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Installation

OF

The Grand Master

FRIDAY, MAY 12th, 1939

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**The United Religious and Military
Orders of the Temple,**

AND OF

**St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes,
and Malta.**

RUBRIC AND RITUAL

OF THE

Ceremony of Installation

OF THE

Rt. Hon. The EARL OF HAREWOOD, K.G., G.C.V.O., D.S.O.
Knight Grand Cross.,

AS

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master

OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c.,

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GT. MARSHAL: Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal, the Most Eminent and Supreme Knight, the Earl of Harewood, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross, who has been elected Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, is with us and demands admittance in order that he may be installed.

GT. SENESCHAL: Very Eminent Great Marshal, you will form the appropriate Escort to introduce the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in due form.

GT. MARSHAL: Will the following Very Eminent Knights please form Escort:

The Escort retires:—

DEPUTY GREAT MARSHAL

G.C.T.
PROVINCIAL PRIOR.
K.C.T.

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PROVINCIAL PRIOR.
K.C.T.

GT. MARSHAL: *directs that the Arch of Steel be formed, and retires. The Procession enters in the following order:—*

DEPUTY GREAT MARSHAL

K.C.T. bearing the Steel Chain
and Cross of Salem.

K.C.T. bearing Statutes.

PROV. PRIOR bearing Mantle.

PROV. PRIOR bearing Baton
and Ring.

G.C.T. bearing G.C.T. Chain.

G.C.T. bearing Sword.

THE GRAND MASTER.

GRAND MASTER'S BANNER BEARER.

GT. SENESCHAL: Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, you have been unanimously elected to preside over the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown, and I now therefore enquire if you are willing to take the Obligation of that high Office?

GRAND MASTER: I am.

GT. SENESCHAL: Then I request you to join us in supplicating the blessing and assistance of the Divine Power.

GT. PRELATE: *Advances to the front of the Altar, and faces East.*

Almighty God, Who rulest the hearts of the greatest and humblest upon earth, we beseech Thee to imbue this Thy servant with Thy Divine Grace, that he may rule aright all those committed to his charge, and, ever relying upon Thy protecting care, he may glorify Thee in all his works. Endow us with Thy Wisdom that we may render due obedience to him who, under Thy guiding Power, has been set in authority over us. This we pray, through Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest, and Christ our King.—A-MEN.

GT. SENESCHAL: Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, I now request you to kneel on both knees, place your right hand upon the Holy Gospels, and recite the Obligation of your Office.

The Great Constables advance and cross their swords over the head of the Grand Master.

Obligation of the Grand Master.

I,, in the Name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and in the presence of this Great Priory, duly constituted and convened, do hereby and hereon promise and vow that I will undertake the government of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown; observing all such things as shall promote the well-being and dignity thereof, and protecting and upholding the same to the best of my ability.

I will maintain the King's Supremacy.

I will judge the rich as the poor and the poor as the rich, without distinction of rank, without bias favour or affection,

and will act uprightly fearlessly and impartially between man and man.

And hereunto I pledge my Knightly Oath, so help me Christ Emanuel.

GT. SENESCHAL: You will seal that Obligation on the Holy Gospels nine times with your lips.

GT. PRELATE: *advances to West of The Sepulchre and taking the Grand Master by the right hand, says:—*

Arise, be steadfast with the help of Christ.

The Great Constables resume their stations.

GT. MARSHAL: Brother Knights, Be-seated.

GT. PRELATE: *conducts the Grand Master to the foot of the Throne, and resumes his seat.*

THE ESCORT: *follows to the East.*

Investiture and Installation.

GT. SENECHAL:

I invest you with the Steel Chain of the Order and the Cross of Salem.

Receive the Mantle of the Order, bearing the Insignia of your Office.

When the Mantle is put on, the Great Seneschal replaces the Chain of a Knight Grand Cross.

Receive the Sword; the emblem of Imperium, or Military Power. Temper Justice with Mercy.

Receive the Baton: the emblem of Potestas, or Civil Authority. Be just and fear not.

Receive the Ring bearing the triple Cross of Salem; emblem of your perpetual Union with the Order.

Finally I deliver to you the Book of Statutes: the emblem of Law and Right.

GT. MARSHAL: Brother Knights, To-Order.

GT. SENESCHAL: I place you upon the Throne as Grand Master of the United Orders in England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown.

GT. PRELATE: *advances to the Throne and pronounces the Benediction:—*

Pax et Benedictio Dei Omnipotentis, Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, in te descendat et tecum maneat in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

THE ESCORT: *resumes stations.*

GT. SENESCHAL: Very Eminent Great Marshal, you will cause the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master to be Proclaimed in due form.

GT. MARSHAL: *conducts the Great Herald to the West*

GT. HERALD: BE IT KNOWN that the Right Honourable HENRY GEORGE CHARLES, Earl of Harewood, Viscount Lascelles, and Baron Harewood:

Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter:

Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order:

Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:

Upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration:

Knight of Justice in the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem:

His Majesty's Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum for the West Riding of Yorkshire and for the City of York and County of the same City:

A Personal Aide-de-Camp to The King:

Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Galway and for the County of Suffolk:

Captain, retired, in His Majesty's Army, and Honorary Colonel of the 1st County of London Regiment and of the 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment:

Honorary Air Commodore in His Majesty's Auxiliary Air Force:

Honorary Doctor of Laws of the University of Sheffield and of the University of Leeds:

Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:

Most Excellent Pro First Grand Principal in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England:

Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England:

Grand Inspector General 33° for the West Riding of Yorkshire in the Ancient and Accepted Rite:

Past Pro Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross,
etc., etc., etc., etc.

has been elected, invested and installed, and I now Proclaim him Most Eminent and Supreme GRAND MASTER of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown,

Whom may the MOST HIGH long preserve
And I call upon you to salute him as such under the direction of the Great Marshal.

GT. MARSHAL: Brother Knights, with NINE

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GT. MARSHAL: Brother Knights, Be-seated.
conducts the Great Herald to his station.

THE GRAND MASTER ADDRESSES GREAT PRIORY.

THE GRAND MASTER *announces the name of the Knight whom he appoints to be Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal.*

GT. MARSHAL: *conducts the Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal to the West of the Sepulchre.*

THE GRAND MASTER: Having appointed you to the high and distinguished Office of Seneschal, before I install you I must ask if you are able and willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of that High Office.

GT. SENESCHAL: I am.

THE GRAND MASTER: Then you will join us in supplicating the assistance of the Divine Power.

GT. PRELATE: *advances to the front of the Altar, and faces East.*

GT. MARSHAL: Brother Knights, To-Order

GT. PRELATE: Almighty and Most Merciful God, Who guidest the actions of men, we beseech Thee to imbue this Thy servant with Wisdom and Understanding, so that, when called upon, he may render a just account to his earthly Superior, and stand justified before God and man in all his works.

This we pray, through Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest, and Christ our King.—A-MEN.

THE GRAND MASTER: You will kneel on both knees, place your right hand upon the Holy Gospels, and recite the Obligation of your Office.

The Great Constables advance, and cross their swords above the head of the Great Seneschal.

Obligation of the Great Seneschal.

I,, in the Name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and in the presence of this Great Priory, solemnly promise and vow that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of Seneschal of England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown under the Grand Master.

I will uphold the honour and dignity of the Order and of this mine office.

I will not infringe, or suffer to be infringed, the Statutes, Laws, or Regulations of the Order.

I will do suit and service in the Court of my Feudal Superior when thereunto required.

I will make all regular reports and will hele nothing from the knowledge of the Grand Master.

I will uphold the King's Supremacy.

I will judge the rich as the poor and the poor as the rich, without distinction of rank, without bias favour or affection, and will act uprightly fearlessly and impartially between man and man.

And hereunto I pledge my Knightly Oath, so help me Christ Emanuel.

THE GRAND MASTER: You will seal that Obligation on the Holy Gospels seven times with your lips.

GT. PRELATE: *advances to West of S. and, taking the Great Seneschal by the right hand, says:—*

Arise, be steadfast by the help of Christ.

The Great Constables resume their stations.

GT. PRELATE: *conducts the Great Seneschal to the foot of the Throne, and resumes his seat.*

GT. SENESCHAL: *Kneels and, placing both hands between those of the Grand Master, pays Homage:—*

In my own name, and on behalf of all Knights of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown, I promise to be your liege man and true, and I deposit my homage and fealty between your hands.

THE GRAND MASTER: I accept the homage which you present in your own name, and on behalf of the Knights of the Order.

THE GRAND MASTER: *Raises the Great Seneschal and installs him.*

THE GRAND MASTER: Very Eminent Great Marshal, you will cause the Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal to be proclaimed in due form.

GT. MARSHAL: *conducts the Great Herald to the West. The Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal is proclaimed and saluted with seven under the direction of the Great Marshal.*

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GT. MARSHAL:

Brother Knights, Be-seated.

conducts the Great Herald to his seat.