

Lodge Auburn 484

Anzac

Commemoration



LODGE OPENS AS USUAL

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Wreaths will be placed at chairs of S.W., J.W., S.D. and J.D., at opening of Lodge.

A Cenotaph (table covered with Union Jack) to be erected under letter "G" with crossed swords and helmet or sword and rifle. The whole to be flood-lighted with a shaded light as strong as to throw the West and East into shadow when burning alone.

After the disposal of formal business the Director of Ceremonies appointed for the occasion, marching to slow time, proceeds to the S., W., N. and East and, as he passes, the Ex-service brethren appointed to act as officers, will fall in and march behind.

1st PROCESSION

On the second time around the Ex-service temporary officers will fall out at their stations and take over from the regular officers in following order, viz.: J.W., J.D., S.W., J.G. and S.D.

(Note.—Appointed brethren should take positions when Lodge opens so that they can conveniently fall in and out in their proper sequence.)

Director of Ceremonies returns to his chair

All lights out and Cenotaph flood-lighted.

Wor. Master will now announce: "The Commemoration Service will now commence by singing the National Anthem."

Sounds Gavel.

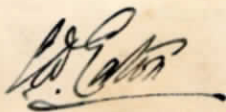
Immediately after National Anthem and unannounced:

"O, God Our Help in Ages Past"

(2 verses)

Solo (Appropriate)

PROCESSIONAL.



2nd PROCESSION

D.C. will lead as before to slow time, 4 Ex-Service P.M.s to their positions as Custodians of the Cenotaph. They will fall out at S., W., N. and East alongside Cenotaph, facing outwards.

(Note.—P.M.s should arrange to sit on the dais in the order that they will fall out.)

POSITION AFTER 2nd PROCESSION.

3rd PROCESSION

Continuing, without interruption, D.C. will again march round on the outer circle and J.W., J.D., S.W. and S.D. will fall in carrying wreaths and on second time round will fall out at follows:

S.D., in South	}	Facing inwards, facing P.M.s, two short paces between them.
S.W., in West		
J.D., in North		
J.W., in East		

POSITION AT END OF 3rd PROCESSION.

Director of Ceremonies returns to his chair.

Wor. Master sounds Gavel, saying, "Brethren will now face the West." (Sn. of F).

LAST POST

Brethren taking time from some one appointed in the West turn back and remain standing

PRESENTATION OF WREATHS (without announcement)

(From North)—J.D. steps a pace forward, saying:

"Wor. Bro. I come from the North, representing those who journeyed from the Northern Boundaries of our Empire at the call of duty and I now entrust to your care this wreath inscribed to the memory of those members of our order who paid "The Supreme Sacrifice."

P.M., with Sn. of F., bows and receives wreath.

(From South)—S.D. steps a pace forward, saying:

"Wor. Bro. I come from the South, representing those who journeyed from the Southern Boundaries of our Empire at the call of duty and I now entrust to your care this wreath inscribed to the memory of those members of the Australian and New Zealand Forces who paid "The Supreme Sacrifice."

P.M., with Sn. of F., bows and receives wreath.

(From East)—J.W. steps forward a pace, saying:

"Wor. Bro. I come from the East, representing those who journeyed from the Eastern Boundaries of our Empire at the call of duty and I now entrust to your care this wreath inscribed to the memory of those members of the British and Sister Dominion Forces who paid "The Supreme Sacrifice."

P.M., with Sn. of F., bows and receives wreath.

(From West—S.W. steps forward a pace, saying:

"Wor. Bro. I come from the West, representing those who journeyed from the Western Boundaries of our Empire at the call of duty and I now entrust to your care this wreath inscribed to the memory of those members of the Allied Forces who paid "The Supreme Sacrifice."

P.M., with Sn. of F., bows and receives wreath.

P.M.s now holding wreaths, with a turn, taking time from P.M. in East, face Wor. Master.

(Wor. Master)—Wor. Brethren, you having accepted the custody of the Floral Tributes, I would commission you to temporarily place them upon the Memorial Pedestal until the close of this night's proceedings, when I would enjoin the Brethren here assembled to accompany you to the Public Memorial Place, there to place the wreaths in the name of this Lodge and I would express the hope that, by having recalled the sacrifices of "Our Immortal Dead," we shall thus be reminded as citizens of the world to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties, to pay due observance to the laws of our country, never to forget the allegiance due to the ruler of our native land, remembering that Nature has implanted in our breasts a sacred and indissoluble attachment to the country whence we derived our birth and infant nurture.

We remember their sacrifice with gratitude and pray for a continuance of the courage, fortitude and patience manifested in War, so that in the days of Peace we may worthily contribute to the well-being of this Commonwealth.

P.M.s turn back taking time from the East, facing inwards and simultaneously place wreaths against Cenotaph.

Recovering upright position, P.M. in the East, recites:

"They shall grow, not old, as we who are left grow old,
Age shall not wither nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the Sun, and in the morning,
We will Remember Them."

All Brethren repeat in unison:

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."

Two minutes silence.

(Wor. Master)—"Brethren will face the East."

REVEILLE.

(All lights are gradually put on while Reveille is being played).

Wor. Master—Be seated Brethren.

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4th PROCESSION

D.C. marches with slow time, via S., W., N. and East. First time around A/g, S.D., S.W., J.D. and J.W. fall in. Second time around Lodge, these men fall out at their respective chairs.

5th PROCESSION

D.C., without interruption and taking the inner circle, marches, and P.M.s fall in S., W., N. and East and return to their chairs.

Solo.

Address.

Kipling's Recessional Hymn.
(2 verses)

INVOCATION.—Almighty God, Creator and Supreme Ruler of the Universe be pleased to bless all Councils and Parliaments so that under their direction the Nations may seek Peace and live in Brotherhood and mutual service.

Grant them such a sense of justice and sympathy that the curse of distrust and discord may be removed and that War may be no more.

To the Glory of Thy Great and Holy Name.

(In unison) So mote it be.

SUGGESTIONS

All brethren taking part in Ceremonial should, if possible, be Ex-Service men, wear gloves and medals or ribbons and decorations.

Lodge room should be decorated with flags, pot plants and flowers.

After the first announcement the Ceremony should be conducted without interruption or promptings from the Chair (except where expressly indicated).

The Director of Ceremonies, having evolved a code of signals between the Organist and others taking a prominent part in the ceremonial.

Stewards' chairs should be placed well back to the West and Bugler seated in centre of Stewards.

Suggested music for Processions:

- "Largo" Handel
- "March in Scipio" Handel
- "O Valiant Hearts" Toc "H" Hymn

Practice with music very necessary and under these conditions we found two practices sufficient.