

PROVINCE OF YORKSHIRE, NORTH & EAST RIDINGS
United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England



MITRE LODGE OF YORK No. 7321

Consecration

WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL, 1954

at 12 noon

IN THE

ASSEMBLY ROOMS, YORK

JOHN J. WILLAN, P.A.G.D.C.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

It has been realised for many years that it was a good thing to renew, continue and develop the associations and friendships formed by pupils and masters at Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School. There has long been in existence an Old Boys' Association, but many of us have known that it is within the framework of Masonry that the ideals of fellowship can best be crystallised. The desire to form a Lodge amongst Old Boys has grown gradually and rather tentatively for some time, but an enquiry held early in 1952 made it abundantly clear that not only would there be adequate support for such a Lodge, but that there was real enthusiasm amongst Old Boys who were already Masons to band themselves together under the banner of their Old School, and to embrace the opportunity to admit into their fellowship such of their younger colleagues as may be considered worthy of the privilege.

The Mitre Lodge of York will add one more service to the many rendered by this School to the City and County of York during its long history.

There are older Schools—one in particular in this very City—but we must be one of the earliest of the many founded in the middle of the 16th Century. Many were founded in the reign of Edward VI, many in that of Queen Elizabeth, but we claim the distinction of dating from Henry VIII, who granted us Letters Patent only a very short time before his death.

Our Founder was a distinguished ecclesiastic who had, in a sense, the misfortune of holding high office at a most critical moment in our Church history. The misfortune for him was that he was called to exercise the wiles of a politician beyond the usual requirements for an ecclesiastic, and he had neither the training for, nor, one might suspect, the inclination towards high politics, and he proved not always very fortunate in his choice of whom to support. His reputation has suffered in the past as a result of uncritical and biased judgments, and it is only recently that a more balanced insight has been brought to bear on his life. He now appears in a very different light—a sound administrator, a sympathetic overlord and an enlightened educationist.

He founded three Schools, and a Hospital (or, as we should say, a Home) for old people. The Hospital survives at Hemsworth; we survive in York; the Hemsworth School amalgamated with a School at Barnsley and continues in that town. Like many, indeed almost all, Schools of our type, we have had our vicissitudes, but from the appointment of the Rev. W. Johnson to the Headmastership in 1876, the School has built up a reputation more particularly in the field of Science, and in any given year some fifty Old Boys will be found at various Universities, many of them proceeding to Research work as a preliminary to important posts in Industry.

During this century the School has grown considerably in numbers until now there are more than five hundred boys, together with a small Boarding House.

In 1938 the Headmaster was elected to the Headmasters' Conference, and so the School appears in the Public Schools Year Book.

The last three Headmasters have all been Masons, and the present one deems it an honour and privilege indeed, to have been elected Master-Designate of the Lodge for whose Consecration we are assembled to-day.

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CEREMONIAL

to be observed (by Order) at

THE CONSECRATION OF THE
MITRE LODGE OF YORK No. 7321,

BY

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF ZETLAND

K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.,

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master

supported by

W. Bro. SIR WILLIAM CROSSHWAITE P.G.D.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

W. Bro. WILLIAM P. FIELD, P.G.D.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

and assisted by

W. Bro. J. DRONFIELD, Prov. F.G.W.	- - -	as S.W.
W. Bro. E. M. LEARN, Prov. J.G.W.	- - -	as J.W.
W. Bro. Rev. Dr. J. S. PURVIS, Prov. G.Ch.	- - -	as Chaplain
W. Bro. J. J. WILLAN, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.S.	- - -	as Secretary
W. Bro. J. A. WADE, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D.C.	- - -	as Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. J. R. JONES, A.G.D.C., Prov. D.G.D.C.	- - -	as Asst. D.C.
W. Bro. J. C. ALLIN, P.P.G.W., Prov. A.G.S.	- - -	as Asst. Sec.
Bro. L. WREGHITT	- - - - -	as Organist
W. Bro. J. NEEDLER, Prov. G.P.	- - - - -	as I.G.
Bro. S. E. HOWE, Prov. G. Tyler	- - - - -	as Tyler

W. Bro. A. B. HODGSON, P.P.G.St.	- - -	Master Designate
W. Bro. J. G. SYKES, P.P.A.G.D.C.	- - -	S.W. Designate
Bro. G. A. MERRIMAN	- - - - -	J.W. Designate

FOUNDERS

OFFICERS DESIGNATE

W. Bro. A. B. HODGSON, P.P.G.St.	-	-	-	-	-	-	W.M.
W. Bro. R. J. EVANS, P.P.G.W.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Acting I.P.M.
W. Bro. J. G. SYKES, P.P.A.G.D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	S.W.
Bro. G. A. MERRIMAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	J.W.
W. Bro. H. N. THOMPSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
Bro. C. C. MEADOWCROFT	-	-	-	-	-	-	Secretary
W. Bro. T. H. BOYES	-	-	-	-	-	-	D.C.
Bro. W. G. SHEPHERD	-	-	-	-	-	-	S.D.
Bro. A. H. ROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	J.D.
W. Bro. L. J. MARTIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	Asst. D.C.
Bro. T. F. DICKINSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	I.G.

W. Bro. H. N. THOMPSON - - - - Charity Representative

MEMBERS

W. Bro. E. G. BORDER	Bro. W. G. DUFF.
W. Bro. E. BROAD.	Bro. C. F. G. GRAINGER.
W. Bro. G. D. GILL.	Bro. F. W. HARRISON.
W. Bro. E. D. GOFTON.	Bro. W. S. HOUSE.
W. Bro. T. E. PICKLES.	Bro. F. OXTOBY.
W. Bro. J. SAVILLE.	Bro. R. M. WALKER.
W. Bro. G. H. SMITH.	Bro. F. T. WOOLGROVE.
W. Bro. F. C. WAITE.	
W. Bro. F. R. WIDDICOMBE.	
W. Bro. G. WOOLLONS.	

Order of Procedure

1. **T**HE BRETHREN will assemble in the ante-room at 11-45 a.m., and, having clothed and signed the Attendance Book, will take their places at once in the Lodge Room.
2. At 12 noon, The Most Honourable The Marquess of Zetland, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, as Consecrating Officer, with the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, will enter the Lodge Room in procession.
3. The Consecrating Officer takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

The National Anthem

4. A Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
5. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will be saluted.
The Deputy Provincial Grand Master will be saluted.
The Assistant Provincial Grand Master will be saluted.
The Officers of Grand Lodge will be saluted.
The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge will be saluted.
6. The Consecrating Officer directs the Elements to be uncovered.

7.

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, 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, Architect Divine.

So mote it be.

8. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

9.

Opening Prayer

- 10 Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."

11. The Secretary addresses the Consecrating Officer.
12. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
13. The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order.
14. The Secretary reads the Warrant.
15. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
16. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form and resume their seats.

17. **An Oration**

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution
by the Chaplain.

18. **Anthem**

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, 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.

19. **Dedication Prayer (First Portion)**

20. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."

21. **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

22. The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

The Invocation

23. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."
24. The Chaplain reads II. Chron., chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.
25. The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

The Consecration

during which the Elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

First Circuit

26. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16.
27. The Brethren sing:
When once of old in Israel,
Our earthly brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,
In showers of Corn and Wine and Oil.
28. The Consecrating Officer scatters *CORN*.
29. Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High."

Second Circuit

30. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x, verse 35.
31. 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 forth Corn and Wine and Oil.
32. The Consecrating Officer pours *WINE*.
33. Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High."

Third Circuit

34. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.
35. The Brethren sing:
And we have come in grateful bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him by votive hands,
With streams of Corn and Wine and Oil.
36. The Consecrating Officer pours *OIL*.
37. Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High."

Fourth Circuit

38. The Petitioners are arranged round the Lodge Board.
39. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.
40. The 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.
41. The Consecrating Officer, walking alone, sprinkles *SALT*.
42. Musical Response: "Glory be to God on High."

43. **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge**

44. The Brethren resume their seats.

45. **Anthem**

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou 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: they shall always be praising Thee. Hallelujah.

46. The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

47. **Dedication Prayer (Second Portion)**

48. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."

49. The Petitioners are arranged in the West

50. **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge**

51. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."

52. **Anthem**

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 are 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;
Solomon, Great Israel's King,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us cause to sing
Hail! Royal Art!

53. **Patriarchal Benediction**

by the Chaplain

54. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."

INSTALLATION OF THE MASTER DESIGNATE

W. Bro. A. B. HODGSON, P.P.G.St.

BY

W. Bro. SIR WILLIAM CROSTHWAITE, P.G.D.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

55. Election of Treasurer.
56. Election of Tyler.
57. Appointment and Investiture of Officers.
58. Addresses to Master, Wardens and Brethren.
59. The Consecrating Officers will retire.
60. Election of Charity Representative.
61. Election of a Committee to frame By-laws.
62. Election of Honorary Members.
63. Proposition of Candidates for Initiation and Joining Membership.
64. The Lodge will be closed.

65. **Closing Hymn**

Now the evening shadows closing,
Worn from toil to peaceful rest,
Mystic arts and rites reposing
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of Light, whose Love unceasing
Doth 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 Thine aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Architect, be Thine!

So mote it be.

REPAST FOLLOWING THE
CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION

TOAST LIST

To Propose

To Respond

1. The W.M.
The Queen and the Craft
2. The W.M.
The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
The Right Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough,
K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D.
3. The W.M.
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
The Right Hon. The Earl of Derby, M.C.
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,
Major-General Sir Allan Adair, Br., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past
The Assistant Prov. Grand Master
4. The W.M.
The Consecrating Officer,
The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,
The Most Hon. The Marquess of Zetland,
K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
The Consecrating Officer
5. The W.M.
The Installing Officer,
The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master,
Sir William Crosthwaite, P.G.D.
The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master,
William P. Field, P.G.D.
and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past
The Installing Officer
6. W. Bro. R. J. Evans, P.P.G.W.
The Newly Installed Worshipful Master
The Worshipful Master
7. W. Bro. H. N. Thompson
Provincial Charities
W. Bro. G. A. Potter-Kirby, P.A.G.D.C.
8. Bro. G. A. Merriman
Visiting Brethren
9. Bro. S. E. Howe, Prov.G.Tyler
Tyler's Toast