



**CONSECRATION OF THE
BERKSHIRE LODGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT
NO. 9946**



The Consecration of the Berkshire Chapter of Enlightenment, No. 9946, took place at the Masonic Centre, Sindlesham, Berkshire on the 1st of October 2021 and was performed by E Comp. Ian R G Hopgood, ME Grand Superintendent, assisted by E Comps. Philip S Howells, ProvGH, Colin D Townsend Green, ProvGJ, David Arnold ProvGSE, Robin D Wilkinson, ProvSN, James Sampins, PPGSoj, as DC, and Paul Tomlinson PPDepGDC as ADC.

The ME Grand Superintendent addressed the Companions on the nature of the meeting and called for the ProvGSE Comp. David Arnold read the Charter of the Chapter.

The Petitioners were formed up in due order in the Chapter, by the DC, and having signified their approval of the Officers named therein. Comp Colin Townsend Green, ProvGJ addressed the Companions and gave an impressive Oration on the nature of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Chapter was Consecrated, Dedicated and Constituted in proper form by the ME Grand Superintendent, accompanied with Organ music by E Comp Brian Bicknell, ProvGOrg, and an excellent Choir arranged by Comp Robert S Spooner.



The ME Grand Superintendent installed Comp. Anthony Howlett-Bolton, OBE, as M.E.Z., the Provincial Second Principal installed Comp. Ian Clark as H.; and Comp. Steve Hieke, was installed as J by the Provincial Third Principal.

The remaining officers were appointed as follows, Comps. Ian Freeth, as Scribe E., Neil Hougham, as Scribe N., David Whyatt, as Treasurer, Neil Harvey as Director of Ceremonies, Lionel Higgins as Principal Sojourner, Brian King as 1st Assistant Sojourner, Colin Sainsbury as 2nd Assistant Sojourner, Victor Bickers as Assistant Director of Ceremonies and Matthew Coward as Janitor.

The ME Grand Superintendent then formally presented the Charter of the Chapter to the newly installed First Principals, with his best wishes for the long continuance and success of the Chapter.

The meeting was closed in due form and the Principal, Companions and guests retired to enjoy a Festive Board and to honour the usual Masonic Toasts, in the Flavell Suite.

