

DEDICATION

OF THE

MASONIC TEMPLE

AT THE

Masonic Hall, Rainbow Hill, Worcester

ON

Friday, 4th September, 1959, at 5-50 p.m.

BY

R. W. Bro. EDWARD L. BUNTING, M.B.,

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

ASSISTED BY

W. Bro. H. E. CLIVE, O.B.E., P.G.M.	..	..	..	..	Deputy P.G.M.
W. Bro. A. W. SMALLWOOD, F.G.D.	..	..	..	..	Assistant P.G.M.

AND

W. Bro. F. H. GROVE, Prov. E.G.W.	..	..	..	..	as S.W.
W. Bro. E. J. TOY, Prov. J.G.W.	..	..	..	..	as J.W.
Bro. The Rev. H. H. DAVES, Prov. G. Chaplain	..	..	..	..	as Chaplain
W. Bro. PHILIP B. MAYNE, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.	..	..	..	..	as Secretary
W. Bro. G. R. CROSS, Prov. C.D.C.	..	..	..	..	as D of C.
W. Bro. C. THATCHER, Prov. S.G.D.	..	..	..	..	as S.D.
W. Bro. P. T. EWINS, Prov. J.G.D.	..	..	..	..	as J.D.
W. Bro. H. E. L. FARLEY, Prov. Dep. G.D.C.	..	..	..	..	as Dep. D of C.
W. Bro. J. R. BROWN, Prov. G. Organist	..	..	..	..	as Organist
W. Bro. I. PHIPPS, Prov. G. Pursuivant	..	..	..	..	as I.G.
Bro. E. W. MASON, Prov. G. Tyler	..	..	..	..	as Tyler

and the following members of the Provincial Choir :—

W. Bro. R. G. St. GEORGE, P.P.G.W., W. Bro. B. J. W. CHAMBERS, Prov. Dep. G.D of C.,
W. Bro. W. A. HISCOCK, W. Bro. A. H. BUFFHAM, Bro. H. L. WAITES
and Bro. G. W. SIMPSON

DARK MORNING DRESS AND FULL DRESS CRAFT CLOTHING

Brethren are requested to be in their seats not later than 5.15 p.m.

Order of Procedure

The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.

The Presiding Officer, accompanied by the Dedicating Officers, enters in procession, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

A Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons is opened in the Three Degrees.

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.

The Dedicating Officer, accompanied by Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, enters in procession and takes the Chair.

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

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
work begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify
Thy Holy Name.

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

The Architects are presented by the Director of Ceremonies to the Dedicating Officer and hand him the plans of the completed structure.

The Dedicating Officer thanks the Architects who resume their seats.

The Dedicating Officer requests the representatives of the Brethren to stand in the body of the Lodge.

The Dedicating Officer enquires of the Directors of the Worcester Masonic Buildings Co. Ltd, being the representatives of the Brethren, if it is their wish that the Temple be dedicated to Masonic purposes.

The Brethren signify their assent in Masonic Form.

The Dedicating Officer signifies his consent to dedicate the Temple

An Oration

by the Chaplain

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.

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.

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

Musical Response—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.

The Brethren turn towards the East whilst the Dedicating Officer pronounces

The Invocation

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

The Chaplain reads II. Chron., Chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.

The Dedicating Officer directs the Tracing Board to be uncovered.

The Dedication

during which the Elements of Consecration are carried thrice round the Lodge.

The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

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.

The Dedicating Officer scatters Corn—the Symbol of Plenty.
The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to FREEMASONRY.
Musical Response—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, Chap. x., verse 39.
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 Dedicating Officer pours Wine—The Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to VIRTUE.
Musical Response—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
The Chaplain reads Exodus, Chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
The Brethren sing—

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

The Dedicating Officer pours Oil—the Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE.
Musical Response—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

Sanctus

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

The Dedicating Officer dedicates the Temple to God and His Service.

Antiphona

O how amiable are Thy dwellings,
Thou Lord of Hosts. My Soul hath a
desire and longing to enter the courts
of the Lord: my heart and my flesh
rejoice in the living God. Blessed
are they that dwell in Thy house: they
shall always be praising Thee:
Hallelujah!

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

Dedication Prayer (Second Portion)

Grant, O most High, that all those who shall bear Office in
the Temple, may be endowed 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 rest in this earthly abode for Thy Heavenly Temple,
there to enjoy light, joy and bliss for evermore.

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."

Patriarchal Benediction

Chant (*Omnes*)—"So mote it be."
The Presiding Officer closes the Lodge.

Closing Hymn

Almighty Architect, we pray
For blessings on our work today,
And may this Temple ever prove
A home of Unity and Love.
So mote it be.

National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save our Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen!



Master

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER H. S. COVERDALE

Immediately after the completion of the Dedication Ceremony, an Emergency Meeting of the Lodge will be held. The Worshipful Master of the Worchester Lodge has invited the following Brethren to act as his Officers.

<i>Senior Warden</i>	W. BRO. D. MELLERS, I.P.M. LODGE No. 529
<i>Junior Warden</i>	W. BRO. H. T. STEPHENS, PROV. A. G. SEC. W.M. LODGE No. 3378
<i>Chaplain</i>	W. BRO. A. B. MILLIGAN, P.M. LODGE No. 4565
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<i>Director of Ceremonies</i>	W. BRO. R. T. WEEKS, W.M. LODGE No. 7458
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	W. BRO. C. NEEDHAM, W.M. LODGE No. 5812
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	W. BRO. F. B. MEWIS, W.M. LODGE No. 6595
<i>Assist. Director of Ceremonies</i>	W. BRO. R. P. R. WESTGATE, PROV. A.G.D.C. (M.E.Z. 529 CHAPTER)
<i>Organist</i>	BRO. J. BEE, LODGE No. 529
<i>Inner Guard</i>	W. BRO. L. F. DAVES, P.P.A.G.D.C., (M.E.Z. 3378 CHAPTER)
<i>Tyler</i>	BRO. E. G. DAVES, P.P.G. TYLER

AS IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER W. BRO. J. B. CAVENAGH, P.P.G.P. (M.E.Z. 280 CHAPTER).

Lodge Business

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To read the Dispensation.
3. To read the Minutes of a Meeting on 30th August, 1897.
4. To collect Alms.
5. To close the Lodge.

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