

THE ROYAL MASONIC HOSPITAL

RAVENS COURT PARK - LONDON W.6



Order of Procedure

of the

Ceremony

of Laying the

Foundation Stone

of the

Extension

by

The Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF SCARBROUGH

K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master

President of the Hospital



3 p.m. Tuesday,

24th July, 1956



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Ceremonial

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, accompanied by those Brethren assisting in the Ceremony, will proceed from the Hospital to the site of the Laying of the Foundation Stone.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master having taken up his position, all present will remain standing while the National Anthem is sung.

(It is requested that all present be seated throughout the Ceremony except during the Prayers and until the singing of the Hymn at the conclusion.)

The Chairman of the Board of Management (R.W.Bro. The Hon. Mr. Justice Hilbery, P.G.W.) will invite the Most Worshipful The Grand Master to lay the Foundation Stone.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will signify his willingness to do so.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will direct that the Stone be raised by the Clerk of Works (Mr. A. J. C. Humphreys, M.I.C.W.) and the Building Foreman (Mr. D. Crooks).

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will address those present.

The Lord Bishop of London (Bro. the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. H. C. Montgomery Campbell, M.C., D.D.) will say:—

“Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it.

“Let us invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe.

“Almighty and Eternal God, Great Architect of the Universe, who dost from Thy Throne behold all the dwellers upon Earth, direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help that, in this and in all our work begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name.”

So mote it be.

The Deputy Chairman of the House Committee (V.W.Bro. John Harrison *O.S.M., P.G.D.*) will put the coins and papers in the container, and place it in the cavity.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will ask the Grand Secretary (R.W.Bro. Sir Sydney White, *K.C.V.O., P.G.W.*) to read the inscription on the Stone:—

“To the Glory of God and in the Service of the Brethren this Foundation Stone of the Extension of the Royal Masonic Hospital was laid by The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarbrough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D., the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, President of the Hospital, on the 24th July, 1956.”

The Architect (Gordon T. Tait, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.) will present the Trowel to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will spread cement on the lower stone with the Trowel.

The Stone will then be lowered.

The Honorary Treasurer and a Trustee (F.W.Bro. Philip C. Bull, D.S.O., T.D., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex) 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."

V.W.Bro. Major R. L. Loyd, O.B.E., M.C., O.S.M., P.G.D., will hand the Plumb Rule to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will prove the Stone plumb.

R.W.Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Harris, M.C., V.L., P.G.W., will hand the Level to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will prove the Stone level.

The President of the Board of General Purposes, a Trustee (R.W.Bro. Sir Ernest Cooper, D.L., P.G.W.) will hand the Square to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will prove the Stone square.

R.W.Bro. Philip C. Bull, D.S.O., T.D., will again hand the Maul to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, who will strike the Stone three times 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."

The Chairman of the Building and Premises Committee (W.Bro. Sir Harry Selley, F.C.D.) will present the Plans to the Most Worshipful The Grand Master saying: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, deign to inspect 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 there be raised a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders."

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.

Prayer by the Lord Bishop of London :

“ Blessed by 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 begun in Thy Name. May the edifice now being erected 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 Lord Bishop of London 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 us evermore.”

So mote it be.

The Chairman of the House Committee and a Trustee (R.W.Bro. Sir Eric Studd, Bt., O.B.E. Past District Grand Master, Bengal) will thank the Most Worshipful The Grand Master for presiding on this happy and auspicious occasion and for his interest as President of the Hospital.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master will reply.

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A Choir, consisting of Sisters, Staff Nurses and Student Nurses of the Hospital, will lead the singing.

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