Province of Essex

Lodge of Fraternity. No. 5916

CONSECRATION

9th February 1944

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in
THE INDIAN TEMPLE, No 10

at

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET LONDON WC2

on WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 1944 at 11am

BY

Brig.Gen. K. KINCAID-SMITH, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

assisted by

W.Bro. SIR FREDERICK SENIER, J.P. P.G.D., P.P.G.W..

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

 $W. Bro.\ Brig.\ J.L.FRENCH, C.B.E., T.D., D.L., P.G.D., P.P.G.W.$

W.Bro. Dr. A.G.DUNCAN, P.P.G.W.

Assistant Provincial Grand Masters

W.Bro. S.A.WILLIAMS, M.A., Prov. S.G.W. ... as S.W.

W.Bro. C. LITTLER SMITH, P.A.G.Std.B., Prov. J.G.W ... as J.W. Bro. The Rev. R. STAFFORD MORRIS, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. ... as Chaplain

Bro. The Rev. W.H. JONES, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. ... as Chaplain

W.Bro. A.A.W. SIMMONDS, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. ... as Secretary

W.Bro. W.J.SLIPPER, P.G.D., Prov.G.D.C. ... as Director of Ceremonies

W.Bro. E.W. RAINER, P.P.G.W., Prov.DeputyG.D.C. ... as Asst. D.C.

W.Bro. F.A. JENKS, O.B.E., Prov.G.Sw.B. ... as Sw.B.

W.Bro. E.S. BURDETT, Prov.G.Org. ... as Organist

W.Bro. A. WARRINER, P.P.D.G.Reg., Asst.Prov.G.Sec. ... as Asst. Secretary

W.Bro. A.E. CAVE, Prov. G.Treas. ... as I.G.

Bro. A.D. KING, Prov. G.Tyler ... as Tyler

The Ceremony of Installation of the Master Designate
WILL BE PERFORMED BY
W.Bro. SIR FREDERICK SENIER Dep. Prov. Grand Master.

Order of Procedure

- 1. The Brethren assemble in the Temple with the exception of the Consecrating Officers, Grand Lodge Officers and Visitors of distinction, who will assemble in the anteroom.
- 2. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
- 3. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers, having entered in procession with the Grand Officers, takes the chair.
- 4. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appoints his Officers pro tem.

5. 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 blessed with honour 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

- 6. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting and calls upon the Chaplain to give the
- 7. **Opening Prayer.**

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

- 8. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.
- 9. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master replies and gives directions.
- 10. The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order.

- 11. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
- 12. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
- 13. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.
- 14. **An Oration** on the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Provincial
- 15. Sung in chant form by all Brethren Chant (Omnes): So mote it be.
- 16. An Oration

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is; Brethren to dwell to-gether 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 up on the hill of Zion For there the Lord promised His blessing; and life for evermore

Grand Chaplain.

SO MOTE IT BE

- 17. **Dedication Prayer** (First Portion)
 Sanctus GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
- 18. All the Brethren turn towards the East, and The R.W. Provincial Grand Master gives
- 19. The Invocation
- 20. Chant (Omnes): So mote it be.
- 21. The Chaplain reads 2 Chronicles, chapter ii, verses 1 16.
- 22. The Lodge Board is then uncovered and The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and acting Wardens carry the elements of Consecration round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation.
- 23. The Chaplain reads Psalm xxii, verse 16.

24. Before the first Circuit 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.

- 25. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master scatters Corn, the symbol of Plenty.
- 26. Musical Response GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 27. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chapter x, verse 39.
- 28. Before the second Circuit 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 R.W. Provincial Grand Master pours Wine, the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
- 30. Musical Response GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 31. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chapter xxx, verse 13.
- 32. Before the third Circuit the Brethren sing –

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

- 33. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master pours Oil, the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
- 34. Musical Response GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 35. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chapter ii, verse 13.
- 36. Before the fourth Circuit 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.

37.

- The R.W. Provincial Grand Master sprinkles Salt, the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.
- 38. Musical Response GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
- 39. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master Dedicates the Lodge

40. Anthem

Sung in chant form by all Brethren

O how amiable are Thy dwellings; Thou Lord of Hosts

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy House; so they will be always praising Thee.

SO MOTE IT BE.

- 41. The Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge and halts in the East.
- 42. **Dedication Prayer** (Second Portion)
- 43. Chant (Omnes): So mote it be.
- 44. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master constitutes the Lodge.
- 45. Chant (Omnes): So mote it be.
- 46. Hymn

O, first and sole Foundation,
O, hidden Corner Stone,
O, heavenly Star of Morning
O, only Perfect One;
Descend on this Thy Temple
And pour Thy blessings free
On us Thy Servants waiting
In hope of what shall be.

When there shall be no darkness, No grief and no decay, Earth's shadows all dissolving In Heaven's eternal day; No need of Word or Token, No need of Guard or Sign, In that great World of Brothers, That home of Light Divine.

There work shall be refreshment,
There parting comes no more,
That Lodge for aye stands open,
For aye untyled that door;
And in those blessed mansions,
With God upon the throne,
Shall Brother meet with Brother,
And know as he is known.

SO MOTE IT BE.

47. Patriarchal Benediction

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

A.A.W. SIMMONDS *Prov.G.Sec*.

W.J. SLIPPER *Prov.G.D.C.*

Lodge Business

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.