

CONSECRATION OF THE BANNER OF THE NAUTICAL SERVICES LODGE No. 5629

CONSECRATING OFFICERS.

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

To open the Lodge at 3-0 p.m. precisely

To read the Summons.

To consecrate the Banner of the Lodge.

CONSECRATION.

1. Bro. F. J. Bruford, J.W. unveils Banner and hands it to the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master.
2. The Consecrating Officer (The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master) addresses the Worshipful Master and asks his acceptance of the Banner in the name of the Lodge.
3. The Worshipful Master rises and replies. He then accepts the Banner and asks the Chaplain to dedicate it whereupon the Worshipful Master resumes his seat.
4. The Chaplain recites a Prayer of Dedication.
5. Chant (Omnes): "So mote it be."
6. The Consecrating Officer (The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master) will then give an address on the Banner and its intention.

7. The Consecrating Chaplain will explain its meaning and the lessons that should be learned from it.

8. Musical Response: "Glory be to Thee, O God."

9. 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 Herman, which fell upon the
Hill of Zion; for there the Lord promised His
blessing, and life for evermore.

So mote it be.

10. The Worshipful Master takes the Banner from the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and places it in its stand behind the Chair; he turns it towards the Lodge, resumes his place and says:

11. "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."

12. Musical response: "Glory be to God on High."

13. 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.

To close the Lodge.