

# CONSECRATION OF THE BANNER OF SILVER JUBILEE LODGE No. 5531

## CONSECRATING OFFICERS.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Gen. Sir Francis J. Davies. K.C.B.,  
K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., P.G.D., *Prov. Gd. Master.*  
Wor. Bro. R. A. Haysom, *Prov. Grand Chaplain.*  
Wor. Bro. F. Wilde, *Prov. Grand D. of C.*

1. The Worshipful Master, Principal Officers, Past Masters and Visitors retain their seats.
2. The Brethren of the Lodge retire and assemble in the ante-room; the Director of Ceremonies leads them in Procession into the Lodge Room, where they assemble, taking position in rows in the centre of the room. During the Procession the Organist will play a Processional March. The Consecrating Officers will meet the Procession at the door, turn and accompany the Director of Ceremonies, taking up their positions with the Director of Ceremonies in front of the chair.
3. Wor. Bro. W. Harvey Gibbs, P.H.G.W., will unveil the Banner, and offer it to the Consecrating Officer for Consecration and presentation to the Lodge.
4. The Consecrating Officer (The Right Wor. Prov. Grand Master) addresses the Worshipful Master, describing the object of the Procession. He asks the Worshipful Master's acceptance of the Banner in the name of the Lodge.
5. The Worshipful Master rises and replies. He then goes down to the floor of the Lodge, accepts the Banner, and asks the Chaplain to dedicate it, whereupon the Worshipful Master resumes his seat.
6. The following Anthem is sung:  
O taste and see, how gracious the Lord is.  
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.  
O fear the Lord, ye that are His saints,  
For they that fear Him lack nothing.  
The lions do lack and suffer hunger,  
But they who seek the Lord shall want  
no manner of thing that is good.—*Goss*

## DEDICATION.

7. The Chaplain recites a Prayer of Dedication.

8. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."
9. The Consecrating Officer (The Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master) will then give an address on the Banner and its intention.
10. The Consecrating Chaplain will explain its meaning and the lessons that should be learned from it.
11. Musical response: "Glory be to Thee, O God."  
—*Th. La Hache.*
12. Members present in Lodge will assemble under the Banner and proceed three times round the Lodge Room. The Director of Ceremonies goes first and carries the Banner, next the Consecrating Officers, and then the others in order of seniority. During the Procession,
13. The following anthem will be sung:  
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 into 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 for evermore.  
So mote it be.
14. After this the Brethren resume their places. The Worshipful Master takes the Banner from the Director of Ceremonies and places it in its stand behind the Chair; he turns it towards the Lodge, resumes his place and says:
15. "Brethren, for all the blessings and mercies vouchsafed to us by the Great Architect of the Universe, let us praise and glorify His Holy Name."
16. Musical response: "Glory be to God on High."  
*Th. La Hache.*

#### HYMN.

17. All the Brethren sing the following: *Old Hundredth.*  
Great Architect, to Thee we raise  
With joy our grateful songs of praise:  
"Our Brothers" 'neath this Banner bless,  
And crown their labours with success.  
May peace be with us evermore,  
And love extend from shore to shore;  
May we in harmony combine,  
And let, O Lord, the praise be Thine.  
So mote it be.