MASONIC PROVINCE OF WORCECTERSHIRE

CEREMONY OF THE DEDICATION OF A LODGE BANNER: FULL VERSION

Stewards and Brethren of the Lodge may be seated in the West.

The Lodge is opened.

I.P.M., Chap., Treas., D's., Ch.Stwd., Alm., A.D.C., and Asst.Sec. of the Lodge are conducted to seats in the West under the direction of the Lodge D.C. [i.e:- only the Master, Wardens, D.C., Sec., Org., and I.G. remain in their positions.]

Seating in S.W's. Pedestal. order of Senioritu:- 2 S.W. 1 W.M. 4 I.P.M. 3 J. W. 6 Chap. 5 Donor. 8 Sec. 7 Treas. 10 S.D. 9 D.C. 12 Ch. Stwd. 11 J.D. 14 A.D.C. 13 Alm. 16 Asst. Sec. 15 I.G. 18 Stwds. 17 Stwds. 20 Brn.

Prov. G. M. demands admission.

Prov. C. Officers retire under direction of Lodge 7.0 [Column formed as in Installation Commony except that Dedicating Officers take preceduae over Common Officers.]

Column:-

Prov. G. M.
Prov. G. M.
Dr. trov. G. H.
Ast Prov. W's

Prov. D. D. C. Prov. G. Chap/ Prov. Prov. G. Purs.

Cra d Offre Prov. G. Offre

Prov. J.M., Dep.P. G.M., & Asst.P.G.M's salute on entry [ONLY]

Prov.C. H. poores through column and takes Chair; followed by Desuty and Asst. who take their places; Dedicating Offre. then as thrown and line up in front of Pedestal thus:-

Purs. , J.D., S.D., Dep.D.C., Chap., J.W., S.W., D.C., Tyler.

Gra'd Officers pass through column and take their places. Remaining Prov. G. Officers stay in column.

Prov. G.M. appoints his officers [reading from list prepared]

Chap. and S.D., pass straight to their places. Tyler leads off, Dep.D.C. and J.W. take places. Lodge J.W. joins end of file: Org., J.D., and S.W. take places. Lodge S.W. passes in front of file and takes seat in the south-west. Purs. takes his place; Lodge I.G. joins end of file. Tyler exits. Prov. D.C. escorts Lodge J.W. and I.G. to places in north-west and returns to column. [i.e:- only W.M., Sec. & D.C. of Lodge are in their customary places.]

Remainder of column turn inward and take places.

2. Frov, G. Master is saluted.
Summons is read.
Minutes are read and signed.

Salutes to Dep.P.G.M.; Asst.P.G.M's.; Grand Offrs.; Frov.G.O's.

Prov G M "The next item of labour is to Receive and Dedicate the Lodge
Banner."

Lodge W.M. (seated on Prov.G.M's left-hand side) is immediately escorted by Prov.D.C. to his seat in the north-west; at the same time two Prov.Dep.h.C's. escort Lodge D.C. and Sec. to their seats in the south-west and north-west respectively. Prov.G.D.C. and Dep.D.C's return to places [Deps. leading]

Pr.D.C. "Brethren of Lodge No. taking part in the Banner
Dedication Ceremony, please be upstanding. You will now
assemble in the centre of the Lodge room facing East."

Chord from Org. and columns turn West; music 4 beats man time then step-off on 5th; forward to West of squared carret, turn inward Rt and Lt respectively and perambulate to Ear with head of columns are about half-way between M's and J. . . . p destale [depending on size of room] W.M. steps sideways that column are thus:-

	EHOI.	
J.W.	W.M.	S.W.
Donor		TP.M.
Treas.		Cr. ap.
D.C.		50.
J.D.		S.D.
Alm.		Ch. Stud.
I.G.		A. D. C.
Stwds.		APBL Sac
Brn.	6	truis.

VEST.

Prov.D.C. forms e.co. for the Banner. Prov.S.D., Prov.J.D., Prov.Dep.D.C's , [Ind. Def D.C. does not take Wand] Escort retires. [V. teps to side to allow escort to pass: columns must be wild; spaced.]

Tyler kicks and following usual ritual dialogue with Purs.; J.W., and again P.Rs:

PURS. "R ... P.C.M., the Prov.G.D.C. and Escort seek re-admission."

DEP.D.C. (Inters and announces) "Brethren, please be upstanding."

Escort on (e) 3:- Prov. Dep. G. D. C.
Prov. J.G. Prov. S.G. Prov. S.G. Prov. G. D. C. (bearing the Banner)
Prov. Dep. G. D. C. (carrying D.C'c wand)

and passes

through column to the East.

Pr.D.C. (salutes and says) "R.W.P.G.M., I present the Banner of Lodge No. for Acceptance and Dedication."

Places the Banner in its stand. Prov.D's. retire to their places under direction of Prov.Dep.D.C. 2nd Prov.Dep.D.C. hands wand to Prov.D.C. and resumes his place. The Donor (or Senior P.M. of Ledge) is escorted by Prov.D.C. to the right-hand side of the P.G.M.

DONOR/
SEN.P.M.

Lodge No. , and cause it to be Dedicated to the Glory and Service of the G.A.O.T.U., and for the use and guidance of the Lodge."

Prov.G.M. acknowledges. Donor encorted back to column. Prov.G.M. assisted by Prov.G.D.C. unveils the Banner.

Prov.G.M. "W. Master., I request you to accept this Banner on behalf of the Lodge."

W.M. (Comes forward, salutes, takes corner of the Banner in his hand and says:-)
 "R.W.P.G.M., I thank you most sinterely for thus honouring me, and I undertake to keep its reputation untarnished until it passes to my successor." (or something similarly worded)

Salutes, and returns to his place in column.)

Prov.G.M. " I now call upon the Prov. G. Chaplain."

Prov.D.C. "To order, Brethren, for the Dedication Prayer " (Sign of R.)

CHAP. "O Lord our Heavenly Father, Architect and halve of the Universe, who dost from Thy Throne behold all the collers up a Fact, we beseech Thee to bless and hallow this Banner, which we dedicate as a symbol of our Masonic allowship, and to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Nace Grant to all who gather beneath its shadow, wisdom to teach, wmility to learn, and grace to fulfil their obligations. Pour Jown upon them and upon all the members of ur traternic, the continual dew of Thy Blessing, that we may cally increase in Love of Thee and of one another. And when earth's fitured ay is past, grant unto us a happy passing and a glorious energy into Thy Heavenly Temple, where amid the company of Thy faithful people, we may shine as the stars for ever and ever.

S.M.1.B." Drop sign.

Prov.G.D.C. elects Prov. Cha. back to his place; then returns to lis place and sand:-)

Prov.D.C. "Brethred of Loge No. taking part in the ceremony, place is summe you places in the West."

Chord from Org., music as before and perambulation in reverse diversion until the in place at their seats and REMMIN STANDING.)

Prov.D.C. "To Order, Protoren." (Sign of R.)

Prov.G.M. " May the use of this Banner be to the service of the G.A.O.T.U., and may all who serve under it be always of one mind."

S.M.I.B. (Drop sign)

Prov.D.C. "Thank you, Brethren, please be seated." (ALL sit.)

Prov. G.M. " I now call upon the Provincial Chaplain."

HAP. Delivers an oration on the meaning of the Banner and the lessons to be derived from it:

Prov.D.C. "To Order, Brethren." (Sign of R.)

Prov.G.M. "Brethren, for all the Blessings and Mercies vouchsafed to us by the G.A.O.T.U., let us praise and glorify His Holy Name."

ALL "Glory be to God on High." (Drop sign.)

Prov.D.C. "Brethren, we shall sing the Hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God."

ALL HYMN S.M.I.B.

Prov.D.C. " To Order, Brethren, for the FPatriarchal Benediction." (Sign of R.

4 CHAP. "May the God of our Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the everlasting Covenant, who hast redeemed us from all evil, The Holy One who sanctifieth us, Bless, Preserve and Keep you for evermore.

S.M.I.B." (Drop signx)

Prov.D.C. " Brethren, we shall sing the 1st. verse of the National Anthem."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

" Brethren, please be seated."

Prov.G.M. invites W.M to resume the Chair.
Prov.D.C. escorts W.M. from seat in West to the Chair and then
the Prov.G.M. to his place.
At the same time the Prov.Dep.D.C. collects the Lodg J. r.,
escorts him to his chair, leads Prov.J.W. to Lodge S.W. whom
he conducts to his chair, is joined by Prov.S.V., and leads
both Prov.W's. to their places.
Also then Prov.D.C. collects Prov.J.D., Prov. L.S., and Prov.
S.D., and escorts them to their seats.

Prov.D.C. "Brethren of Lodge No. toking part in the deremony and now seated in the West, please he upstanding. You will now resume your customary places in he Lodge."

Chord from Org., music as before, parambulations until the Lodge officers and Brehthen reach their useal stations and seats where they turn inwards and remain standing.)

" Thank you, Brethren, lease be seated,"

Prov.D.C. collects Prov. Org. and escorts to his place.
[If Lodge Org. it not a member he eits near to theorgan during the whole premony. If a member he resumes his seat as above - Prov. Org. then awaits collection by Prov.D.C. a this point.)

Lodge Bu. in as now proceeds as usual.

Prov. . . leaver after Risings as usual.

NOTES FOR I DU. D. C.

Ensury that Banner is secure, properly covered, easily uncovered, and it to pole will fit in stand.

Provincial Officers required:-

P.G.M.; D.P.G.M.; Chaplain .; Asst.P.G.M's.; D.C.; 2 A.D.C's.; S.D.; J.D.; Organist; Fursuivant. Tyler.

Seating reserved and names for Prov Dedicating Officers, as above, and for Grand Officers, Lodge Brethren in the West, Lodge P.M's. and Brethren who are not in office when leaving the West at the close of the Ceremony. Customary seating reserved for Lodge officers.

S.D. may not be able to sit in usual place if Banner needs to be on right of W.M. (according to configuration of room.)

Hymn and Prayer sheets may be needed if not printed on swmmons.