



CONSECRATION

OF THE

“St. Aubyn” Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

Attached to “St. AUBYN” LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS,

AT THE

St. Aubyn Masonic Hall, Tavistock Road, Stoke Devonport,

On **MONDAY, JUNE 24th, 1918,** at 2-30 p.m.

By **Rt. W. Bro. Major G. S. S. SCRODE, P.G.M.M.,**

ASSISTED BY

W. Bro. JOHN TAYLOR, P.S.M.O. Eng., P.P.G.W., P.C.N.

„ F. B. WESTLAKE P.G.D. Eng. P.P.G.W., P.C.N.

„ CHARLES WILSON, P.P.G.C., PROV. G.D.C., P.C.N.

„ Rev. J. FURSE BUCKLER, Prov. G. Chaplain, D.M. 76.

„ H. B. SPENCER Prov. G. Sec.

„ J. I. FACEY, P.P.G.S.W.D.B.R.



W. Bro. Eng. Rear-Admiral F. T. W. CURTIS, w.c.n. Designate.

W. Bro. A. B. BROWN, J. Designate.

„ J. W. C. GALE, s. Designate.

„ J. R. K. BLOWEY, Scribe Designate.



Order of Proceedings.



A Royal Ark Mariner's Lodge will be opened.

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

Hymn :

Hail! Eternal by Whose aid,
All created things were made:
Heaven and earth Thy vast design,
Hear us Architect Divine.

May our work begin 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.

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

The Founders of the Lodge are arranged in order.

The Warrant is read.

The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers.

The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

AN ORATION *on the Principles of Ark Masonry will be delivered by*

W. Bro. Eng. Rear-Admiral F. T. W. CURTIS.

The Consecrating Officer then proceeds to constitute the Lodge.

Dedication Prayer (First portion) :

"Almighty Architect of the Universe, Searcher and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestia abode, from realms of light and glory, to bless, in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us wisdom in all our doings; strength of mind under all difficulties; and the beauty of love and harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, great source of love and happiness, to erect this Lodge, and now solemnly to consecrate it to the Honour and Glory of Thy most Holy Name." *Brethren :—So mote it be.*

The Brethren turn to the East during the Invocation :

"Almighty and Supreme Grand and Eternal Commander of the Universe, who is there that can stand in competition against Thee? Thy Omniscience, Omnipotence and Omnipresence, pervade the secret recesses of every heart. Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment. We invoke Thy benediction upon the services of this assembly. Let this Lodge be inaugurated to Thy Glory in faith, hope, and love. Let its officers be endowed with wisdom and fidelity. Let its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to Thee, the obedience they owe to their superiors, and the good-will they owe to all mankind." *So mote it be.*

Chaplain reads Genesis vii. vv. 11 to 24.

The Consecrating Officer and Provincial Grand Officers form a procession.

The Lodge Board is uncovered.

Procession around Symbolic Lodge.



FIRST ROUND.

ODE I.

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.

Chaplain reads:

"There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." Ps. xxxiii. v. 16.

C.O. strews Corn and says:

"I scatter corn upon this Lodge as an emblem of Plenty and Abundance, and may the blessings of morality and virtue increase under its auspices, producing fruit a hundredfold." *So mote it be.*

SECOND ROUND.

ODE II.

When there a shrine to Him alone,
They build, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on corner stone
They poured out corn, and wine, and oil.

Chaplain reads:

"And for a drink-offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the Lord." Numbers xv. v. 7.

I.P.M. pours Wine and says:

"I pour wine upon this Lodge as a sacred emblem of Joy and Cheerfulness." *So mote it be.*

THIRD ROUND.

ODE III.

And we have come, fraternal hands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil;
To honour Him by votive bands,
With streams of corn, and wine, and oil.

Chaplain reads:

"And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary; it shall be an holy anointing oil.

And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony." Exodus xxx. vv. 25-26.

J. pours Oil and says:

"I anoint this Lodge with oil as the sacred emblem of Unanimity and Brotherly Love." *So mote it be.*

FOURTH ROUND.

ODE IV.

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.

Chaplain reads:

"And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of Thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering; with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt." Leviticus ii. v. 13.

The S. scatters Salt and says:

"I scatter salt upon this Lodge, as an emblem of Hospitality and Friendship and may prosperity and happiness attend this Lodge until time shall be no more." *So mote it be.*

The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.

The Chaplain carries the censor three times round the Lodge.

The Chaplain gives the Dedication Prayer (Second portion):

"Thou Great and Glorious Commander of the Universe, whose goodness extends to all Thy children in an especial manner, look down upon this Lodge, and bless the members of it with a large portion of Thy love, that they may strive to support their Commander as a wise Master Builder, in erecting such an edifice as may overtop the skies, and, like Jacob's ladder, press the starry regions, leading their souls to the Divine centre of the heavens." *Brethren:—So mote it be.*

The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.

Hymn before Closing:

Now the evening shadows closing, Warn from toil to peaceful rest; Mystic arts and rites reposing, Sacred in each peaceful breast.	God of light, who love unceasing Doth to all Thy works extend; Crown our order with Thy blessing, Build—sustain us to the end.
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Humbly low we bow before Thee,
Grateful for Thine aid divine,
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Overseer! be Thine.

So mote it be.

The Consecrating Officer pronounces the Patriarchial Benediction:

"May the God of our fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, bless us and keep us for evermore." *Brethren — "So mote it be."*

INSTALLATION of the V.C.N. W. Bro. Eng. Rear-Admiral F. T. W. CURTIS

Appointment and Investment of Officers.

General Business.

FOUNDERS.

Frederick Thomas Warren Curtis
James William Reilly
George Maisey
James Edwards
Gerald Hugh Bertram Mulleney
Alfred Bertie Brown
John William Crook Gale
Frank Charles Swiss
Samuel Henry Perry
George Richardson
Sidney Richard Martin

William Elias Rundle
Charles Ernest Tozer
William Henry Crews
William James Williams
Alfred George Phillips
John Rich King Blowey
Charles Stephen Beard
William Oliver Andrews
William Henry Davis
William Ferris
Nicholas John Pethick Revington.