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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

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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 PROVINCE

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 A PHIAL CONTAINING THE COINS, Etc.  
TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STONE

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW 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 RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

PROVINCIAL GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

PROVINCIAL GRAND TYLER

## 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 lxxii.; 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 threshold 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 & Stanton) 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 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 our ills  
In this world and the next.  
So mote 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  
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GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES  
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