

PROGRAMME
OF
PROCEEDINGS

AT THE

Ceremony of

Laying the Foundation Stone

OF THE

Birmingham and Midland
Skin Hospital,

In-Patient Department

George Road, Edgbaston.

On Thursday, June 7th, 1934.

at 6-0 p.m.

BY

The R. W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,

Col. W. F. WYLEY, V.D., D.L., P.G.D. Eng.,

ASSISTED BY

The Officers of the
Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

PROCESSION.

The Brethren will clothe in Full Dress Masonic Clothing in the adjoining building and march in procession to sit in the following order :—

Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Brethren of the Lodges in this and other Provinces.

Past Masters and Officers of the Lodges in this and other Provinces.

Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province.

Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers in order of rank.

Present Provincial Grand Lodge Officers in order of rank.

Officers of Grand Lodge.

Four Lewises carrying Bible.

W. Bro. T. S. Pritchett, *M.A., B.C.L., P.G.D.Eng.*, Asst. Prov. Grand Master.

W. Bro. Biggs—Gen. M. Quayle Jones, *C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.L., P.G.D.Eng.*
Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

R.W. Bro. Col. W. F. Wyley, *V.D., D.L., P.G.D.Eng.*, Prov. Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Standard Bearers.

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

OPENING ODE.

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.

PRAYER by the PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN :—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. *So mote it be.*

The President W. Bro. Alderman Sir FREDERICK SMITH, J.P., P.P.G.W.,
will depute Dr. DAVID R. ROWLANDS, Senior Honorary Physician to request
the R.W. Provincial Grand Master to perform the Ceremony of Laying the
Foundation Stone.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER will direct the Stone to be raised.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER will address the assembly :—
“Men and Brethren here assembled to-day to behold this Ceremony, know
all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our Country
and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries, and engaged
by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the
Brethren, and to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe.

We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which
cannot be divulged, but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not
repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour
to Masons of antient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it
is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men of all ages, who have shown themselves ready to promote our interests, and to defend us against all adversaries.

We are assembled here to-day, in the presence of you all, to assist in laying the Foundation Stone of this Hospital, which we pray God may deserve to prosper as a place of Healing the Sick and for the promotion of true Godliness, Harmony, and Brotherly Love, throughout the World, until time shall be no more."

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER will pass to the Stone and take up his position.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER will ask the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the Inscription on the Stone.

The ASSISTANT PROV. GRAND SECRETARY will hand the Trowel to the Architect.

The ARCHITECT will present the Trowel to the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The Cement will be laid on the lower Stone and the Provincial Grand Master will adjust the same with a Trowel presented to him.

The Foundation Stone will be lowered by three distinct movements and will be adjusted by the Builder.

The ASSISTANT PROV. GRAND MASTER will present the Maul to the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER who will adjust the Stone on its bed by striking the four corners with the Heavy Maul, saying: "With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, let our work be founded."

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER:—"Bro. Junior Warden, you will apply the Plumb Rule to the Stone.

The J.W. (having done so):—"R.W. Brother, I find the Stone perfect and trustworthy. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER:—"Bro. Senior Warden, you will apply the Level to prove the Stone."

The S.W. (having done so):—"R.W. Brother, I find the Stone to be well founded. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER:—"Bro. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, you will apply the Square to prove the Stone."

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER:—"R.W. Brother, I have applied the Square and find the Stone to be true. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

The ASST. PROV. GRAND MASTER will present the Maul to the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER :—"Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it now remains with me to complete the Work." (Strikes the Stone three times with the Maul). "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 in accordance with the Ancient Rule of Architecture."

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS (presenting the Plans) says :—"R.W. Brother, deign to inspect and sanction the whole design."

R.W. PROV. 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 its parts and honourable to the builders."

The BRETHREN will turn towards the East, while the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER delivers the Invocation.

The CONSECRATING VESSELS are presented successively to the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

The CHAPLAIN RECITES :—"There shall be an handful of Corn in the Earth upon the top of the Mountains ; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon ; and they of the City shall flourish like grass of the Earth."

Psalms LXXII. v. 16.

The BRETHREN SING :—

When once so old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER :—"I scatter Corn on this Stone, the emblem of Plenty, and may the All Bounteous Creator of the Universe shower down His choicest blessings on this Hospital and all who shall minister and be ministered unto therein to the Glory of the Most High, and thenceforth shall be no more."

RESPONSES :—Glory be to God on High.

The CHAPLAIN RECITES :—"And for a drink offering, thou shalt offer the third part of a hin of Wine, for a sweet savour unto the Lord."

Numbers, Chap. XV., v. 7.

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.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER :—"I pour Wine on this Stone, the emblem of Joy and Gladness, and may He whose Name is Love, grant that we may be all of one heart and mind, and may we ever dwell together in peace and unity."

RESPONSE :—Glory be to God on High.

The CHAPLAIN RECITES :—“And thou shalt make it an Oil of Holy ointment, an ointment compounded after the art of the apothecary, it shall be an Holy anointing Oil. And thou shalt anoint the Tabernacle of the Congregation therewith, and the Ark of the Testimony.”

Exodus, Chap. XXX., v. v. 25 and 26.

The BRETHREN SING :—

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him with votive hands,
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER :—“I pour Oil on this Stone, the emblem of Charity, and may God give us grateful hearts, and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others.”

RESPONSE :—Glory be to God on High.

The CHAPLAIN RECITES :—“And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with Salt, neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering. With all thine offerings thou shalt offer Salt.”

Leviticus, Chap. II., v. 12.

The BRETHREN SING :—

Now for our work this Salt we shower,
Emblem of Thy conservant power ;
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,
Preserve and keep this House away.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER :—“I sprinkle Salt on this Stone, the emblem of Hospitality and Friendship, and may the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless this Hospital, the Country and Kingdom at large, with abundance of Corn, Wine, and Oil, and all the necessaries, comforts, and conveniences of life. And may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown this edifice with His blessing.

RESPONSE :—Glory be to God on High.

Prayer by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN :—“Blessed be 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 this day begun in Thy name. May the Edifice about to be erected on this foundation stone 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.

Wor. Bro. Rev. A. E. PALMER, Prov. Grand Chaplain, will address the assembly, after which a Collection will be taken in aid of the Hospital Funds whilst the Hymn is being sung :—

“ O Worship the King.”
(No 167 Ancient and Modern).

O worship the King All-glorious above ;
O gratefully sing His power and His love ;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilion'd in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space ;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old ;
Has stablish'd it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite ?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light ;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail ;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end !
Our Make, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
Whom Angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy ransom'd creation though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN
will pronounce

THE BENEDICTION.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER accompanied by the Brethren assisting him will retire in procession.

Orchestra under the direction of Bro. W. HAYDN HEARD.

*Combined Choirs of St. Anne's and St. George's under the direction of
W. Bro. G. E. COOPER, Prov. Grand Organist.*