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7th August 1985.

T.W. Grounsell, Esq.,
Curator & Librarian,
Masonic Hall,
Rainbow Hill,
Worcester.

Dear Tommy,

A few months back when at Dudley I heard a short account of the start of the present Hall. I asked W/Bro. Bill Homer if I could borrow some of his papers to copy them as I think we should make sure that they are preserved in the Library for it seems extremely likely that the building may soon have to disappear. From what I now read of resolutions in Lodges to move their meeting place it seems imminent.

He kindly lent me the papers and I have taken two copies of each. It is possible that you have copies in the Library but if not you may care to put the enclosed in a place of safety. If the worst comes to hand perhaps we ought to have some photographs taken. Let me know what you think.

Kind regards,

Sincerely
Henry

DUDLEY MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING FUND.

Chairman :

WOR. BRO. J. E. CARTWRIGHT, P.P.G.D.

Secretary :

WOR. BRO. W. H. GRANTHAM,
1, Park Head Road,
DUDLEY,

March 27th, 1934.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Committee of the Building Fund have had under consideration a Residence and Site in Dudley which is situated in Wellington Road, called "The Laurels" adjoining which a suitable Lodge Room and Banqueting Hall could be built, leaving ample space available for the parking of cars, etc.

The Committee would therefore be pleased if Members of all the Dudley Masonic Bodies will attend a Meeting to be held in the Lodge Room at THE FREEMASON'S TAVERN, STONE STREET, DUDLEY on Wednesday, APRIL 4th next at 7.0 o'clock P.M. to consider the matter.

The Site has been duly reported upon and a plan executed by Wor. Bro. H. Cherrington and same will be available at the Meeting.

A Report—a brief copy of which is enclosed herewith—has also been prepared by Wor. Bro. P. H. Buckler and Wor. Bro. William Chilton dealing with the probable Income to be derived from several sources and the estimated Expenditure in connection with the Scheme.

The Meeting will be open for full discussion of all details and it is hoped that every Member will make a special effort to attend and receive the recommendation of the Committee as the Site appears to be, in every way, most suitable for the purpose required.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. E. CARTWRIGHT, *Chairman.*

W. H. GRANTHAM, *Secretary.*

DUDLEY MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE.

Brief extracts from report on the proposed scheme dealing with Income and Expenditure based on a Capital outlay of £3,500 of which £750 has already been subscribed by the Dudley Masonic Bodies.

INCOME to be derived from —

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Rents from Lodges</i> —Harmonic	45	0	0						
Royal Standard	45	0	0						
Dudley Castle	45	0	0						
Mosaic	30	0	0						
Dudley Chapter	15	0	0						
Royal Standard Chapter	15	0	0						
Godson Mark and Ark Mariners	15	0	0						
Knights Templar	15	0	0						
Sundry Rents from Lodges of Instruction, P.M. Meetings, Ladies Nights, &c.	20	0	0						
				215	0	0			
<i>Annual Subscription</i> based on 220 Members at 10/- per Member				110	0	0			
<i>Initiates fees</i> based on 10 per year at £5 5s. 0d. per Initiate				52	10	0			
<i>Profits on Liquid Refreshment</i> , based on Gross Takings of £500				137	10	0			
							545	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Interest on Capital (£2,750 (£3,500 less £750) at 2½% per annum	68	15	0						
Caretaker, Wages, Rates, Lighting, Heating, Maintenance, &c.	365	0	0						
							433	15	0
Estimated Balance							111	5	0

It is thought that if the above figures could be maintained there would be an approximate Balance of £100 per year for the purpose of redeeming the Capital. No provision has been made for probable Income to be derived from lettings of the Hall for private purposes.

The Dudley Masonic Temple Building Fund Committee.

Chairman:

WOR. BRO. JAS. E. CARTWRIGHT,
P.P.G.D.

Secretary:

WOR. BRO. PERCY H. BUCKLER,
P.P.G.ORG.

25 WALFORD STREET,
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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir and Brother,

re intended Masonic Temple
at "The Laurels," Wellington Road, Dudley.

The Committee in accordance with the resolution passed at the Meeting of Members of all Dudley Masonic bodies held on the 4th. April last has proceeded with the purchase of the above property and to further the scheme a Limited Company has been formed under the name of "THE DUDLEY MASONIC HALL LIMITED," with a nominal capital of £100 in £1 Shares.

The management of the Company will be in the hands of the Directors who will be Two elected representatives from each Craft Lodge and one from each other Masonic body as and when such Lodge or Masonic body joins the Scheme. The Directors will hold Shares of a nominal amount on behalf of their respective Lodges and the remaining Shares, in similar proportions, will be at the disposal of any Masonic bodies that may arise hereafter and wish to acquire an interest in the Company.

The Committee has felt confidence in the ability and willingness of the Brethren to support them in the undertaking and this has been amply proved by the ready promises already made by a large number of Brethren to assist financially.

The completion of the purchase is fixed for the 24th. June next and the Committee are anxious to have funds available at the earliest possible moment for this purpose and for the furthering of the Scheme generally.

The Company will therefore issue Redeemable First Mortgage Debentures (in series of £5 ranking pari passu and bearing interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum) to the extent of £4,000 secured by the value of the Property, etc.

The Interest will be met from Income derived from Lodge Rents and other sources as previously outlined and the Debentures will be redeemed pro rata out of surplus income each year. This redemption will naturally be a gradual process and in contingencies like changed circumstances or death the individual's interests will be given first consideration.

It is confidently anticipated that every Brother will acquire Debentures, as it is felt no one would desire to be left out, but no Brother is called on to make undue or prejudicial sacrifice.

Your personal support is earnestly solicited. The acquisition of our own Masonic Temple, a project so dear to the heart of every Mason, cannot be regarded merely as a commercial enterprise but as a practical means of obtaining a properly appointed, comfortable and commodious provision for the working of our rites. For this, if necessary, some little pecuniary sacrifice should not be too much to expect, but where Masonry lies deep in the heart, it should make its own appeal.

Finally, the Committee feels that every Brother will welcome the opportunity of taking a practical part in the building of the Masonic Temple in Dudley, and will, in after years, look back with pride and pleasure at having assisted in so great and worthy an undertaking.

An Application Form is therefore sent you herewith which please complete and return to the Secretary, together with your Cheque made payable to "THE DUDLEY MASONIC HALL LIMITED."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAS. E. CARTWRIGHT, Chairman.

PERCY H. BUCKLER, Secretary.

Dudley Masonic Temple Ltd.

Dear Bro. *Wm*

June 7 1934

Herewith enclosed please find, application
Forms etc. for Debentures in the above.

I have already informed the Committee of your
promise to subscribe *£70* so will you please complete
the enclosed form accordingly and send your cheque with same
made payable to Dudley Masonic Temple, Ltd. as early as you
conveniently can as we want to get as much money in as quickly
as possible to enable us to get along with alteration etc.

Will you please accept my personal thanks for
your ready support.

With Kindest Regards,

Yours Sincerely & Fraternally.

Nic Chilton

Barston

Dudley

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Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

The Right Worshipful Brother GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., P.G.D.
Provincial Grand Master.

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IVY LODGE,
HAGLEY ROAD,
STOURBRIDGE
14th February, 1935

Dear Sir and Brother,

An Especial Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at The Park Council Schools, Nelson Road, Dudley, on Saturday, 2nd. March, 1935.

All Officers (Present and Past) of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire are summoned to be present.

Master Masons being members of a Lodge in the Province are invited to attend.

Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m.

The Foundation Stone of The Masonic Hall will be laid at 3.30 p.m. by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers.

Present Provincial Grand Officers actually taking part in the Ceremony will meet and robe in a room at The Park Council Schools, Dudley.

Past Provincial Grand Officers and other Brethren will also assemble at the Schools, as above, adjacent to the site.

Dress: Black morning coat, dark trousers, white gloves and full Masonic Clothing.

Only Craft and Royal Arch Jewels may be worn, and on the left breast.
Yours fraternally,

H. V. STANTON, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Tea will be provided after the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Gen. SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, *K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L.*, P.G.D.
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IVY LODGE,
HAGLEY ROAD,
STOURBRIDGE,
August 14th, 1935.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Dedication of the Masonic Temple will take place at the MASONIC HALL,
WELLINGTON ROAD, DUDLEY, on Saturday, August 31st, 1935, at 12.15 p.m.

The Ceremony will be performed by the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,
assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The attendance of Officers (Present and Past) of Provincial Grand Lodge is requested.
Subscribing Master Masons are invited to attend.

Dark Morning Dress. Full Masonic Clothing.

Craft and R.A. Jewels.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

H. V. STANTON, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

In consequence of the lamented death of the M. V. Pro Grand Master it is
ordered by the M. W. The Grand Master that Masonic Mourning be worn.

A cold Luncheon will be provided at the Masonic Hall, Dudley at 1.30 p.m. at which
the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER will preside.

Seats will be Reserved at the price 10s. 0d. each (inclusive of Wine), if application
is made to Bro. Percy Edwards, 28 Bennett's Hill, Dudley, on enclosed form, accompanied
by a remittance, on or before August 26th.

PRIVATE.

FOR FREEMASONS ONLY.

Order of Procession and Form of Ceremony

on the occasion of

Laying the Foundation Stone

of

THE MASONIC HALL, Dudley,

by

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire

GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES

K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., P.G.D.

assisted by

The Worshipful Brother ALFRED ALLEN, P.A.G.St.B.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge

on

SATURDAY, the 2nd. day of MARCH, 1935

Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in The Park Council Schools, Nelson Road, Dudley,
at 3 p.m. and a Procession will be formed and proceed to the Site.

The Stone will be laid at 3.30 p.m.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

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PROV. D.G.D.C.

BRETHREN OF THE LODGES IN THIS AND OTHER PROVINCES
PAST MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF LODGES IN THIS AND OTHER PROVINCES

MASTERS OF LODGES IN THE PROVINCE

PAST PROVINCIAL OFFICERS IN ORDER OF RANK

PRESENT PROVINCIAL OFFICERS IN ORDER OF RANK

ARCHITECTS WITH THE PLANS

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY OF THE MASONIC HALL

FOUR MASTERS OF LODGES BEARING CORN, WINE, OIL AND SALT

PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS BEARING TROWEL

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY BEARING BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS ON A CUSHION

PROVINCIAL GRAND REGISTRAR

PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER BEARING ALPHABET CONTAINING THE COINS, Etc.
TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STONE

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAWS ON A CUSHION, OPENED AT THE 10TH. CHAPTER
NUMBERS, WITH THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES, BORNE BY FOUR LEWISES

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN

PAST MASTER OF LODGE No. 498 BEARING MALLET

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN WITH PLUMB RULE

PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN WITH LEVEL

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER WITH SQUARE

PROVINCIAL GRAND SWORD BEARER

THE EIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

PROVINCIAL GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

PROVINCIAL GRAND TYLER

Dudley Herald
Birmingham Post
Freemason
Worcester Calendar
3/6
2/2
1/2
6
10
1/2
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CEREMONIAL

1. The Procession will form at The Council Schools, Nelson Road, Dudley, and proceed to the Site.
The Officiating Brethren will take up their positions.
2. W. Bro. J. E. Cartwright, P.P.G.D. will address the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master and request him to lay the Foundation Stone.
The Stone will be raised.
3. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will address the assembly.
4. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will offer up Prayer.
5. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will place a phial in the cavity after announcing its contents.
6. The Provincial Grand Secretary will read aloud the Inscription on the Stone.
7. The cement will be laid on the lower stone, and the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will adjust the same with a Trowel handed to him for the purpose.
8. The upper Stone will be lowered by three distinct movements and adjusted by the Architects.
9. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will adjust the Stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the Mallet (handed to him by its bearer) saying:—
“With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice let our work be founded.”
10. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will now prove the just position and form of the Stone by the Plumb Rule, Level and Square, which will be successively delivered to him by the Provincial Junior Grand Warden, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, he will give the Stone three knocks with the Mallet.
11. The Bearers of the Vessels containing the Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt will take up their positions.
12. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Psalm lxxviii; verse 16.
13. The Brethren sing—
When once of old, in Israel,
Our early brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,
In showers of corn, and wine, and oil.
14. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master scatters Corn—the emblem of Plenty and Abundance.
15. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“*Glory be to God on high.*”
16. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Numbers, chap. xv., verse 7.
17. The Brethren sing—
When there a shrine to Him alone,
They built with worship sin to foil,
On the shold and on corner-stone
They poured out corn, and wine, and oil.
18. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master pours Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.
19. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“*Glory be to God on high.*”
20. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
21. The Brethren sing—
And we have come fraternal bands,
With joy, and pride, and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him by votive hands,
With streams of corn, and wine, and oil.

CEREMONIAL—Continued

22. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master pours Oil—the emblem of Peace and Unanimity.
23. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”
24. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.
25. The Brethren sing—
- Now o'er our work this salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power;
And may Thy Presence, Lord, we pray
Keep this Thy Temple from decay.
26. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master sprinkles Salt—the emblem of Hospitality and Friendship.
27. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“ *Glory be to God on high.*”
28. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will give the Dedication Prayer.
29. The Architects, W. Bro. H. Cherrington, P.P.G.W. (Cherrington & Stainton) and Bro. W. E. Homer (Henry Jennings & Homer), will be presented to the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master and deliver the plans of the Building.
30. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master inspects the plans and hands them back.
31. Bro. Percy Edwards (representing the Builders) will be presented to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.
32. The Hymn “ Now thank we all our God ” will be sung.
- 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 His 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 our ills
In this world and the next.
So more it be.
33. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will pronounce the patriarchal Benediction.
34. The National Anthem.
35. The Ceremonies concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge will return to the Council Schools.
- The Procession is formed in inverted order, the Provincial Grand Tyler, Director of Ceremonies and Sword Bearer taking the lead, followed by the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Standard Bearers, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, Officers and Brethren according to rank.
36. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed.

N.B. Brethren to appear at the Ceremonies in black coats, dark trousers, black ties, white gloves, with full Masonic Craft clothing, the apron outside coat. Craft and Royal Arch Jewels only to be worn.

INSCRIPTION ON STONE

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER FOR
WORCESTERSHIRE
GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., P.G.D.

LAI D THIS STONE
ON SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1935

DEDICATION

OF THE

MASONIC TEMPLE

AT THE

Masonic Hall, Wellington Road, Dudley

ON

Saturday, August 31st. 1935, at 12.15 p.m.

BY

The R. W. Bro. Gen. Sir FRANCIS J. DAVIES, *K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., P.G.D.*,
Provincial Grand Master

ASSISTED BY

W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, *P.G.D., Dep. P.G.M.*

W. Bro. J. MITCHELL, <i>Prov.S.G.W.</i>	...	...	...	as S.W.
W. Bro. H. W. JAMES, <i>Prov.J.G.W.</i>	...	...	...	as J.W.
W. Bro. Rev. R. A. HAYSON, <i>Prov.G.Chap.</i>	...	...	...	as Chaplain
W. Bro. H. V. STANTON, <i>P. C.D.C., Prov.G. Sec.</i>	...	...	...	as Secretary
W. Bro. F. WILDE, <i>Prov.G.D.C.</i>	...	...	...	as D.C.
W. Bro. F. L. ROSE, <i>Prov.D.G.D.C.</i>	...	...	...	as Asst. D.C.
Bro. F. J. C. POOLE, <i>Prov.G.Org.</i>	...	...	...	as Organist
W. Bro. H. SCWDEN, <i>Prov.G.Pursuivant</i>	...	...	...	as Inner Guard

FULL DRESS MASONIC CLOTHING

In consequence of the lamented death of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, it is ordered by the
M.W. The Grand Master that Masonic Mourning be worn.

Order of Procedure.

- 1 The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
- 2 The Dedicating Officer, having entered in procession with the Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

Opening Hymn.

- 3

Hail Eternal, by whose aid All created things were made; Heaven and Earth Thy vast design, Hear us, Architect Divine.	May our work begun in Thee Ever blest with order be; And may we when labours cease Part in harmony and peace.	By Thy glorious Majesty, By the trust we place in Thee, By the badge and mystic sign, Hear us, Architect Divine, So mote it be.
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- 4 The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
- 5 The Dedicating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

Opening Prayer.

- 6

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.

- 7 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 8 The Architects are presented by the Director of Ceremonies to the Dedicating Officer and hand him the plans of the completed structure.
- 9 The Dedicating Officer thanks the Architects who resume their seats.
- 10 The Dedicating Officer requests the representatives of the Brethren to stand in the body of the Lodge.
- 11 The Dedicating Officer enquires of the representatives of the Brethren if it is the wish that the Temple be dedicated to Masonic purposes.
- 12 The Brethren signify their assent in Masonic form.
- 13 The Dedicating Officer signifies his consent to dedicate the Temple.

An Oration

by the Chaplain.

Hymn.

Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it;
Except the Lord keep the City, the watchman waketh but in vain.

- 16 **Dedicating Prayer. (First Portion).**

Almighty Architect of the Universe, Searcher and Ruler of all Worlds, deign from Thy celestial abode, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our assembly. Permit us, O Thou Author of light and life, great source of love and happiness, to dedicate this Temple and consecrate it to the Honour and Glory of Thy Most Holy Name.

- 17 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 18 *Musical Response* GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
- 19 The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Dedicating Officer pronounces

The Invocation.

- 20 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 21 The Chaplain reads II. Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.
- 22 The Dedicating Officer directs the Tracing Board to be uncovered.

The Dedication

during which the Elements of Consecration are carried thrice round the Lodge.

24 The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

25 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.

26 The Dedicating Officer scatters Corn the Symbol of Plenty.

27 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

28 The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to FREEMASONRY.

29 The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x., verse 39.

30 The Brethren 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.

31 The Dedicating Officer pours Wine—the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

32 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

33 The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to VIRTUE.

34 The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

35 The Brethren sing—

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

36 The Dedicating Officer pours Oil—the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

37 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

38 The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE.

39

Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of High
Heaven, and earth are full of Thy glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, our High

40 The Chaplain takes the Censer thrice round the Temple and halts in the East.

41

Dedication Prayer. (Second Portion).

Grant, O Most High, that all those who shall bear Office in
this Temple, may be endued with wisdom to instruct their
Brethren in all our duties. Sanctify with Thy grace all
the members of the Fraternity who shall meet here so that
brotherly love, rectitude and truth may ever prevail amongst
them. And grant that when the Labour of this life is ended
they may leave this earthly abode for Thy Heavenly Temple
there to enjoy light, joy and bliss for evermore.

42 Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."

43

Patriarchal Benediction.

44 Chant (*Omnes*) "So mote it be."

45 The Dedicating Officer closes the Lodge.

46

Closing Hymn.

Almighty Architect, we pray
For blessings on our work to-day,
And may this Temple ever prove
A home of Unity and Love.
So mote it be.

Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

Provincial Grand Master:

The R. W. Brother GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES, *K.C.B.*,
K.C.M.G., *K.C.V.O.*, *D.L.*, *P.G.D.*

Deputy Provincial Grand Master:

The W. Bro. ALFRED ALLEN, *P.G.D.*

CONSECRATION OF THE
PRIORY LODGE, No. 5545

AT THE

Masonic Hall, Wellington Road, Ludley

ON

Saturday, August 31st. 1935. at 3.15 p.m.

BY

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W. Bro. ERNEST DAVIES, <i>P.M. 4437</i>	Master Designate
W. Bro. WILLIAM CRANAGE, <i>P.M. 252</i>	S.W. ..
Bro. V. E. H. KIPPER, <i>252</i>	J.W. ..

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3 Opening Hymn.

Hail Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made;
Heaven and Earth Thy vast design,
Hear us, Architect Divine,

May our work begun in Thee
Ever blest with order be;
And may we when labours cease
Part in harmony and peace.

By Thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine,
So mote it be.

- 4 The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.
- 5 The Consecrating Officer calls upon the Chaplain to give the

Introductory Prayer.

- 6 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 7 The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting.
- 8 The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
- 9 The Consecrating Officer replies and gives directions.
- 10 The Brethren of the New Lodge are arranged in order.
- 11 The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Warrant.
- 12 The Consecrating Officer enquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
- 13 The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

14 An Oration.

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.

15 Anthem.

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. It is like the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill of Zion. For there the Lord promised His blessing and life forevermore—So mote it be.

16 Dedication Prayer. (*First Portion*).

- 17 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 18 *Musical Response*—GLORIAL BE TO THEE, O GOD.
- 19 The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Consecrating Officer pronounces

The Invocation.

- 20 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
- 21 The Chaplain reads 1 Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.
- 22 The Consecrating Officer directs the Lodge Board to be uncovered.

The Consecration.

during which the Elements of Consecration are carried round the Lodge.

- 23 The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.
- 24 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.

25 The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the Symbol of Plenty.

26 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

27 The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x., verse 39.

28 The Brethren 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.

29 The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

30 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

31 The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

32 The Brethren sing—

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

33 The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

34 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

35 The Brethren are arranged round the Lodge Board, facing outwards.

36 The Chaplain reads Leviticus, Chap. ii., verse 13.

37 The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our work this salt we show
Emblem of Thy conservant power,
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Keep this our temple from decay.

38 The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the Symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

39 *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

40 **The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the Lodge.**

41 The Brethren resume their seats.

42 **Anthem.**

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh rejoice in the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy House; they shall always be praising Thee—Hallelujah.

43 The Chaplain takes the censur round the Lodge.

44 **Dedication Prayer.** (*Second Portion*).

45 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

46 The Brethren stand in the West, all facing East.

47 **The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the Lodge.**

48 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

49 **Patriarchal Benediction.**

50 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Lodge Business.

The Installation of the Master Designate by the W. Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

- 1 To invest the Wardens designate.
- 2 To elect and invest the Treasurer.
- 3 To elect the Charity Steward.
- 4 To elect Representatives on the Provincial Charity Organization and Library and Museum Committees.
- 5 To elect two Representatives to serve on the Board of Dudley Masonic Hall Ltd.
- 6 To elect the Tyler.
- 7 The Wor. Master will appoint and invest the other Officers, and invest the Tyler.
- 8 To adopt the By-Laws of the Lodge.
- 9 To receive Propositions.
- 10 To collect Alms.
- 11 The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and his Officers will retire.
- 12 To close the Lodge.

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