

PROVINCE OF ESSEX.

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CONSECRATION

OF THE

Easterford Lodge, No. 2342,

AT THE

PUBLIC HALL, KELVEDON,

ON

Wednesday, 19th March, 1890.

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THE CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION TO BE PERFORMED BY

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD BROOKE, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.,

Assisted by several Provincial Grand Officers.

THE CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION OF THE W.M. DESIGNATE WILL BE

PERFORMED BY

W.D. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, D.P.G.W.

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Bro. Rev. THOS. LLOYD, P.P.G.Chap. Staff. .... W.M. Designate.

Bro. J. H. SALTER ..... S.W. Designate.

Bro. J. L. OGIER ..... J.W. Designate.

*The Musical Ceremonies by W. Bro. C. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O. ;*  
*W. Bro. E. Gowers, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.O. ; and*  
*Bros. Coombs and Motum.*

The Consecration will take place at Two p.m. Banquet at 4.30 p.m.

Essex Standard, Colchester.

# PROGRAMME.

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1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room, with the exception of the Present and Past P.G. Officers and Visitors of distinction, who will assemble in the Ante-Room, and walk in procession to the Lodge Room.
2. The Provincial Grand Master takes the Chair and appoints his Officers *pro. tem.*
3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
- 4.—Hymn—  

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| Hail, Eternal, by whose aid        | May our work begun in Thee    | By Thy Glorious Majesty,       |
| All created things were made,      | Ever blest with order be ;    | By the trust we place in Thee, |
| Heaven and earth Thy vast design : | And may we when labours cease | By the badge and mystic sign,  |
| Hear us, Architect divine,         | Part in harmony and peace.    | Hear us, Architect divine.     |

So mote it be.
5. The Provincial Grand Master addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the Prayer.
6. The Provincial Grand Secretary addresses the Provincial Grand Master.
7. The Provincial Grand Master replies, and gives Directions.
8. The Brethren of the new Lodge are arranged in order.
9. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Petition and Warrant.
10. The Provincial Grand Master enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
11. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic Form.

## An Oration

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.

13. Anthem—(Psalm cxxxiii.).

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, for 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.      So mote it be.

14. *Dedication Prayer*—First Portion.
15. Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."
16. All the Brethren turn towards the East when the Provincial Grand Master gives

## The Invocation.

17. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
18. The Chaplain will read 2 Chron., chap. ii, verses 1 to 16.
19. The Lodge Board is then uncovered, and the Provincial Grand Master and Acting Wardens carry the Elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation (Solemn music during the procession).

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.

The Provincial Grand Master scatters corn, the emblem of Plenty.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

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 Provincial Grand Master pours Wine, the emblem of Joy and Happiness.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

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

Before the third circuit 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.

The Provincial Grand Master pours Oil, the emblem of Unity.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

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.

The Provincial Grand Master sprinkles Salt, the emblem of Friendship.

Musical Response—"Glory be to God on high."

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

20. **The Provincial Grand Master then Dedicates the Lodge.**

21. Anthem—

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory,  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most High.

22. The Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge and halts in the East. (Solemn music during his progress.)

23. *Dedication Prayer*—Second Portion.

24. Chant (*Omnes*):—"So mote it be."

25. **The Provincial Grand Master then Constitutes the Lodge.**

26. Chant (*Omnes*):—"So mote it be."

27. Hymn—

Glory to God on High,  
Let heaven and earth reply  
Praise ye His Name;

Masons His love adore,  
Tyled in their mystic lore,  
And cry out evermore,  
Glory to God!  
So mote it be.

**Final Benediction.**

THE LODGE IS RESUMED IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

✽ INSTALLATION ✽ OF ✽ THE ✽ WORSHIPFUL ✽ MASTER. ✽

ELECTION OF TREASURER.

APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS. ELECTION OF TYLER.

ELECTION OF A BROTHER TO REPRESENT THE LODGE ON THE ESSEX PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE TO FRAME BY-LAWS.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO BE READ.

PROPOSITIONS FOR INITIATION AND JOINING.

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## ESSEX FREEMASONRY.

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Since the appointment of Lord Brooke, M.P., as supreme ruler of the Masonic Craft in Essex in 1882 the Order has prospered beyond all precedent. Up to the end of 1889 no less than ten new Lodges had been added to the Province; and last week we chronicled the consecration of the eleventh new Lodge, viz., the Mistle, which is to meet at Manningtree. On Wednesday a further addition was made to the list in the consecration of "the Easterford" Lodge at Kelvedon; the ceremony being performed in an able manner by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of the Order and Recorder of Colchester), in the much-regretted absence, through continued indisposition, of the R. W. P. G. M. (Lord Brooke, M.P.).

The event had been looked forward to with much interest, the result being a very large gathering of Masons from every part of the Province; and when all were assembled in full regalia in the Public Hall, where the ceremony of the day took place, the scene was a brilliant one. The hall itself was tastefully adorned with flags lent by friends from Maldon and Tollesbury, while on the dais were some handsome flowers and ornamental plants sent by Mrs. Watson, from Felix Hall, and Mr. A. W. Ruggles Brise, from Durwards, Mr. Hill, gardener to the latter gentleman, arranging the same most tastefully.

The Lodge has been particularly fortunate as regards its furniture and appointments. What may be described as the "heavy furniture" is most substantial, and has been made locally. The pedestals, which are given respectively by the W.M., S.W., and J.W., have been well-made, and from specially-selected pannel oak, by Bro. Jos. Grimes, of Colchester, who himself presented a Secretary's desk to match the pedestals; the chairs, one of which is given by Bro. Curzon, J.P., are triumphs of the cabinet-maker's art, from the workshop of Mr. W. B. Polley, of Coggeshall; a kneeling-stool is given by Bro. M. W. Meade; Bro. W. Strutt gives Bible and cushion; the Provincial Grand Treasurer presents square and compasses and gavel; Bro. G. A. Eustace, two swords; Bro. R. B. Colvin, broken column; and Bro. C. T. Thorn, firing glasses. The banner of the Lodge, in the centre of which is a representation of a knight about to cross a ford, and the arms of the W.M. and S.W., has been most artistically executed by the Misses Turner, of Kelvedon.

The proceedings on Wednesday commenced at two o'clock, the V.W.D.P.G.M. presiding, and the other offices were occupied as follows :— Senior Warden, W. Bro. Leunox Browne, P.G.S.W. ; Junior Warden, W. Bro. E. H. Baily, P.G.J.W. ; Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell, PROV. G. CHAP. ; Secretary, W. Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. ENG., PROV. GRAND SEC. ; Dir. of Ceremonies, W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.G.P. ENG., PROV. D.C. ; Inner Guard, W. Bro. Richard Clowes, P.P.S.G.W.

The Lodge having been duly " opened," and a hymn, "Hail Eternal, by Whose aid," having been sung,

The V.W.D.G.P.M. briefly addressed the Brethren on the object of their being gathered together. He said they were met on a very interesting occasion, as it must be of real interest to all true Brethren to be gathered upon an occasion of this kind, when a new Lodge was about to be added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and also to the banner of their beloved and esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke. (Applause.) Generally speaking, occasions of this kind were comparatively rare, for although some new warrants had of late been granted, he could, from personal knowledge, testify to the difficulty there is now-a-days in obtaining a warrant, owing to the natural reluctance of the M.W.G.M. to increase the number of Lodges, unless they are likely to obtain adequate support, without weakening Lodges already established; and where they would form rallying points for Freemasons residing in a district already insufficiently supplied. These remarks might appear somewhat singular in the face of the fact that only this day week they were assembled, in a neighbouring part of the Province, consecrating a new Lodge viz., the Mistle. But these two warrants would not have been granted had not the M.W.G.M., on the recommendation of the R.W.P.G.M., felt that a real need existed. Unhappily he had again on this occasion, in the much-to-be-regretted absence of the P.G.M., to act as his deputy. He held in his hand a letter from his Lordship, in which, after mentioning that he had been sent by his medical adviser to the seaside, that he was only able to crawl out a little while each day, and could therefore hardly yet feel much better, his Lordship added, " Tell the Kelvedon Brethren how disappointed I am, as there are many of my friends among them." (Applause.) Personally it was to him (Bro. Philbrick) a great disappointment, as he was sure it was also to the promoters of the Lodge and the visitors present, but as all the arrangements had been made it was not right that these proceedings should be postponed. They were met in a district where there had never yet been a Freemasons' Lodge. There were, however, in Kelvedon and neighbourhood some energetic and good masons, and they

having reported to the R.W.P.G.M., and his Lordship, in his turn to the M.W.G.M. their desire to form a Lodge, the warrant had been granted. For the W.M. designate they had Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, who had obtained high honours in another Province—Staffordshire; for Senior Warden they had Bro. Dr. Salter, a Mason of long standing; and there were among those who had undertaken the arduous duties of founders Brethren who were well known in society in this neighbourhood. In behalf of those charged with the government of the Province, he wished the Easterford Lodge every possible success. He need hardly add that they felt and believed there was room for this Lodge. (Hear, hear.) They trusted the founders would remember the great importance of the trust placed in their hands. To them was given to illustrate to the outside world (so far as they were permitted to see) what the true principles of Freemasonry were. Let the Brethren now belonging to the Lodge, and those who might be enrolled amongst its members, hold their banner high—to let it be seen that Freemasonry is a living power for good. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Secretary then read the petition and warrant, and the petitioners signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

An eloquent address on the nature and principles of the Institution by the Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. W. Quennell) followed. The Rev. Brother remarked:—

He that would make a permanent and stable building must take heed that he lay a good foundation. Upon that rests all the strength and stateliness of the superstructure; without that no beauty of ornamentation, no apparent strength will suffice to withstand the certain fall. And this is true no less in regard to an institution—no less in a metaphorical than in a literal sense. When then, at this the consecration of a new lodge in Freemasonry, I am bidden to speak of the principles and purposes of our Order, it is in other words a mandate to look to the foundation upon which all our Craft is built, to see how solid and strong they are, if we may take heart from the consideration of those principles which underlie all our proceedings, and on the other hand may see that what we do in our life as Masons be consistent with them. There is no foundation for anything in human life that can stand the test of time and the shocks of chance but the foundation of true religion; and by true religion I mean the recognition of the Divine Ruler and of our responsibility to Him, and the recognition of our place in the world with its duties towards those who are above us for government and order, towards those who are around us for mutual friendship and kindness, towards those who are beneath us, in obedience to the sacred call of charity. Wherever men are placed—whatever their calling, whatever purpose of life they may set before them—these principles must be at the bottom of all, if they are to expect any success, or attain any lasting usefulness. These principles, and none less than these, are the foundations of Freemasonry. They are fostered by the whole routine of all our work; they shew themselves in all, even the most ordinary parts of our business. We do nothing but in the acknowledged presence of the Most High. The Volume of the Sacred Law lies open as the charter of our Order; His name is

invoked ; His law recognised ; life is spoken of as His gift, to be used in His honour, to be accounted for at His judgment seat. And then, turning from the Invisible Presence, whose decrees we ever acknowledge as supreme, within the Lodge we find : First, the authority of the Master, respected by all, his word our law, his presence our grace, himself commanding obedience to his ruling because he rules in observance of ancient constitution. In him we see the embodiment of human government, our loyalty to him is the pattern of loyalty to all constituted authority, and is its handmaid. They speak without knowledge, and as all such speakers do, fall far from the truth, who think that in Freemasonry there is a lack either of true religion or true loyalty, for both one and the other are bright and strong foundation stones—corner stones—upholding all our beautiful fabric. But with these, I may say because of these, there are the other two. It is one chief duty of the principal officer of every Lodge to “see that every brother has his due.” The idea of brotherhood—and the idea of the mutual claims that brother has upon brother—that each acknowledges something as his due to the others, this, which civilization teaches men at large, is a third foundation stone of the Craft. And how large a part of our common life does it maintain—the expulsion from the midst of us of both the feeling and the expression of ill-will, the binding together in the ties of amity and good-fellowship of men who have pure intentions and purposes which will bear the light of day—men with no double face, or double tongue, but who look one another in the face and grasp hand in hand, and meet as equals on the broad platform of brotherhood. Then, lastly, there is the bond-stone of charity. In a world which has its difficulties and disappointments, as well as its successes and victories, there must be those that fall under the one, as well as those that rise superior to all and surmount the steep ascent. The Charities which are associated with the name of Mason show that by our first principles we are invited to feel for those that fall into trouble, and for the children of those brethren who have been taken from us. If then I am to name the principles of our Order, I must say they are—religion and loyalty, and justice and benevolence, and if these words do not sufficiently particularize its purposes, they are in brief : To promote the honour of the Most High, to foster obedience to all constituted authority, to render to all their due, to support and comfort the sick, the poor, the bereaved. On these principles, with these purposes, our goodly Society is formed. And what remains, but to see that we fulfil them. What other purpose should the brethren of a new Lodge have set before them than to add to the castles of the Order one more stronghold upon the old foundations, and to see that they are ever remembered : that they are not things about which we only talk, but which we feel, and principles upon which we act. I think I am not exceeding my privilege in saying that it is the wish of all present at this august ceremony that these principles may guide the members of this Easterford Lodge throughout the ages that are to come.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Bro. Lennox Browne installed Bro. the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.R.G.C. Staffe (Rector of Easthorpe) as the first W.M., who in his turn invested his officers for the ensuing year as under :—S.W., Bro. J. H. Salter, J.P. ; J.W., Bro. J. L. Ogier ; Treas., Bro. Robt. Curzon, J.P. ; Sec., Bro. Mark W. Meade, I.P.M. 1977 ; S.D., Bro. R. B. Colvin, J.P. ; J.D., Bro. W. Strutt ; D.C., W. Bro. Geo. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, P.R.G. STD. B. ; I.G., Bro.

C. T. Thorn; *Stewards*, Bro. F. C. Herbert; *Tyler*, Bro. James Inifer.

The musical portions of the ceremony were ably carried out by Bros. Osmend, Gowers, Sparling, Coombs, and Motum.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the V.W.D.P.G.M. and other consecrating officers for their assistance, and together with the R.W.P.G.M. they were elected Honorary Members of the Lodge. Thanks were also accorded to Miss Philbrick for preparing a large number of "button-holes" from orchids supplied by Bro. F. Horsman, W.M. 51.

The W.M. was elected to represent the Lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee; and the names of several local gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation or joining members.

Between 70 and 80 Brethren afterwards dined together at the Angel Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Messrs. Wright and Son, of Colchester. The W.M. presided, and was supported by the D.P.G.M. and the other distinguished brethren.

The toast of "the Queen and Craft" having been duly honoured,

The W.M. gave the M.W.G.M. (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), and Officers of Grand Lodge," for whom V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, responded.

In giving "the health of the Provincial Grand Master" the W.M. said it was a matter of great regret to all of them that Lord Brooke's state of health had prevented his presence amongst them to-day. (Applause.) If, however, they could look in upon his Lordship at this time, he had no doubt they should find they were in his Lordship's thoughts, and that his heart was with them. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. next proposed "the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge present and past." reiterating the gratitude he felt that Bro. Philbrick had—no doubt at some personal sacrifice—been present that day, and so well supplied the place of the Provincial Grand Master. (Applause.) He could not help feeling when he was repeating the solemn words of the ritual that Bro. Philbrick ought to have been in Holy Orders, and if so he would have been a Bishop; but, being a Barrister, he ought to be a Judge. (Much applause.) It was a great thing for this Province to have a Brother of Mr. Philbrick's ability taking so active a part in the administration of its Masonic affairs; and he trusted that Brother would long continue to do so. (Applause.) The W.M. also acknowledged the assistance he had received from the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Ralling) in arranging the preliminaries for this meeting; and, speaking of the excellent oration by the Chaplain, said, amid much applause, that he trusted

they should be able to arrange to publish it. (Applause.) He associated the names of Bro. Philbrick and Br. Ralling with the toast, the Chaplain having left to catch the train.

The V.W.D.P.G.M., in responding, congratulated the founders upon the happy auspices under which their Lodge had been launched that day. They were Brethren who all had the true principles of Freemasonry thoroughly at heart; and there was no need to warn them to exercise the utmost prudence in the reception of new members. The Craft at large stood high in public estimation and it must be the aim of the founders of the Easterford Lodge to endeavour to maintain a high standard of masonic worth. The province also was at the present time in a very strong position. When he (Bro. Philbrick) was first called by the late Lord Tenterden to assist in the ruling of this province there were only nineteen Lodges, this one they had inaugurated to-day was the thirty first—(applause)—so that they had increased nearly fifty per cent. They were also a united province, and he trusted would continue to be so. In conclusion Bro. Philbrick congratulated the Lodge upon having so excellent a W.M. to preside over them, and wished them every prosperity.

The other toasts were "The W.M. of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers of the Easterford Lodge;" and "The Tyler's Toast."

Among the Brethren present on the occasion, in addition to those who took part in the ceremony and the officers of the Easterford Lodge, were:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Bros. H. P. Green, P.P.J.G.W. Norfolk; F. Sackett, P.G.J.D.; Alf. Buck, P.P.G.S.W.; Joseph Sadler, P.G. Treas.; F. G. Green, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Dorling, P.P.G. Sec. Suff.; A. J. H. Ward, P.G. Reg.; H. G. Everard, P.P.G.A.S.; R. Haward Ives, P.P.G.A.S.; J. P. Lowin, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Cavill, P.P.G.J.D.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.W.B.; Thos. Rix, P.P.G.S.W.B.; Joseph Grimes, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. H. Scott, P.P.G.A.S.; A. Barritt, P.P.G.A.S.; Charles Osmond, P.P.G.O.; Edmund Gowers, P.P.G.O.; S. Shawyer, P.P.G.S.W.B.; Geo. Copus, P.G.S. of W.; R. G. Kellett, P.P.G.S.W.B.; J. Fuller, P.P.G.P.; J. T. Baily, W.M. 2339, P.P.G.P.; J. Hutley, P.P.G.STD.B.; J. Van Essen, P.G.S.D.; Mark Gentry, W.M. 2154; J. G. Renshaw, W.M. 697; William Rudrum, W.M. 1977; W. R. Bloom, P.M. 1789; W. Shurmer, P.M. 1471; Rev. T. S. Raffles, S.W. 2329; C. J. R. Tijou, P.M. and Sec. 1804; Robert Smith, P.M. 607; A. S. B. Sparling, P.M. 51; J. H. Vaux, S.W. 650; S. H. Ellis, P.M. 1977, P.P.G.STD.B.; Wilson Metcalf, P.M. 276, P.P.G.STD.B.; J. Groat, S.W. 1977; Major Bannister 2312; Harris Hills, S.D. 2154; H. F. Hills, 1224; G. E. N. Adnams, 1988; E. A. Basham, S.D. 1977; R. E. Blaxall, 1977; G. Brown, I.G. 1977; A. Forster, 1977; James Bradbury S.W. 1312; Stephen Davey, S.D. 1312; Geo. Clifford, 1977; W. Banks, 215; S. H. Donegal, 398; John Howe, S.D. 697; J. A. Lloyd, 526; W. P. Allen, 2266; W. J. Harvey, 1734; Charles Quilter, 51; A. Emeny, 1977; Walter Stebbing, 1977; F. J. Notum, 697; R. O. Coombs, 51; H. T. Tilling, 2182; N. Fortesene, 1306; J. Crumpin, 1977; J. Coope, 697; G. Guiver, 1492; J. Turner, 2342.