



Antient Free and Accepted Masons

**R.W.Bro. EDWARD F. HANSON, J.P., LL.D.(Hon.),
Provincial Grand Master**

**Consecration of
Custos Lodge
No. 9320**

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master**

assisted by

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Assistant Provincial Grand Master**

at the
**MOSELEY MASONIC HALL, ALCESTER ROAD SOUTH,
KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM**

on

**FRIDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 1989
at 3.00 p.m.**

All Brethren are requested to be seated by 2.45 p.m.
**MORNING DRESS (TAILS FOR FOUNDERS) or DARK SUIT
FULL MASONIC DRESS CLOTHING**

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W.Bro. J. G. H. Seale, Prov.S.G.W.	as Senior Warden
W.Bro. B. R. J. Fiddaman, Prov.J.C.W.	as Junior Warden
W.Bro. Rev. Canon A. Webb, A.A.C. , P.A.G.Chap. , Prov.G.Chap.	as Chaplain
W.Bro. C. L. Thomas, 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.A.G.D.C. , Prov.Dep.G.D.C.	as Deputy D.C.
W.Bro. D. Lewin, M.Sc., P.A.G.D.C. , Prov.Dep.G.D.C.	as Assistant D.C.
W.Bro. A. Martin, Prov.S.G.D.	as Senior Deacon
W.Bro. A. P. Smith, Prov.J.G.D.	as Junior Deacon
W.Bro. T. Banham, Prov.G.Org.	as Organist
W.Bro. M. Brown, Prov.G.Purs.	as Inner Guard
Bro. J. L. Davies, Prov.G.Tyler	as Tyler

Ceremonial Music by the Provincial Choir
under the direction of
W.Bro. A. T. Morris
with W.Bro. T. Banham, Prov.G.Org. at the Organ

Consecration Ceremony

The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.

The Presiding Officer, W.Bro. R. E. Whitlock, **P.S.G.D.**, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, having entered in procession, takes the Chair and appoints the Officers.

OPENING HYMN

Hail Eternal, by whose aid May our work, begun in Thee,
All created things were made, Ever blest with order be;
Heaven and earth Thy vast design, And may we, when labours 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.

A Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons is opened in the Three Degrees.

The Consecrating Officer, V.W.Bro. W. H. J. White, **P.G.Swd.B.**, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, enters in procession and takes the Chair.

R.W.Bro. E. F. Hanson, *J.P.*, *LL.D.*(Hon.), **Provincial Grand Master**, is announced and enters in procession.

The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the meeting and calls upon the Chaplain to give...

THE OPENING PRAYER

Chaplain (*Omnis*) "So mote it be".

The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.

The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.

The Petitioners of the New Lodge are ranged in order.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.

The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren of the New Lodge if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.

The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

AN ORATION BY THE CHAPLAIN
on the Nature and Principles of the Institution.

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.

DEDICATION PRAYER

(First Portion)

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

Musical Response (*Choir only*): "Glory be to Thee, O God".

The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

THE INVOCATION

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

The Chaplain read Chronicles, chap. ii, verses 11 to 16.

The Consecrating Officer directs that the Lodge Board be uncovered.

THE CONSECRATION

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

The Chaplain read Psalm lxxii, verse 16.

The Brethren sing:-

When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn - the symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

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

The Chaplain read Nehemiah, chap. x, verse 39.

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 pours Wine - the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

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

The Chaplain read Exodus, chap. xxx, verses 26 and 26.

The Brethren sing:-

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy, and pride, and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him with votive hands,
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

The Consecrating Officer pours Oil - the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

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

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

The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.

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.

The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt - the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

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

THE CONSECRATING OFFICER DEDICATES THE LODGE

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!

The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.

DEDICATION PRAYER

(Second Portion)

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

The Petitioners are arranged in the West, facing East.

THE CONSECRATING OFFICER CONSTITUTES THE LODGE

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

ANTHEM

Psalm 150

HYMN

Now thank we all our God,	O most bounteous God,
With hearts and hands and voices,	Through all our life be near us,
Who wondrous things hath done,	With ever joyful hearts,
In whom His world rejoices;	And blessed peace to cheer us;
Who from our mother's arms	And keep us in His grace,
Hath blessed us on our way,	And guide us when perplexed,
With countless gifts of love.	And free us from all ills,
And still is ours today.	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.

PATRIARCHAL BENEDICTION

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lodge Business

Installation of R.W.Bro. Edward F. Hanson, J.P., LL.D.(Hon.),
Provincial Grand Master, by W.Bro. R. E. Whitlock, P.S.G.D.,
Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Investiture of Wardens Designate.

Election of Treasurer.

Election of Tyler.

Appointment and Investiture of Officers.

To appoint a representative to serve on the Library and Museum
Committee.

To appoint two representative to the Provincial Charity Organisation.

To elect two Auditors.

To adopt the Lodge By-Laws.

To elect Honorary Members.

To receive Propositions for Joining Members.

To transact any other business.

To close the Lodge.

CLOSING HYMN

Now the evening shadows closing,	God of Light, whose love unceasing,
Wain from toil to peaceful rest,	Doth through all Thy works extend,
Mystic arts and rites reposing,	Crown our Order with Thy blessing,
Sacred in each faithful breast.	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.

R.W.Bro. E. F. Hanson, *J.P.*, *LL.D.(Hon.)*, **Provincial Grand Master** - Master
W.Bro. M. D. Arnold, *LL.B.*, **P.A.G.Reg.** - I.P.M.

OFFICERS

W.Bro. H. W. King, **P.S.G.D.**, Asst.Prov.G.M. S.W.
W.Bro. B. M. Cooper, *J.P.*, **P.S.G.D.**, Asst.Prov.G.M. I.V.
W.Bro. D. P. Alexander, **P.A.G.D.C.** Chaplain
W.Bro. P. R. Cartwright, P.Prov.S.G.W. Treasurer
W.Bro. D. C. Hooker, P.Prov.J.G.W. Secretary
W.Bro. R. Rooke, P.Prov.J.G.W. D.C.
W.Bro. S. W. Bloxidge, **P.A.G.D.C.** S.D.
W.Bro. A. G. Wright, *T.D.*, *J.P.*, **P.A.G.D.C.** J.D.
W.Bro. A. E. Yorke-Brooks, P.Prov.S.G.W. Charity Steward
W.Bro. A. G. Oxenbury, **P.A.C.D.C.** Almoner
W.Bro. C. P. T. Brown, P.Prov.J.G.W. A.D.C.
W.Bro. R. C. Vaughan, P.Prov.J.G.W. Asst. Sec.
W.Bro. C. Woodward, P.Prov.S.C.W. Organist
W.Bro. A. E. V. Meredith, *C.B.E.*, **P.G.St.B.** I.G.
W.Bro. M. Fellows, **P.A.G.L.C.** Steward
W.Bro. C. T. Davies, **P.A.G.L.C.** Steward
W.Bro. K. G. H. Goddard, P.Prov.J.G.W. Steward
W.Bro. J. I. Westwood, P.Prov.S.G.W. Steward
W.Bro. M. Shaw, P.Prov.J.G.W. Steward
W.Bro. D. F. Carvell, P.Prov.S.G.W. Steward
W.Bro. B. Sherman Tyler

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE LODGE

It is the practice in the Province of Worcestershire for a Provincial Senior and Junior Warden to accompany the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy and Assistants, whenever on official Masonic Business within the Province. This includes all Installations, Centenaries, Banner Dedications, Golden Jubilees, etc. - some 130 plus occasions during each year. As it is not practicable for the two Wardens of the year to attend on all these occasions, past acting Wardens are called upon for a number of years to assist in carrying out these duties.

During these years a very close bond and friendship is forged between these brethren and it is to perpetuate this friendship and to unite these brethren with a common bond that Custos Lodge was proposed.

It will also provide an opportunity of paying tribute and showing appreciation to the more senior members by electing them to serve as Master and it will serve as a more formal chance to exchange views and discuss topics of local masonic interest.

PREAMBLE TO THE By-LAWS

It shall be an honourable understanding that while it continues to be the wish of the members, candidates for joining membership shall have received the distinguished honour of being appointed to the office of either Provincial Senior Grand Warden or Provincial Junior Grand Warden of the Craft Province of Worcestershire.

Founders

- R.W.Bro. E. F. Hanson, *J.P., LL.D.(Hon.)*, **Prov.G.M.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1968)
 W.Bro. H. W. King, **P.S.G.D.**, Asst.Prov.G.M. (Prov.S.G.W. 1967)
 W.Bro. B. M. Cooper, *J.P.*, **P.S.G.D.**, Asst.Prov.G.M. (Prov.J.G.W. 1968)
 W.Bro. S. W. Bloxidge, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1955)
 W.Bro. A. G. Wright, *T.D., J.P.*, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1964)
 W.Bro. A. E. V. Meredith, *C.B.E.*, **P.G.St.B.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1967)
 W.Bro. D. R. Andrew, *D.S.M., J.P.*, **P.J.G.D.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1969)
 W.Bro. M. D. Arnold, *LL.B.*, **P.A.G.Reg.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1970)
 W.Bro. R. M. Simpson, **P.G.St.B.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1972)
 W.Bro. D. P. Alexander, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1973)
 W.Bro. P. J. Mitchell, *O.B.E., J.P.*, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1974)
 W.Bro. A. C. Richardson, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1975)
 W.Bro. J. E. Cox, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1976)
 W.Bro. R. K. Briggs, *M.A.*, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1976)
 W.Bro. A. G. Oxenbury, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1977)
 W.Bro. J. Hobson, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1978)
 W.Bro. D. Harty, *J.P.*, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1979)
 W.Bro. M. A. Bendall, **P.A.G.D.C.**, Prov.A.G.Sec. (Prov.J.G.W. 1980)
 W.Bro. J. L. Talbot, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1981)
 W.Bro. E. C. Beattie, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1981)
 W.Bro. M. Fellow, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.S.G.W. 1982)
 W.Bro. C. T. Devies, **P.A.G.D.C.** (Prov.J.G.W. 1982)
 W.Bro. R. G. H. Goddard, P.Prov.J.G.W. (Prov.J.G.W. 1983)
 W.Bro. J. I. Westwood, P.Prov.S.G.W. (Prov.S.G.W. 1984)
 W.Bro. D. C. Hooper, P.Prov.J.G.W., P.Prov.J.G.W.(Works.) (Prov.J.G.W. 1984)
 W.Bro. A. E. Yerke-Brooks, P.Prov.S.G.W. (Prov.S.G.W. 1985)
 W.Bro. M. Siaw, P.Prov.J.G.W. (Prov.J.G.W. 1985)
 W.Bro. P. R. Cartwright, P.Prov.S.G.W. (Prov.S.G.W. 1986)
 W.Bro. R. C. Vaughan, P.Prov.J.G.W. (Prov.J.G.W. 1986)
 W.Bro. D. F. Carvell, P.Prov.S.G.W. (Prov.S.G.W. 1987)
 W.Bro. C. P. T. Brown, P.Prov.J.G.W. (Prov.J.G.W. 1987)
 W.Bro. C. Woodward, P.Prov.S.G.W. (Prov.S.G.W. 1988)
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