

➤ CONSECRATION † PROGRAMME. ‹



Consecration of the Lechmere Lodge,

No. 1874,

BY

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ASSISTED BY

Bro. W. MASEFIELD, Deputy Prov. Grand Master ;

Bro. Wm. BRISTOV, P.M., P.J.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Secretary ;

Bro. THE REV. J. B. WILSON, Prov. Grand Chaplain ;

AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE ;

AT THE

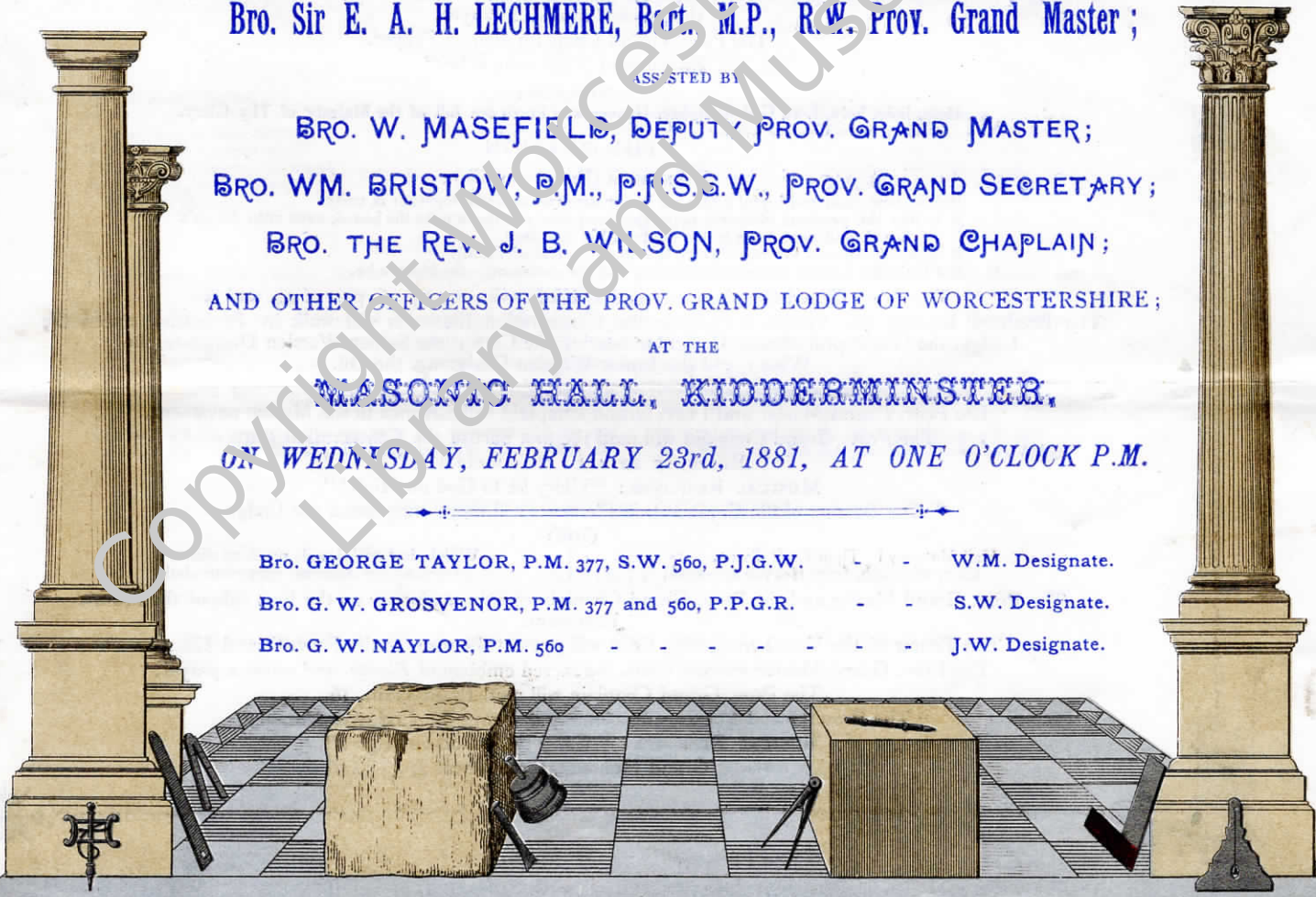
MASONIC HALL, KIDDERMINSTER,

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1881, AT ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, P.M. 377, S.W. 560, P.J.G.W. - - - W.M. Designate.

Bro. G. W. GROSVENOR, P.M. 377 and 560, P.P.G.R. - - - S.W. Designate.

Bro. G. W. NAYLOR, P.M. 560 - - - - - J.W. Designate.



PROGRAMME.

A Craft Lodge will be opened in the Third Degree at 12.30.

The Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers will enter in procession.

The Procession will move once round the Lodge. (*Music playing*).

The Prov. Grand Master will take his seat in the East.

The Director of Ceremonies will call on the Brethren to salute the Prov. Grand Master with Grand Honours, seven times.

The Procession will move round the Lodge a second time. (*Music playing*).

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master will take his place at the right of the Prov. Grand Master.

The Director of Ceremonies will call on the Brethren to salute the Deputy Prov. Grand Master with Grand Honours, five times.

The Procession will move round the Lodge a third time. (*Music playing*).

The Prov. Grand Wardens and other Prov. Grand Officers will take their places.

The Director of Ceremonies will call on the Brethren to salute the Prov. Grand Officers with Grand Honours, three times.

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

The Prov. Grand Master will ask the Brethren in what particular he can serve them.

The Worshipful Master Designate will reply.

The Prov. Grand Master will call upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to produce the Warrant of the New Lodge, and to read it.

The Prov. Grand Secretary will read the Warrant aloud, and lay it upon the Prov. Grand Master's Pedestal.

The Prov. Grand Master will inquire of the Petitioners if they approve of the Officers nominated in the Warrant.

The Petitioners will reply.

The Prov. Grand Master will proceed to Consecrate the Lodge, and will call on the Prov. Grand Chaplain to open the proceedings with Prayer.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain offers a Prayer.

RESPONSE: "So mote it be."

TRACTUS:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Heav'n and Earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

THE ORATION.

ANthem (Psalm cxxxiii.):

Behold how good and joyful a thing 'tis, 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 evermore.—So Mote it be.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain will read I. Kings viii., 22, 23, 26, part of 43, and 60.

The Brethren bearing the Vessels containing the Consecration Elements will walk in Procession round the Lodge, the Worshipful Master Designate bearing the Corn; the Senior Warden Designate, the Wine; and the Junior Warden Designate, the Oil.

The Lodge Symbols will be uncovered. (*Solemn Music playing*).

The Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Chaplain will advance to the Mosaic pavement.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain will read the first part of the Consecration Prayer.

RESPONSE BY ALL: "So mote it be."

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Glory be to God on High!"

The Bearers of the Consecration Elements will move once round the Lodge.

ODE:

Hail Masonry! Thou Craft divine,
Glory of Earth, from Heaven revealed!

Which dost with jewels precious shine,
From all but Masons' eyes concealed.

The Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Chaplain remain stationary on the East side of the Mosaic Pavement.

The Bearer of the Vessel containing Corn will present the same to the Prov. Grand Master.

The Prov. Grand Master scatters Corn, the sacred emblem of *Plenty*, and offers a prayer.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain will read Psalm lxxii., 16.

The Prov. Grand Master will solemnly dedicate the Lodge to *Masonry*.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Glory be to God on High!"

Grand Honours, three times.

The Procession will move a second time round the Lodge.
Come holy Virtue! by whose aid, | Bring Love, bring Truth, bring Friendship here,
In Heavenward steps we long to tread; | Bring Peace, and Unity sincere.

The Bearer of the Vessel containing Wine will present the same to the Prov. Grand Master.

The Prov. Grand Master pours Wine, the sacred emblem of *Truth*, and offers a prayer.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain will read Numbers xv., 7.

The Prov. Grand Master will solemnly dedicate the Lodge to *Virtue*.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Glory be to God on High!"

Grand Honours, five times.

The Procession will move a third time round the Lodge.
Come Charity, with goodness crowned, | Diffuse thy blessings all around,
Encircled in thy Heavenly robe, | To every corner of the Globe.

The Bearer of the Vessel containing Oil presents the same to the Prov. Grand Master.

The Prov. Grand Master pours Oil, the sacred emblem of *Charity*, and offers a prayer.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain reads Exodus xxx., 25, 26.

The Prov. Grand Master will solemnly dedicate the Lodge to *Universal Benevolence*.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Glory be to God on high!"

Grand Honours, seven times.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master will present Salt to the Prov. Grand Master.

The Prov. Grand Master strews Salt as a symbol of *Fidelity, Friendship, and Hospitality*.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain reads Leviticus ii., 13.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge three times.

SOLEMN MUSIC.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain reads remaining part of Consecration Prayer.

RESPONSE BY ALL: "So mote it be."

The Prov. Grand Master resumes his place in the East.

The Brethren move in Procession round the Lodge, saluting the Prov. Grand Master in passing. (*Music playing*).

The Prov. Grand Master then formally constitutes the Lodge.

RESPONSE BY ALL: "So mote it be."

ODE:

Hail Masonry divine,
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign!
Where'er thy Lodges stand
May they have great command
And always grace the land;
Thou art divine.

Great Fabric still arise
And grace the azure skies;
Great all thy schemes;
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare,
No art with thee can share,
Thou art divine.

Hiram, the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct
How they should build,
Sol'mon, Great Israel's King,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us cause to sing
Hail! Royal Art!

Grand Honours, nine times.

The Lodge is resumed in the Second Degree.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master presents the Worshipful Master Designate to the Prov. Grand Master for Installation.

The Prov. Grand Master places the Worshipful Master Designate on his left hand, and asks the Brethren of the new Lodge if they remain satisfied with their choice.

The Brethren reply.

The Prov. Grand Master directs the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the Summary of Ancient Charges, and proceeds with

THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

PROPOSITIONS FOR INITIATIONS AND JOINING.

Appointment of Committee for framing Bye-Laws.

THE LODGE IS CLOSED.

BANQUET AT FOUR O'CLOCK.