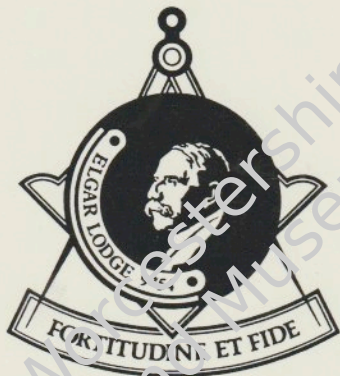


PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE

R. W. Brother E. F. Hanson, J. P., LL. D. (Hon.)

Provincial Grand Master



## CONSECRATION

of the

**ELGAR LODGE No. 9254**

at The Masonic Hall, Worcester

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1988  
at 3.00 p.m.

PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE

R. W. Brother E. F. Hanson, J. P., LL. D. (Hon.)

Provincial Grand Master



**CONSECRATION**

of the

**ELGAR LODGE No. 9254**

at The Masonic Hall, Worcester

**THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1988**  
at 3.00 p.m.

PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE

CONSECRATION OF ELGAR LODGE No. 9254

on

Thursday, 21st January, 1988

by

*Provincial Grand Master*

R.W.Bro. Edward Frederick Hanson, J.P., LL.D. (Hon)

*Deputy Provincial Grand Master*

W.Bro. Dr. H.J. White, J.P., P.A.G.D.C.

*Assistant Provincial Grand Masters*

W.Bro. B.M. Cooper, J.P., P.S.G.D.

W.Bro. R.E. Whitlock, P.S.G.D.

W.Bro. H.W. King, F.R.I.C.S. P.S.G.D.

assisted by

W.Bro. D.F. Carvell, Prov.S.G.W., as Senior Warden

W.Bro. C.P.T. Brown, B.Sc., Prov.J.G.W., as Junior Warden

Rev. Canon A. Webb, P.A.G.Chap., Prov.G.Chap., as Chaplain

W.Bro. G.J.T. Pearce, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Sec., as Secretary

W.Bro. L.H. Pountney, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.D.C.,

as Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. R.H. Wakeman, P.P.S.G.W., Dep.Prov.G.D.C.,

as Deputy Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. D. Lewin, M.Sc., P.P.S.G.W., Dep.Prov.G.D.C.,

as Assistant Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. P.D. Skinner, Prov.S.G.D., as Senior Deacon

W.Bro. D. Huby, Prov.J.G.D., as Junior Deacon

W.Bro. T. Banham, Prov.G.Org., as Organist

W.Bro. M.N.G. Clarke, Prov.G.Purs., as Inner Guard

Bro. G.K. Downton, Prov.G.Tyler, as Tyler

*Ceremonial Music by a Provincial Quartet*

W.Bro. H.A. Blount, P.P.S.G.W.

W.Bro. J.R. Gaston

Bro. A.T. Morris

Bro. N.H. Taplow

with W.Bro. T. Banham, Prov.G.Org. at the organ

## CONSECRATION CEREMONY

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Presiding Officer, W.Bro. Dr. H. J. White, J.P., P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Provincial Master, having entered in procession, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

3. 

### OPENING HYMN

Hail Eternal! by whose aid	May our work, begun in Thee,
All created things were made;	Ever blest with order be,
Heav'n and earth, Thy vast design;	And may we, when thy hours cease,
Hear us, Architect Divine!	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.*

4. A Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons is opened in the Three Degrees.
5. The Consecrating Officer, W.Bro. C. F. Hanson, J.P., LL.D. (Hon.), Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, enters in procession and takes the Chair.
6. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give ...

7. 

### THE OPENING PRAYER

8. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be*"
9. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
10. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
11. The Brethren Petitioners of the New Lodge are arranged in order.
12. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
13. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
14. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

15.

#### AN ORATION

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution  
by the Chaplain

16.

#### 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 into 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.

17.

#### DEDICATION PRAYER

(First Portion)

18. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be.*"

19. Musical Response (Choir only). Glory be to Thee, O God.

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

#### THE INVOCATION

21. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be.*"

22. The Chaplain reads I<sup>st</sup> Chronicles, chap ii verses 1 to 16.

23. The Consecrating Officer directs that the Lodge Board be uncovered.

## THE CONSECRATION

During which the elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

24. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, verse 16

25. 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.

26. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn — the Symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

27. Musical Response (Omnes): "*Glory be to God on high.*"

28. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x, verse 39.

29. 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.

30. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine — the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

31. Musical Response (Omnes): "*Glory be to God on high.*"

32. The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx, verses 25 and 26.

33. 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.

34. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil — the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

35. Musical Response (Omnes): "*Glory be to God on high.*"

36. The Petitioners are arranged around the Lodge Board, facing outwards.

37. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chap. ii, verse 13.

38. 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.

39. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt — the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

40. Musical Response (Omnes): "*Glory be to God on high.*"

41. **THE CONSECRATING OFFICER  
DEDICATES THE LODGE.**

42. **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!

43. The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

44. **DEDICATION PRAYER**  
(Second Portion)

45. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be.*"

46. The Petitioners are arranged in the West, facing East.

47. **THE CONSECRATING OFFICER  
CONSTITUTES THE LODGE.**

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

49. **ANTHEM**  
Psalm cl

Now thank we all our God,  
 With heart and hands and voices,  
 Who wondrous things hath done,  
 In whom His World rejoices;  
 Who from our mother's arms  
 Hath blessed us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love,  
 And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God  
 Through all our life be near us,  
 With ever joyful hearts  
 And blessed peace to cheer us;  
 And keep us in his grace,  
 And guide us when perplexed,  
 And free us from all ills  
 In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
 The Father now be given,  
 The Son and Him who reigns  
 With them in highest heaven,  
 The one Eternal God,  
 Whom earth and heaven adore,  
 For thus it was, is now  
 And shall be evermore.

*So mote it be.*

51. PATRIARCHAL BENEDICTION

52. Chant (Omnes): "*So mote it be.*"

53. The Consecrating Officer presents Commemorative Jewels to the Founding Brethren.

54. God save our gracious Queen,  
 Long live our noble Queen,  
 God save the Queen.  
 Send her victorious,  
 Happy and glorious,  
 Long to reign over us;  
 God save the Queen.



## LODGE BUSINESS

1. Installation of W. Bro. David R. Eccleston, as Worshipful Master.
2. Investiture of Wardens Designate.
3. Election of Treasurer.
4. Election of Tyler.
5. Appointment and Investiture of Officers.
6. To appoint a Representative to serve on the Library and Museum Committee.  
To appoint two Representatives to serve on the Provincial Charity Organisation.
7. To adopt the By-Laws.
8. Election of the Consecrating Officer of the Lodge as an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
9. To receive propositions for Initiation and Joining Members.
10. To transact any other business.
11. To close the Lodge.

### CLOSING HYMN

Now the evening shadows closing,  
Wain 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.*

MENU

Borshch

*Croft Particular*

\*

Grilled Trout with Almonds

*Sancerre 1986*

\*

Roast Topside of Beef  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Roast Potatoes  
Creamed Potatoes  
Cauliflower au Gratin  
Green Beans

*Château la Tour de Ségur 1982*

\*

Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

\*

Cheeseboard, Biscuits & Celery

\*

Coffee with miris

*Taylor's Late Bottled 1982*

GRACE

From the Laudi Spirituali (A.D. 1545)

For these and all Thy mercies given  
We bless and praise Thy Name, O Lord,  
May we receive them with thanksgiving,  
Ever trusting in Thy Word.  
To Thee alone, be honour, glory,  
Now and henceforth, for evermore.

*Amen*

## TOASTS

### **The Queen and the Craft**

Proposed by the Worshipful Master

### **The Most Worshipful the Grand Master,**

**His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent**

Proposed by the Worshipful Master

### **The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master,**

**The Right Hon. Lord Cornwallis;**

### **The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,**

**The Hon. Edward Latham Baillieu;**

### **The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master,**

**The Right Hon. Lord Farnham;**

**and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past**

Proposed by the Worshipful Master

### **The Consecrating Officers**

Proposed by W. Bro. W.E. Riddle, J.P., P.P.J.G.D.

Response by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master

### **Elgar Lodge No. 9254**

Proposed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master

Response by the Worshipful Master

### **The Visiting Brethren**

Proposed by W. Bro. M.N.B. Kipping, T.D. Senior Warden

Response by W. Bro. D.A. King, P.P.J.G.W.

### **The Tyler's Toast**

Proposed by Bro. J.E. Davies

