

Order of Procession and Form of Ceremony

on the occasion of

# Laying the Foundation Stone

of

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL, Dudley,  
attached to St. John's Parish Church, Dudley

by

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire

**GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES**

K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., P.G.D.,

assisted by

The Worshipful Brother WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.D.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge

on

SATURDAY, the 4th day of JULY, 1931

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Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in St. John's Church, Dudley, at 3 p.m.  
and a Procession will be formed and proceed to the Site.

The Stone will be laid at 3.30 p.m.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

TWO TYLERS

PROV. ASST. G.D.C.

PROV. D.G.D.C.

BRETHREN OF THE LODGES IN THE PROVINCE IN THE ORDER OF SENIORITY  
(Juniors First)

PAST PROVINCIAL OFFICERS IN ORDER OF RANK

ARCHITECT WITH THE PLANS

PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS (Two)

FOUR WOR. MASTERS BEARING CORN, WINE, OIL AND SALT

PROVINCIAL ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT

PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANT

PROVINCIAL ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY

PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS BEARING TROWEL

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY BEARING BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS ON A CUSHION

PROVINCIAL GRAND REGISTRAR

PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER BEARING TRAY CONTAINING THE COINS, Etc.  
TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STONE.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS

VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW ON A CUSHION OPENED AT THE 10TH CHAPTER  
NUMBERS, WITH THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES, BORNE BY FOUR LEWISES

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN

THE RIGHT WOR. BRO. SIR KYNASTON STUDD, BT., P.G.W.,  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

PAST MASTER OF LODGE No. 252 BEARING MALLET

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN WITH PLUMB RULE

PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN WITH LEVEL

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER WITH SQUARE

PROVINCIAL GRAND SWORD BEARER

PROVINCIAL  
GRAND  
STEWARD.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

PROVINCIAL  
GRAND  
STEWARD.

PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND DEACONS

PROVINCIAL GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS (Two)

PROVINCIAL GRAND TYLER



## CEREMONIAL.

1. The Procession will form at St. John's Church.

Arrived at the entrance to the Site, the Brethren will divide to the right and left, facing inwards, leaving an avenue through which

### THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

will pass, preceded by

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND WARDENS  
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER  
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY  
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARERS  
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SWORD BEARER  
THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER  
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

who will pass up, followed by the Present Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, who are acting Officers, to the Foundation Stone, where they will take their places.

The Officiating Brethren will take their positions near the Stone as placed to them.

2. Bro. the Rev. B. H. Green, A.K.C., Vicar of St. John's, will address the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master and request him to lay the Foundation Stone.

The Stone will be raised.

3. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will address the assembly.
4. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will offer up Prayer.
5. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will place a point in the cavity after announcing its contents.
6. The Provincial Grand Secretary will read aloud the Inscription on the Stone.
7. The cement will be laid on the lower stone, and the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will adjust the same with a Trowel handed to him for the purpose.
8. The upper Stone will be lowered by three distinct movements and adjusted by the Architect.
9. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master will adjust the Stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the Mallet (handed to him by its bearer) saying:—

“With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice let our work be founded.”

10. The Right Wor. Provincial 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 Provincial Junior Grand Warden, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, he will give the Stone three knocks with the Mallet.

11. The Bearers of the vessels containing the Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt will take up their positions.
12. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii, ; verse 16.
13. The Brethren sing—

When once of old, in Israel,  
Our early brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovah's blessing on them fell,  
In showers of corn, and wine, and oil.

14. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master scatters Corn—the emblem of Plenty and Abundance.

15. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“*Glory be to God on high.*”

16. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Numbers, chap. xv., verse 7.

17. 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.

18. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master pours Wine—the emblem of Joy and Gladness.

19. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“*Glory be to God on high.*”



CEREMONIAL—Continued.

20. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

21. 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.

22. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master pours Oil—the emblem of Peace and Unanimity.

23. MUSICAL RESPONSE—“*Glory be to God on high.*”

24. The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii, verse 13.

25. The Brethren sing—

Now o'er our work this salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy conservant power;  
And may Thy Presence, Lord, we pray  
Keep this Thy Temple from decay.

26. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Masters sprinkles Salt—the emblem of Hospitality and Friendship.

27. MUSICAL RESPONSE.—“*Glory be to God on high.*”

28. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will give the Dedication Prayer.

29. The Architect, Mr. G. F. Webb, (Messrs Webb & Gray) will be presented to the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master and deliver the plans of the Building.

30. The Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master inspects the plans and hands them back.

31. The Hymn “Now thank we all our God” will be sung, during which the Offertory will be taken.

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In Whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.	O may the bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from our ills In this world and the next. So mote it be.
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32. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will pronounce the patriarchal Benediction.

33. The National Anthem.

34. The Ceremonies concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge will return to St. John's Church.

The Procession is formed in inverted order, the Provincial Grand Tyler, Director of Ceremonies and Sword Bearer taking the lead, followed by the Right Wor. Provincial Grand Master, Standard Bearers, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, Officers and Brethren according to rank.

35. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed.

N.B. Brethren to appear at the Ceremonies in black coats, dark trousers, black ties, white gloves, with full Masonic Craft clothing, the apron outside coat. Craft and Royal Arch Jewels only to be worn.

INSCRIPTION ON STONE:

THIS STONE WAS LAID BY  
GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES,  
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., P.G.D.  
AT A MEETING OF THE  
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE  
ON SATURDAY, 4TH JULY, 1931.

BERTRAM H. GREEN,  
Vicar.

W. EVANS,  
F. H. OAKLEY,  
Churchwarden.