

His Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

ESPECIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND,

HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF

Truro Cathedral.

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 1880.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.L.E. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., will hold an Especial Grand Lodge at the Town Hall, Truro, in the Province of Cornwall on Thursday, 20th May, 1880, for the purpose of laying with Masonic Ceremonial the Foundation Stone of the Cathedral of the Diocese.

The Grand Officers will assemble at the Town Hall, and the remainder of the Brethren at the Public Rooms, where the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 10 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge will be opened at 11 o'clock precisely, and the Procession will then be formed in the following order:-

BAND OF MUSIC.  
TWO TYLERS, WITH DRAWN SWORDS.  
VISITING BRETHERN.  
LODGES ACCORDING TO THEIR NUMBERS, JUNIORS WALKING FIRST.  
PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER PROVINCES.  
PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS OF CORNWALL.  
ARCHITECT WITH THE PLANS.  
A CORNUCOPIA WITH CORN,  
GRAND STEWARD. { BORNE BY A MASTER OF A LODGE. } GRAND STEWARD.  
TWO EWERS WITH WINE AND OIL,  
BORNE BY MASTERS OF LODGES.  
ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.  
GRAND PURSUIVANT.  
GRAND ORGANIST.  
TROWEL, BORNE BY A PAST MASTER. MALLET, BORNE BY A PAST MASTER.  
PAST GRAND SWORD BEARERS.  
ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.  
GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.



GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS BEARING A PLATE WITH THE INSCRIPTION  
 FOR THE FOUNDATION STONE.  
 PAST GRAND DEACONS.  
 GRAND SECRETARY, WITH THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.  
 PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.  
 PAST GRAND REGISTRARS.  
 GRAND REGISTRAR BEARING THE GREAT SEAL.  
 GRAND TREASURER BEARING A PHIAL CONTAINING THE COINS TO BE  
 DEPOSITED IN THE STONE.  
 PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.  
 PAST GRAND WARDENS.  
 PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.  
 PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.  
 THE CORINTHIAN LIGHT BORNE BY THE MASTER OF A LODGE.  
 THE COLUMN OF THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN BORNE BY THE MASTER OF A LODGE.  
 THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN WITH THE PLUMB LINE.  
 GRAND STEWARD. BANNER OF THE GRAND LODGE. GRAND STEWARD.  
 THE DORIC LIGHT BORNE BY THE MASTER OF A LODGE.  
 THE COLUMN OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN BORNE BY THE MASTER OF A LODGE.  
 THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN WITH THE LEVEL.  
 JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS  
 THE GRAND CHAPLAIN  
 GRAND STEWARD. { BEARING THE SACRED LAW ON A } GRAND STEWARD.  
 CUSHION.  
 THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER WITH THE SQUARE.  
 THE IONIC LIGHT BORNE BY THE MASTER OF A LODGE.  
 THE GRAND SWORD BEATER.  
 THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.  
 SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.  
 TWO GRAND STEWARDS.  
 GRAND TYLER.

1. The Procession will start from the Town Hall, and proceed to Southleigh *in reversed order*, where it will open out to allow the carriage of H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES to drive down the line, and re-close facing the City.
2. H.R.H. THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER having assumed his place in the procession it will move off in the above-detailed order, and will arrive at the Western entrance of the Cathedral at high noon, the Brethren passing through to the North-Eastern enclosure and taking their seats, with the exception of the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, who will be formed in ranks standing on each side of the area of the Western Enclosure.
3. The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese will offer up prayers.
4. The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecombe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and Chairman of the Building Committee will address the Grand Master, and request His Royal Highness to lay the Foundation Stones of the Cathedral.
5. The Grand Master will pass in procession to the North-Eastern Enclosure, preceded by the Brethren stationed in the Western one.
6. The Grand Master having taken up his position, the vessels of Corn, Wine, and Oil will be deposited on a pedestal placed for their reception.
7. The Archbishop will offer up prayers.
8. The upper stone will then be raised and the lower one adjusted.
9. The Grand Master will address the Assembly.
10. The Grand Chaplain will offer a prayer.
11. A Hymn will be Sung.
12. The Grand Secretary will read aloud the Inscription on the Plate; the Grand Treasurer will deposit the phial containing the coins, and the Grand Secretary will place the plate on the lower stone. The cement will then be spread on the upper face of the lower stone, and the M. W. Grand Master will adjust the same with a Trowel handed to him for the purpose, after which the upper stone will be slowly lowered with three distinct stops.



13. The Grand Master will now prove the just position and form of the stone by the Plumb Rule, Level, and Square, which will be successively delivered to him by the Junior Grand Warden, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Deputy Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, he will give the stone three knocks with the Mallet which will be delivered to him.

14. The Cornucopia, containing the Corn, and the Ewers, with the Wine and Oil, will next be handed to the Grand Master, who will strew the Corn and pour the Wine and Oil over the stone, with the accustomed ceremonies.

15. The Bishop will give the Dedication Prayer.

16. The Architect will be presented to the Grand Master.

17. The Grand Master having inspected the plan of the intended building will deliver the same to the Architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desire him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.

18. The Freemasons will now place on the North East stone the Purses received on behalf of the Building Fund.

19. The Archbishop will pronounce the patriarchal Benediction.

20. The Procession will return to the Western Enclosure, where the Grand Master will lay the Western Stone with similar ceremony:—Commencing at para. 6.

21. A Psalm will be sung.

22. Ladies and Gentlemen will place on the Western Stone the Purses and Contributions received on behalf of the Building Fund.

23. The ceremonies being concluded the Grand Lodge will return to the Town Hall.

24. The Grand Lodge will then be closed.

25. A Luncheon will be held at the Town Hall at Two o'clock to which Ladies and Non-Masons will be admitted. Tickets, including Wine, 10s. 6s.

26. The Brethren will not appear in Masonic costume at the Luncheon.

27. N.B.—All Brethren to appear at the Ceremony in black frock coats, black trousers, white ties and gloves, high hat, with full Masonic *Craft* clothing, the apron to be outside coat; no jewels to be worn but those appertaining to the Craft or Royal Arch Masonry.

By Command of the M. W. Grand Master,

ALBERT W. WOODS, Garter,  
*Grand Director of Ceremonies.*

HYMN.

(Paragraph 21.)

O Lord of Hosts whose glory fills  
The bounds of the eternal hills,  
And yet vouchsafest in christian lands  
To dwell in temples made with hands.

Grant that all we who here to day  
Rejoicing this foundation lay,  
May be in every deed Thine own  
Built on the precious corner stone.

The heads that guide endue with skill,  
The hands that work preserve from ill,  
That we who these foundations lay  
May raise the topstone in its day.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALM C.

(Paragraph 21.)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the angel-host,  
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.