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EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC  
BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION  
(INCORPORATED).



Programme of Proceedings

ON THE

Laying of the  
Foundation Stone

OF

THE EAST LANCASHIRE  
MASONIC HALL,

BRIDGE STREET, MANCHESTER,

TO BE FOR EVER THE PROPERTY OF THE  
ABOVE INSTITUTION.

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SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER, 1925.

EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC HALL,  
BRIDGE STREET, MANCHESTER.

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# Order of Ceremonial

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE

## LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF THE EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC HALL,  
BRIDGE STREET, MANCHESTER,

BY THE

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,  
The Rt. Hon. The EARL OF DERBY, K.G., etc.  
P. G. Warden (Eng.)

ON SUNDAY, the 4th day of OCTOBER, 1925.

The Brethren will assemble at 2 p.m. at the Manchester Free Trade Hall, where an Especial Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened, at Three o'clock precisely.

## Order of Proceedings.

The Chairman of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution will request the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Derby, to lay the Foundation Stone.

The Stone will be raised.

The R. W. Provincial Grand Master will reply and address the assembly:—

“Men and Brethren here assembled to-day to behold this Ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our Country; and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries, and engaged by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the Brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe

We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of antient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men of all ages, who have shewn themselves ready to promote our interests, and to defend us against all adversaries.

We are here assembled to-day, in the presence of you all, to assist in laying, in antient form, the Foundation Stone of this Building as a house for Masonry, which we pray God may deserve to prosper by becoming a place of Concord for good men and for the promotion of Harmony and Brotherly Love throughout the World, until time shall be no more.”

Prayer by the Provincial 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.

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*The Provincial Grand Treasurer will place a phial in the cavity after announcing its contents.*

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*The Provincial Grand Registrar will also place a phial in the cavity after announcing its contents.*

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The R. W. Provincial Grand Master: **I will ask the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the inscription on the Stone.**

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*The cement will be laid on the lower stone, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master will adjust the same with a trowel handed to him for the purpose.*

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*The upper stone will then be lowered by three distinct movements, and adjusted by the Architect of the Building.*

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The R. W. Provincial Grand Master will adjust the Stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the heavy maul (handed to him by its bearer) saying:—**With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice let our work be founded.**

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The R. W. Provincial Grand Master:—**“Bro. Junior Warden, you will apply the Plumb Rule to the Stone.”**

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The J.W. (having done so):—**“R. W. Brother, I find the Stone perfect and trustworthy. The Craftsmen have done their duty.”**

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The R. W. Provincial Grand Master:—**“Bro. Senior Warden, you will apply the Level to prove the Stone.”**

The S. W. (having done so) :—" R. W. Brother, I find the Stone to be well founded. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

The R. W. Provincial Grand Master :—" Bro. Dep. Prov. G. Master, you will apply the Square to prove the Stone."

The Dep. Prov. G. Master :—" R. W. Brother, I have applied the Square, and find the Stone to be true. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

The R. W. Provincial Grand Master :—" Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it now remains with me to complete the work." (*Strikes the Stone three times with the Maul handed to him by its bearer.*) " 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 in accordance with the Antient Rules of Architecture."

The Architect (*presenting the plans*) says :—" R. W. Brother, deign to inspect and sanction the whole design."

The R. W. Provincial 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 you raise a super-structure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders."

The Vessels containing the corn, wine, oil and salt will be carried round the stone once by the bearers, who will halt in the West.

*The Consecrating Vessels are presented successively to the R. W. Provincial Grand Master with the following words :—*

(a) *Corn.* " R. W. Brother, I present to you Corn, the sacred emblem of plenty."

The Chaplain recites :—

" 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 27, v. 16.*

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 R. W. Provincial 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.”

Response :—Glory be to God on High.

(b) *Wine*: “R. W. Brother, I present to you Wine, the sacred emblem of Joy and Gladness.”

The Chaplain recites :—

“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. 15, v. 7.*

The Brethren sing :—

“When there a shrine to Him alone  
They built, with worship sin to toil  
On threshold and on Corner-Stone  
They poured out Corn, and Wine, and Oil.”

The R. W. Provincial 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.”

Response :—Glory be to God on High.

(c) *Oil*. “R. W. Brother, I present to you Oil, the sacred emblem of Charity.”

The Chaplain recites :—

“And thou shalt make it an Oil of holy ointment, an  
“ointment compounded after the art of the apothecary, it  
“shall be an Holy anointing Oil. And thou shalt anoint  
“the Tabernacle of the Congregation therewith, and the Ark  
“of the Testimony.”

*Exodus, Chap. 30, v. 25 & 26.*

The Brethren 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 R. W. Provincial 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.”

Response :—Glory be to God on High.

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(d) *Salt* : “R. W. Brother, I present to you Salt, the sacred emblem of Hospitality and Friendship.”

The Chaplain recites :—

“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, 2, v. 13.*

The Brethren sing :—

“Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy conservant power ;  
“And may Thy presence Lord we pray  
Preserve and keep this Lodge alway.”

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The R. W. Provincial 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.”

Response :—Glory be to God on High.



ANTHEM. (*Dedication Prayer of King Solomon.*)

I have surely built Thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for Thee to abide for ever.  
But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee—how much less the house that I have builded?  
Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord, my God—that Thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day, even towards the place of which Thou hast said My name shall be there.  
And the Lord said to Solomon—I have heard thy prayer. I have hallowed this house which thou hast built—to put My name there for ever, and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually. Amen. Hallelujah.

Prayer by the Provincial G. 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 this building delicate and devote their lives to Thy service, and ever more praise and magnify Thy Holy Name.”

Response:—So more it be.

The 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.”

Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed in due form.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

*R. Verney Clayton*

P.A.G. Repr. (Eng.)  
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