



Shakespeare Memorial Theatre

CEREMONY OF LAYING THE
FOUNDATION STONE

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FOUNDATION STONE

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will remain in their places until the
Masonic Processions and the Mayor
and Corporation have left the grounds.*



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SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL THEATRE

By Miss Scott and Messrs. Chesterton and Shepherd

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Ceremony of Laying the
Foundation Stone

By

The Right Honourable Lord Ampthill

G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.

M.V. Pro Grand Master

United Grand Lodge of England

Stratford-upon-Avon

Tuesday, 2nd July

1929

Shakespeare Memorial Theatre

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

(Incorporated under Royal Charter)

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ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The Maul which will be used in the Ceremony
is an ancient Egyptian workman's tool in use in a
Tomb at Sakkara some 4,000 years ago.

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THE M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER

ACCOMPANIED BY THOSE BRETHREN ASSISTING IN THE CEREMONY, WILL ENTER IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER :

THE DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES

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TWO JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS

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FOUR MASTERS OF LODGES, bearing the Cornucopia, Ewers with Wine and Oil, and Vessel with Salt

(J. W. FINCHER, Swan of Avon Lodge, No. 2133)

(C. M. COLLINS, David Garrick Lodge, No. 4243)

(C. H. MORTIMORE, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43)

(C. F. MONK, Barnard Lodge, No. 5100)

THE ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY with the Trowel

(SYDNEY A. WHITE)

THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS with the Plans

(A. BURNETT BROWN)

THE GRAND SECRETARY with the Plate

(SIR COLVILLE SMITH, C.V.O.)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

with the Phial containing the Papers and Coins to be deposited in the Stone

(SIR ALFRED ROBBINS, F.J.I.)

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN bearing the Volume of the Sacred Law

(REV. PREBENDARY A. W. GOUGH, M.A.)

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR WARWICKSHIRE

with the Maul

(COLONEL W. F. WYLEY, V.D., D.L.)

THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN with the Plumb Rule

(SIR KYNASTON STUDD, O.B.E., Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of London)

THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN with the Level

(THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, M.P.)

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER with the Square

(THE RT. HON. LORD CORNWALLIS, C.B.E.)

THE GRAND SWORD BEARER

(COLONEL R. J. BLACKHAM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., C.I.F., M.D.)

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER

(THE RT. HON. LORD AMPHILL, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.)

THE GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

(WALLACE E. HEATON. E. LIONEL STUDD)

TWO SENIOR GRAND DEACONS

(T. E. C. COLE, M.D. C. J. G. PALMOUR)

THE GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

(C. R. J. NICHOLL)

TWO GRAND STEWARDS

(W. H. WICKHAM. E. M. BARLOW)

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The Rt. Hon. Viscount Burnham, C.H., President of the Trustees of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, will request the M.W. Pro Grand Master to lay the Foundation Stone.

The Stone will be raised.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will address the Assembly.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain :

“ Almighty and Eternal God, Great Architect of the Universe, who dost from Thy Throne behold all dwellers upon Earth, direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name.” *So mote it be.*

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will pass to the Stone.

The President of the Board of General Purposes will place a Phial containing Papers and Coins of the Realm in the Cavity.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will ask the Grand Secretary to read the inscription on the Stone, and place the Plate over the Cavity.

The Architect (Miss Elisabeth Scott, A.R.I.B.A.) will present the Trowel.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will spread the cement on the lower stone with the Trowel.

The Upper Stone will then be lowered by three distinct movements and adjusted by the Grand Superintendent of Works.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will adjust the Stone by striking it on the four corners with the Maul handed to him for the purpose, saying : “With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice let our work be founded.”

The Junior Grand Warden will hand the Plumb Rule to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, who will prove the Stone Plumb.

The Senior Grand Warden will hand the Level to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, who will prove the Stone Level.

The Deputy Grand Master will hand the Square to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, who will prove the Stone Square.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will strike the Stone three times with the Maul handed to him for the purpose, saying: "By the power in me vested, and in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, I declare this Stone well and truly laid."

The Grand Superintendent of Works (presenting the suggested Plans) says: "M.W. Pro Grand Master, deign to inspect the whole Design."

The M.W. Pro Grand Master: "I will do so with pleasure" (inspects the Plans and hands them back). "With the implements of our Craft and these instructions, may there be raised a superstructure, perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders."

The Bearers of the Vessels containing the Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt will take up their positions.

The Grand Chaplain: "There shall be an handful of CORN in the earth, upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon, and they of the City shall flourish like grass of the earth." (Psalm LXXII, v. 16.)

The Brethren will 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 Vessels will be carried round the Stone and the Cornucopia containing the Corn will be presented to the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master: "I scatter Corn on this Stone, the emblem of plenty, and may the all Bounteous Creator of

the Universe shower down His choicest blessings on the members of this Community, and all who shall assemble in this building to the Glory of the Most High, until time shall be no more."

The Grand Chaplain: "And for a drink offering, thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of WINE, for a sweet Savour unto the Lord." (Numbers, Chap. XV, v. 7.)

The Brethren will 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 Vessels will be carried round the Stone, and the Ewer containing the Wine will be presented to the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master: "I pour wine on this Stone, the emblem of joy and gladness, and may He whose name is Love, grant that we may be all of one heart and mind, and may we ever dwell together in peace and unity."

The Grand Chaplain: "And thou shalt make it an OIL of Holy ointment, an ointment compounded after the art of the apothecary, which shall be an Holy anointing Oil. And thou shalt anoint the Tabernacle of the Congregation therewith, and the Ark of the Testimony." (Exodus, Chap. XXX, v. 25 and 26.)

The Brethren will sing:

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

The Vessels will be carried round the Stone, and the Ewer containing the Oil will be presented to the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master : "I pour Oil on this Stone, the emblem of charity, and may God give us grateful hearts, and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others."

The Grand Chaplain : "And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with SALT, neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer Salt." (Leviticus, Chap. II, v. 13.)

The Brethren will 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 Building, from decay."

The Vessels will be carried round the Stone, and the Vessel containing the Salt will be presented to the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master : "I sprinkle Salt on this Stone, the emblem of hospitality and friendship, and may the all Bounteous Author of Nature bless this District, the Country, and Kingdom at large with abundance of corn, wine and oil, and all the necessaries, comforts and conveniences of life. And may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the Foundation with every success."

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will return to his Chair.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain :

"Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men upon earth, and to dwell in the midst of their assemblies. Bless, we beseech Thee, the work we have this day begun in Thy name. May the Edifice about to be erected on this foundation stone be completed to Thy Honour and Glory,

and may those who shall hereafter use the building, dedicate and devote their lives to Thy service, and evermore praise and magnify Thy Holy Name.” *So mote it be.*

The Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Benediction :

“May the God of our Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the Everlasting Covenant, who has redeemed us from evil, the Holy One who sanctifieth us, Bless, Preserve, and keep you evermore.” *So mote it be.*

The Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire will address the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master will reply.

HYMN - - - - “Now Thank we all Our God.”

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices :
Who from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

So mote it be.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour :
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, accompanied by the Brethren assisting him, will retire in Procession.

At the Organ:

HENRY GOSS CUSTARD, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O.

Music will be provided by the Band of the 5th and 6th Battalions The Royal Warwickshire Regiment (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. C. Crockford, M.C., T.D., and Lt.-Col. L. J. A. Gay, T.D. and Officers).