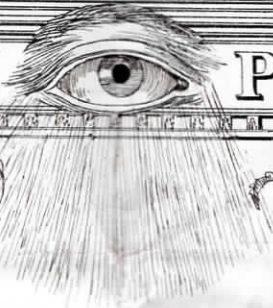


CONSECRATION



PROGRAMME.

CONSECRATION OF THE

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE

No. 1793,

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. BURDETT,

R.M. Prob. Grand Master, Middlesex.

ASSISTED BY

BRO. SIR CHARLES T. BRIGHT,

Deputy Prob. Grand Master, Middlesex.

AND

BRO. H. G. BUSS,

Assistant Grand Secretary.

AT THE

CLARENCE HOTEL, TEDDINGTON,

ON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1879,

AT 4.30 P.M. PUNCTUALLY.

Bro. J. HURST, P.M. 1512 - - - - W.M. Designate.

" R. W. FORGE, 1656 - - - - S.W. "

" J. PILLER, 1656 - - - - J.W. "

PROGRAMME.

The Brethren assemble at Five in the Ante-Room, and walk in Procession to the Lodge Room, headed by the D.C.

The Consecrating Officer takes the Chair, and appoints the Wardens, *pro tem.*

The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

Solemn Music.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the nature of the Meeting.

The Acting Secretary addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.

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

The Acting Secretary reads the Petition and Warrant.

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

The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

THE ORATION.

Psalm.

Behold: how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
For brethren such as we are
In unity to dwell.

Oh! 'tis like ointment on the head,
Or dew on Zion's hill;
For there the Lord of Hosts hath said,
Peace shall be with you still.

Dedication Prayer (first portion).

Omnes—"So mote it be."

Sanctus—"Glory be to Thee, O Lord."

The Brethren turn to the East, and the Presiding Officer gives the Invocation.

Omnes—"So mote it be."

Scripture Portions.

Hymn.—Old Hundredth.

Supreme Grand Master, God of Power,
We wait on thee in this solemn hour;
Smile on our work, our plans approve,
Fill every heart with joy and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
May we in union strong combine,
In work and worship so divine.

The Lodge board is then uncovered, and the Master and Wardens *pro tem.* carry the Cornucopia, Wine, and Oil thrice round the Lodge (*Solemn Music during Procession*), halting in the East at each perambulation.

During the first circuit, the Brethren 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 in the East strews Corn, the Emblem of Plenty.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

During 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 in the East pours Wine, the Emblem of Joy and Happiness.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

During the third circuit, the Brethren sing—

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

The Consecrating Officer in the East pours Oil, the Emblem of Unity.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

The Consecrating Officer takes the Censer three times round the Lodge (*Solemn Music during his progress*), halting in the East.

Dedication Prayer (*second portion*).

Omnes—"So mote it be."

Hymn.

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Doth his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The works of an Almighty hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
While all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they fly,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball,
What though the real voice nor sound
Amid the radiant orbs be found,
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing, as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."

The Consecrating Officer Dedicates and Constitutes the Lodge.

Omnes—"So mote it be."

Antiem.

Glory be to God on high,
Let heaven and earth re-
vraise His name:
His love adores
filled in their mystic
and cry out ever more
glory to God.
So mote it be.

INSTALLATION OF THE W.M. AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Propositions for Initiation and Joining.

THE LODGE IS CLOSED.

BANQUET AT SEVEN, P.M.