

ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

MITTON LODGE

No. 6904



INSTALLATION
of

W. Bro. C. C. Farrer

As Worshipful Master

And

Lord of the Manor of Lower Mitton

On Monday 2nd April 2007 at the
Masonic Hall, Stourport.

Officers 2007 - 2008

Worshipful Master	W.Bro.C.C.Farrer
Senior Warden	Bro.D.O.Phillips
Junior Warden	Bro.R.McKenzie
Chaplain	W.Bro.R.W.Teague
Treasurer	Bro.D.Finch
Secretary	W.Bro.T.M.Wooldridge
D of C	W.Bro.S.J.Ray
Almoner	W.Bro.S.C.Cadman
Charity Steward	W.Bro.K.J.Pickersgill
Senior Deacon	Bro.B.D.Nicholls
Junior Deacon	Bro.S.Andrews
Asst. D of C	W.Bro.W.A.Davies
Organist	Bro.A.Sinton (Guest)
Asst.Secretary	Bro.K.A.Perkins
Inner Guard	Bro.D.S.Ray
Steward	Bro.C.R.Rogers
Steward	Bro.H.J.Everton
Steward	Bro.L.A.J.Bettis
Steward	Bro.A.J.Hardwick
Steward	W.Bro.W.V.Crook
Tyle:	W.Bro.K.F.Whitehouse

Brethren acting at Installation

Senior Warden	W.Bro.R.N. Hoare	1 st Deg W/Tools	Bro.K.A.Perkins
Junior Warden	W.Bro.D.R.J.Everton	2 nd Deg W/Tools	Bro.S.Andrews
Inner Guard	W.Bro.A.J.Morris	3 rd Deg W/Tools	W.Bro.E.Larner

TOASTS

1. The Queen and The Craft - Proposed by the WM
2. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC. Proposed by the WM.
3. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, The Most Honourable the Marquess of Northampton, DL. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Peter Geoffrey Lowndes, The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master, David Kenneth Williamson And the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. Proposed by the WM.
4. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Richard George Hamilton Goddard, MA. Proposed by Bro. S.W.
5. The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Robert C. Vaughan, Past grand Sword Bearer, The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, P.C.Band, Past Senior Grand Deacon, S.I.Edwards, Past Senior Grand Deacon, C.V.Young, Past Senior Grand Deacon and the rest of the Officers, present and past of the Provincial grand Lodge of Worcestershire. Proposed by Bro. J.W.
6. The Worshipful Master, proposed by W. Bro. R.W. Teague
Response by the WM
7. The Visitors.
A visitor invited by the WM will respond.
8. The Installing Master. Proposed by the WM
Response by The IPM
9. The Tylers Toast.

At Nine o'clock the brethren will take wine and remember absent brethren.

Provincial Officers Attending

Presiding Officer	V.W.Bro. Robert C. Vaughan PGSwdB
Prov. S.C.W.	W.Bro. R.E.H. Gameson PrSGW
Prov. J.G.W.	W.Bro. A.M. Dally PrJGW
Prov. D.C.	W.Bro. A.C.T. Skidmore Pr. AGDC.

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The Meaning of Mitton

"Mitton" is thought to have come from the Anglo-Saxon word "m, the" which means "meeting of rivers or confluence". In this case, The River Stour joining the River Severn. In the Domesday Book of 1086, Mitton or Nether Mitton is listed as one of sixteen "outliers" held under Kidderminster by William 1st. It would appear that there were three mills on the Manor of Kidderminster; one of which was Lower Mitton.

So Lower Mitton was essentially a rural village with a small but growing population until the middle of the 18th Century when Brindley followed the valley of the River Stour to build a canal, later called The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, linking the Black Country with the River Severn and hence the great port of Bristol and the rest of the world.

Prior to the bridge being built at Stourport, Mitton was linked to Areley Kings, which is also mentioned in the Domesday Book, by a ford across the Severn at Redstone Caves some half mile downstream from Stourport. This ford or shallow crossing place is mentioned in a poem by Agnes Cadman entitled "The Saga of Mitton" as the place where the body of Prince Arthur, son of Henry VII, who died on his honeymoon at Ludlow Castle, was brought to cross the Severn on its way to London.

The banner of Mitton Lodge shows a bridge and boats. The bridge was the first stone bridge to span the River Severn at Stourport. It was opened in 1775 and its foundations still remain on the riverbed to this day. The boats are Severn Trows that carried goods from Bristol to Stourport and back.

Until some twenty years ago, a public house in the High Street, Stourport was called "The Severn Trow" and the model which depicted its origin is housed in Burlish Middle School.