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# THE MASONIC PEACE MEMORIAL

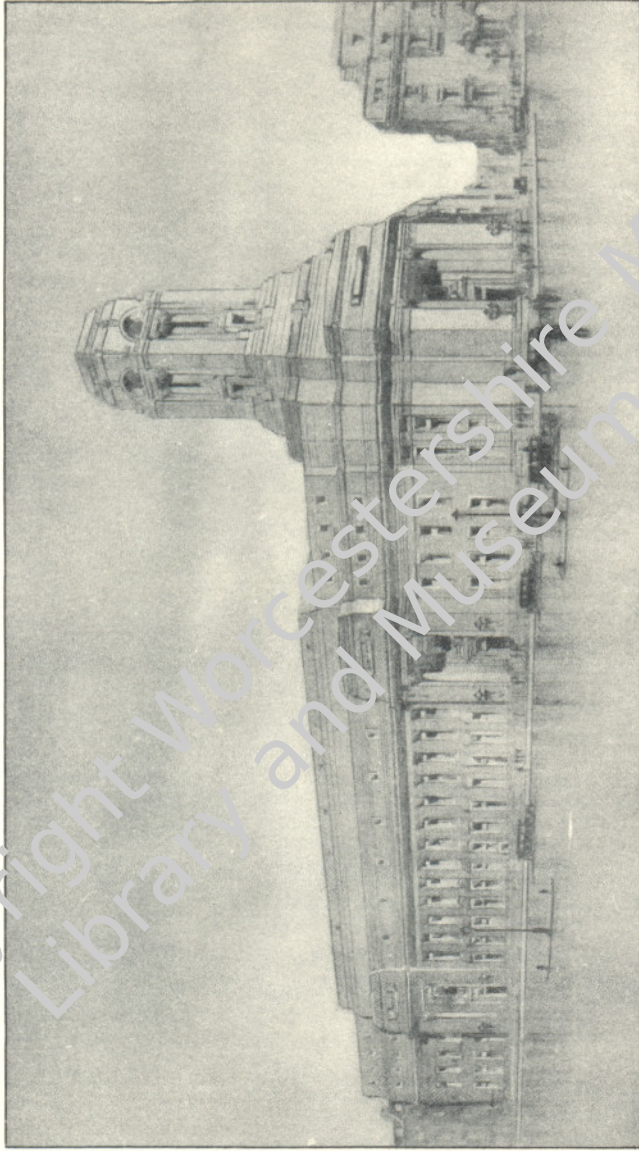


## CEREMONY OF LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

BY  
FIELD MARSHAL  
H·R·H·THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT·K·G  
M·W·GRAND MASTER

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THE MASONIC PEACE MEMORIAL BUILDING,  
GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON

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Order of Procedure

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## Ceremonial

AT 3.30 P.M. A PROCESSION OF PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS (OTHER THAN THOSE ASSISTING AT THE CEREMONY), MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, PRESENT AND PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS, AND DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FROM IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND OTHER GRAND LODGES WILL ENTER THE HALL IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

Two Grand Stewards  
The Assistant Grand Pursivants  
The Grand Pursivant  
The Assistant Grand Secretary  
The Assistant Grand Standard Bearers  
The Assistant Grand Sword Bearers  
The Deputy Grand Sword Bearer  
The Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies  
The Assistant Grand Registrars  
The Assistant Grand Chaplains  
The Junior Grand Deacons  
The Senior Grand Deacons  
Two Grand Stewards  
Members of the Masonic Peace Memorial Building Committee  
Two Grand Stewards  
Past Provincial and District Grand Masters  
Provincial and District Grand Masters  
Distinguished Visitors from Overseas  
Deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland  
Deputation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland  
Two Grand Stewards

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND  
MASTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THOSE BRETHREN  
ASSISTING IN THE CEREMONY, WILL ENTER  
THE HALL IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER :

The Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies

The Grand Tyler

Two Grand Stewards

The Grand Superintendent of Works with the Plans

The President of the Board of Benevolence with the Travel

The Grand Secretary with the Plate

The Chairman of the Special Committee with the Roll

The Grand Registrar with the Great Seal

The Grand Treasurer with the Phial containing the Coins to be  
deposited in the Stone

The Grand Chaplains bearing the Volume of the Sacred Law

The Junior Grand Warden with the Plumb Rule

The Senior Grand Warden with the Level

A District Grand Master bearing the Cornucopia with Corn

A Provincial Grand Master bearing the Ewer with Wine

A Provincial Grand Master bearing the Ewer with Oil

A Provincial Grand Master bearing the Vessel with Salt

The Deputy Grand Master with the Square

The Pre Grand Master with the Maul

The Grand Sword Bearer

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER

FIELD-MARSHAL M.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND  
STRATHEARN, K.G.

The Grand Standard Bearers

The Grand Director of Ceremonies

Three Grand Stewards

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master having taken his position, the Brethren will remain standing to order while the National Anthem is played.

The Chairman of the Special Committee will request the Most Worshipful The Grand Master to lay the Foundation Stone.

\* The Stone will be raised.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will 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 cuntries, 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.

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\* NOTE—The actual Stone at Great Queen Street has been presented by the three Lodges of those still in existence, which formed the original Grand Lodge in 1717 viz.—The Lodge of Antiquity No. 2, The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, and The Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge No. 12.

“ 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 in all ages, who have ever 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 our 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 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 Most Worshipful The Grand Master will pass to the Stone and take up his position.

The Grand Treasurer will place a Phial in the Cavity containing the Roll and Coins of the Realm.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will ask the Grand Secretary to read the inscription on the Stone.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will spread the cement on the lower stone with the Trowel handed to him for the purpose.

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

*At the end of each movement a Fanfare of Trumpets will be sounded, and as the Stone comes to rest, a green light will indicate by electrical connection, that the actual Foundation Stone on the Site in Great Queen Street has been laid.*

The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master will hand the Maul † to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will adjust the Stone by striking it on the four corners, saying: "With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice let our work be founded."

The Junior Grand Warden will hand the Plumb Rule to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will prove the Stone Plumb.

The Senior Grand Warden will hand the Level to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will prove the Stone Level.

The Deputy Grand Master will hand the Square to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will prove the Stone Square.

The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master will hand the Maul to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master who will strike the Stone three times with the Maul, 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."

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† The Maul is the Christopher Wren Maul, which is the property of, and has been lent for the occasion by, the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2.



The Grand Superintendent of Works (presenting the suggested Plans) says: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, deign to inspect and sanction the whole Design."

The Most Worshipful The 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 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 XXVII, v. XVI.)

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 Vessel will be carried round the Stone and the Cornucopia containing the Corn will be presented to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful The 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 our 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. vii.)

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 Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful The 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. xxv and xxvi.)

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 Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful The 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. VI, v. XIII.)

The Brethren will sing :—

" Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy counsel and power,  
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,  
Keep this, our Temple, from decay."

The Vessels will be carried round the Stone, and the Vessel containing the Salt will be presented to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful The 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 Most Worshipful The Grand Master will again occupy the Throne.

HYMN - - - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

O GOD, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne  
Thy Saints have dwelt secure:  
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the Same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

*So mote it be.*

A Deputation will be admitted in the following order :—

A Representative of each of the three Lodges which  
presented the Stone

The Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works

The Architects of the New Building

(W. Bro. H. V. Ashley, P.A.G. Supt. Works, and W. Bro. Winton Newman)

The Deputy Chairman of the Special Committee

and will report to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master that they  
have witnessed the Laying of the Foundation Stone on the Site in  
Great Queen Street.

Representatives of the Distinguished Visitors will address the  
Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will reply.

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.*

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

**N**OW thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In Whom His world rejoices :  
Who from our mother's 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

**G**OD 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.

O Lord our God, arise,  
Scatter his enemies,  
And make them fall.  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks,  
On Thee our hopes we fix  
God save us all.

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 Most Worshipful The Grand Master, accompanied by the Brethren assisting him, together with the Distinguished Visitors, Provincial and District Grand Masters, the special Committee and the Grand Officers of the year, will leave the Hall in Procession.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

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☪ Brethren are strictly desired not to leave their seats until after the Grand Master has retired from the Hall, and they are further requested particularly to note that owing to the exceptional circumstances of the gathering, the meeting is not tiled