

Consecration Address

Brethren,

Good morning and welcome to Gateshead Masonic Hall as we gather with immense joy and anticipation to consecrate a new Lodge.

The significance of this moment cannot be overstated, for Anglers Lodge not only represents a new beginning but also symbolizes the promise of growth and renewal within our Province.

The origins of Anglers Lodge trace back to a group of individuals dedicated to supporting the national masonic fishing charity.

The Durham Branch of this charity was formed by the Provincial Grand Master at the time RW Bro Eric Heaviside, he pulled together a team whom he knew would have the compassion and a desire to make this venture work, the team organises fishing days to offer underprivileged children the chance to experience the joy of fishing alongside our dedicated casters and volunteers. This group have continued now for several years and have expanded over this time.

It was through these shared experiences and a common commitment to helping others that the idea for Anglers Lodge took root and grew into the lodge we consecrate here today.

For almost a decade, our province has awaited the formation of a new Lodge, and today, that wait comes to a glorious end. Anglers Lodge emerges as a beacon of hope, signalling the dawn of a new era for Freemasonry in our region. As we consecrate this lodge, we do so with hearts filled with pride and excitement of what's to come.

The name "Anglers Lodge" carries with it a profound significance. Just as anglers patiently cast their lines into the depths in search of hidden treasures, so too do Freemasons embark on a journey of discovery, seeking the timeless truths and values that lie at the heart of our craft.

Anglers Lodge, therefore, serves as a symbol of our collective pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and virtue.

As we stand on this threshold, let us look to the future with optimism and enthusiasm. May Anglers Lodge serve as a catalyst for growth within our province, inspiring others who have that same love for freemasonry .

To the brethren who have laboured tirelessly to bring Anglers Lodge into existence, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment have made this day possible, and your efforts will be remembered and celebrated for generations to come.

As we consecrate Anglers Lodge, May this lodge be a beacon of light and inspiration for all who enter its doors, a place where the bonds of friendship are forged, and where freemasonry thrives.

In closing, remember that today is not just about the consecration of a new lodge, let us rededicate ourselves to the values of Freemasonry: respect, integrity, friendship, and service.

May Anglers Lodge be a shining example of all that Freemasonry represents, and may its consecration today mark the beginning of a new era of growth, prosperity, and fraternity within our beloved province.