

DEDICATION

OF THE

MASONIC TEMPLE

AT THE
Masonic Hall, Newfield, Halesowen

ON
Tuesday, 8th October, 1935, at 3-30 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, Prov.S.G.W.	...	...	...	...	as S.W.
W. Bro. H. W. JAMES, Prov.J.G.W.	...	...	...	...	as J.W.
W. Bro. Rev. R. HAYSON, Prov.G.Chap.	...	...	...	...	as Chaplain
W. Bro. H. V. STANTON, P.G.D.C., Prov.G.Sec.	...	...	...	...	as Secretary
W. Bro. F. WILDE, Prov.G.D.C.	...	...	...	...	as D.C.
W. Bro. F. L. ROSE, Prov.D.G.D.C.	...	...	...	...	as Asst. D.C.
Bro. F. J. C. POOLE, Prov.G.Org.	...	...	...	...	as Organist
W. Bro. H. SOWDEN, Prov.G.Pursuivant	...	...	...	...	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.

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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 Dedicating Officer addresses the Brethren on the object of the meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

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Opening Prayer.

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 and 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.

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An Oration

By the Chaplain.

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Anthem.

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.

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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 praise, and prosperous spoil
To honour Him thy volve 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.

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Sauctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high.

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

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Dedication Prayer. *(Second Portion).*

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

42 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

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Patriarchal Benediction.

44 Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

54 The Dedicating Officer closes the Lodge.

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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.