

# Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free  
and Accepted Masons



## Consecration of Sure and Stedfast Lodge, No. 9365

at the  
Masonic Hall, Kings Heath,  
Birmingham

Tuesday 5th June 1990  
at 3.00 pm.

by  
R.W. Bro. Edward E. Hanson, J.P., LL.D. (Hon),  
Provincial Grand Master

Assisted by

V.W. Bro. Dr. H. John White, J.P., P.G.Swd.B.,  
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

and

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, P.S.G.D.

Assistant Provincial Grand Masters

### IMPORTANT

All Brethren are requested to be seated in the Lodge  
by 2.45 pm. prompt.

The Consecrating Officer will also be assisted by:

JOHN	W. Bro. J. G. H. Seale, Provincial Senior Grand Warden	as Senior Warden
BRIAN	W. Bro. B. R. J. Fiddaman, Provincial Junior Grand Warden	as Junior Warden
ALBERT	W. Bro. Rev. Canon A. Webb, P.A.G.Chap, Provincial Grand Chaplain	as Chaplain
LAWRENCE	W. Bro. C. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., Provincial Grand Secretary	as Secretary
ROBERT	W. Bro. R. H. Wakeman, P.A.G.D.C., Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	as Director of Ceremonies
FREDERICK	W. Bro. F. E. Smith, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	as Sword Bearer
DECKX	W. Bro. D. Lewin, P.A.G.D.C., Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	as Deputy Director of Ceremonies
DAVID	W. Bro. D. H. Bradnock, J.P., Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	as Assistant Director of Ceremonies
DEREK	<del>W. Bro. A. Martin, Provincial Senior Grand Deacon</del>	<del>as Senior Deacon</del>
ALAN	W. Bro. A. P. Smith, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	as Junior Deacon
JOHN	W. Bro. <del>R. W. Deakin</del> , JOHN GRIFTON, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	as Standard Bearer
DENNIS	W. Bro. D. S. Mallett, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	as Standard Bearer
THOMAS	W. Bro. T. Banham, P.F.P., G.W., Provincial Grand Organist	as Organist
MURRAY	W. Bro. M. Brown, Provincial Grand Pursuivant	as Inner Guard
JOHN	Bro. J. E. Davies, Provincial Grand Tyler	as Tyler

MUSIC  
by the Provincial Choir

under the Direction of  
W. Bro. A. T. Morris

## CONSECRATION CEREMONY

1. The Brethren will assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Presiding Officer, V.W. Bro. Dr. H. John White, J.P., P.G.Swd.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Consecrating Officers, enters in Procession, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.
3. The Opening Hymn is sung.
4. A Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons is opened in the Three Degrees.
5. The Consecrating Officer, R.W. Bro. Edward 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 the Opening Prayer.

### 7. **OPENING PRAYER.**

8. Chant (*Omnes*) - "So mote it be."
9. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
10. The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
11. The Petitioners are arranged in order.
12. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
13. The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve 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 (*Omnes*) - "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 II Chronicles, Chapter II, verses 1 to 16.
23. The Consecrating Officer directs that the Lodge Board be uncovered.
24. **THE CONSECRATION**  
During which the Elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.
25. The Chaplain reads Psalm LXXII, verse 16.
26. 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.
27. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn -  
the Symbol of Plenty and Abundance.
28. Musical Response (*Omnes*) - "Glory be to God on High."
29. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chapter X, verse 39.
30. The Brethren sing:  
When there, a shrine to Him alone,  
They built with worship, sin to foil,  
On Threshold and on Cornerstone,  
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
31. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine -  
the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
32. Musical Response (*Omnes*) - "Glory be to God on High."
33. The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chapter XXX, verses 25 and 26.

34. 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.
35. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil -  
the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
36. Musical Response (*Omnes*) - "Glory be to God on High."
37. The Petitioners are arranged round the Lodge Board facing outwards.
38. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chapter II, verse 13.
39. The Brethren sing:  
Now o'er our work this Salt we show,  
Emblem of Thy conservant power,  
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,  
Keep this, our Temple, from decay.
40. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt -  
the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
41. Musical Response (*Omnes*) - "Glory be to God on High."
42. **THE CONSECRATING OFFICER DEDICATES THE LODGE**
43. **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.
44. The Chaplain takes the Censer round the Lodge.
45. **DEDICATION PRAYER** (Second Portion)
46. Chant (*Omnes*) - "So mote it be."
47. The Petitioners are arranged in the West facing East.
48. **THE CONSECRATING OFFICER CONSTITUTES THE LODGE.**

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

50. **ANTHEM - Psalm CL.**

51. Hymn - "Underneath the Banner."

Underneath the banner  
Of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord! we ask Thy blessing  
On The Boys' Brigade :  
Thou art our Commander,  
And Thy soldiers, we,  
And in Christian warfare  
We would honour Thee :

*Underneath the banner  
Of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord, we ask Thy blessing  
On The Boys' Brigade.*

In each loyal service,  
As on drill parade,  
"Duty" be the watch word  
Of The Boys' Brigade ;  
Make us ever loyal,  
Small or great the foe ;  
Lead us, Saviour! lead us,  
Ever, where we go.

We will fight for laurels  
That will never fade ;  
For the Holy City  
March The Boys' Brigade ;  
What we find unholy  
In our daily life,  
We will try to conquer --  
Help us in the strife.

52. **PATRIARCHAL BENEEDICTION**

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

54. The Founder Brethren are arranged in the East, facing East, and are presented with their Commemorative Jewels.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## Lodge Business

1. Installation of W. Bro. A. L. Skipper, P.Prov.A.G.D.C. as Worshiptul Master.
2. Investiture of Wardens Designate.
3. To elect the Treasurer.
4. To elect the Tyler.
5. The Worshiptul Master will appoint and invest the Officers and invest the Treasurer and Tyler.
6. To elect two members to form the Audit Committee for the ensuing year.
7. To appoint Representatives to serve on the Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organisation, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire Library and Museum Committee, and Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges.
8. To adopt the By-Laws.
9. To propose that the Consecrating Officer, R.W. Bro. Edward F. Hanson, J.P., LL.D (Hon), Provincial Grand Master becomes an Honorary Member of the Lodge.
10. To receive propositions.
11. To close the Lodge.

Dinner 6.30 pm.

Tyler's Toast 9.30 pm.

### Master:

W. Bro. Alan L. SKIPPER, P.Prov.A.G.D.C.

### As I.F.M.

W. Bro. G. John BARBER

### OFFICERS for 1990 - 1991

Senior Warden	W. Bro. Christopher J. SCOTT, P.Prov.A.G.Reg.
Junior Warden	W. Bro. Michael D. COX
Chaplain	W. Bro. Kenneth F. ASHFORD, P.Prov.J.G.D. (Warks)
Treasurer	W. Bro. John C. PREEN, P.Prov.S.G.D.
Secretary	W. Bro. Charles J. WRIGHT, P.Prov.A.G.D.C. (Warks)
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. Alan K. WYER
Senior Deacon	W. Bro. Brian L. STANSBIE
Junior Deacon	W. Bro. Richard G. JACKSON
Charity Steward	W. Bro. George F. LOWTHER
Almoner	
Asst. Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. W. John DAVIS, Prov.J.G.D.
Asst. Secretary	W. Bro. Reginald HARRIS
Innrer Guard	Bro. Anthony J. THOMAS
Steward	Bro. John C. WRIGHT
Steward	Bro. Gordon W. HODSON
Steward	Bro. Ian M. GREENFIELD
Steward	Bro. Michael S. LOVELL
Steward	Bro. Stanley J. SPENCER, J.P.
Steward	Bro. John B. TWAMLEY
Tyler	Bro. Peter J. CURRAN

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## FOUNDERS

- W. Bro. K. F. Ashford, P.Prov.J.G.D. (Warks), P.M. 4032  
W. Bro. G. J. Barber, P.M. 8878  
W. Bro. S. R. Bennett, P.Prov.S.G.D., P.M. 7104, 8873  
W. Bro. M. D. Cox, P.M. 6707, 6889  
W. Bro. W. J. Davis, Prov.J.G.D., P.M. 7294  
Bro. R. Edwards, 6707  
Bro. I. M. Greenfield, 5581  
W. Bro. R. Harris, P.M. 4621  
Bro. G. W. Hodson, 8596  
Bro. R. G. Jackson, W.M. 8323  
Bro. H. Keir, 6707  
Bro. M. S. Lovell, 7543  
W. Bro. G. F. Lowther, P.M. 6707  
W. Bro. J. C. Preen, P.Prov.S.G.D., P.M. 8596, P.M. 3826, 6889  
W. Bro. C. J. Scott, P.Prov.A.G.Reg., P.M. 5546, 6889  
W. Bro. A. L. Skipper, P.Prov.A.G.D.C., P.M. 6707  
Bro. S. J. Spencer, J.P., 5707  
W. Bro. B. L. Stanshie, P.M. 662  
Bro. A. J. Thomas, 4032  
Bro. J. B. Twamley, 3863  
W. Bro. C. J. Wright, P.Prov.A.G.D.C. (Warks), P.M. 3950, P.M. 9100  
Bro. J. C. Wright, 6030  
W. Bro. A. K. Wyer, P.M. 7543, 6889