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First Procession.

At 3-0 p.m. precisely a procession will be formed by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and will consist of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers appointed to act in the Derby Lodge Room and other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. The procession will enter the Derby Lodge Room and take their respective positions.

The acting Master will announce the

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.

A Lodge will be opened in the three degrees in the Derby
Lodge Room, by the following officers :—

W.M. W.Bro. JAMES HIGSON, P.G.D., Asst.P.G.Master.
I.P.M. W.Bro. JOHN E. FREEMAN, P.G.D.
S.W. W.Bro. J. T. TRAVIS-CLEGG, P.G.D., Asst.P.G.Master.
J.W. W.Bro. SIR EDWARD RHODES, P.G.D., Asst.P.G.Master.
Chaplain W.Bro. REV. J. F. SAMUEL, P.C.Chap.
Secretary W.Bro. R. VERNON CLAYTON, P.A.G.Regr., Prov.G.Sec.
D. of C. W.Bro. GEO. C. LIND, P.G.Sd.Br., Prov.G.D.C.
Senr. Deacon . . . W.Bro. WALTER C. MENTO, J.G.Deacon.
Junr. Deacon . . . W.Bro. TOM STOTT, P.G.D.
Organist W.Bro. HAROLD BURGESS, Prov.G.Orgt.
Inner Guard . . . W.Bro. COL. A. ENGLAND, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., P.G.D.
Tyler W.Bro. W. HAMMOTT, P.P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Tyler.

The officers appointed to act in the other Lodge Rooms
are as follow :—

GOULBURN LODGE ROOM.

W.M. W.Bro. JOHN TEASDALE, P.P.G.W.
I.P.M. W.Bro. W. SCOTT EARNSHAW, P.P.G.W.
S.W. W.Bro. GEO. W. MITCHESON, P.P.G.W.
J.W. W.Bro. WALTER F. SPENCER, P.P.G.W.
D. of C. W.Bro. WALTER POTTS, P.P.G.W.
Senr. Deacon . . . W.Bro. ROBERT BELL, P.P.G.W.
Junr. Deacon . . . W.Bro. FRANK STONEHOUSE, P.P.G.W.
Inner Guard W.Bro. J. HORACE STOTT, P.P.D.G.Regr.
Tyler W.Bro. J. C. POYSER, P.P.G.Purst.

SYKES LODGE ROOM.

W.M.	W.Bro. GEO. V. HUTTON, P.P.G.W.
I.P.M.	W.Bro. ALBERT GREASY, P.P.G.W.
S.W.	W.Bro. R. E. LABROW, P.P.G.W.
J.W.	W.Bro. WM. PARTINGTON, P.P.G.W.
D. of C.	W.Bro. T. Y. RITSON, P.P.G.W.
Senr. Deacon	W.Bro. JOHN JACKSON, P.P.G.W.
Junr. Deacon	W.Bro. GEO. A. BARNES, P.P.G.W.
Inner Guard	W.Bro. WM. OGDEN, P.P.D.G.Regr.
Tyler	W.Bro. C. DUNDERDALE, P.P.G.Prest.

STARKIE LODGE ROOM.

W.M.	W.Bro. HENRY STEELE, P.P.G.W.
I.P.M.	W.Bro. HORATIO R. WOOD, P.P.G.W.
S.W.	W.Bro. FRANK DICK, P.P.G.W.
J.W.	W.Bro. ARTHUR WORTHINGTON, P.P.G.W.
D. of C.	W.Bro. LT.-COL. W. HUMPHREYS, P.P.G.W.
Senr. Deacon	W.Bro. F. V. BROCKBANK, P.P.G.W.
Junr. Deacon	W.Bro. J. D. HUGHES, P.P.G.W.
Inner Guard	W.Bro. GEO. CLOUGH, P.P.G.Regr.
Tyler	W.Bro. JOHN WATSON, P.P.G.Purst.

The Ceremony of opening will be relayed from the Derby Lodge Room to all parts of the building by loud speakers, and the Brethren in all parts of the Temple will conform (but not audibly) to the customary ceremonies on the opening of a Lodge.

SECOND PROCESSION.

A further procession will be formed in the Entrance Hall, to consist of distinguished guests of Provincial Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who will escort them to the Derby Lodge Room, where they will be admitted.

The K.W. Dedicating Officer will be received in the Entrance Hall by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Derby.

The Architect, W.Bro. Dr. Percy S. Worthington, will present to H.R.H. a key wherewith to unlock the doors of the Memorial Hall.

THIRD PROCESSION.

A third procession will be formed in the Entrance Hall, to consist of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, *K.G.*, the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and others.

At the appointed hour the R.W. Dedicating Officer, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, *K.G.*, will unlock the door and enter the Memorial Hall. The entrance of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be announced by a fanfare of trumpets. His Royal Highness will proceed to the centre of the Memorial Hall and pause opposite the Memorial.

The Provincial Grand Master will then address H.R.H. the Dedicating Officer :—

“Your Royal Highness—You have graciously
“unlocked the doors of this Memorial Hall, signifying
“thereby that this Building is now officially opened for
“the purposes for which it was built. May I ask you,
“as your first act after entering the Hall, to unveil and
“illuminate the Tablet set in the West Wall thereof,
“which enshrines the memory of those Masons of my
“Province who gave their lives in the Great War.”

H.R.H. will then unveil the Tablet and at the same time light the Lamp, saying :—

R.W. S.—It gives me great pleasure to accede
“to your request, and I hereby unveil the Tablet and
“light the Lamp, which I entrust to your care.”

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master :—

“I thank your Royal Highness for unveiling the
“Tablet, and for lighting the Lamp which burns
“before it.”

“I will now ask the Brethren to stand in silence
“while the Trumpeters sound the Last Post.”

The R.W. Dedicating Officer will be conducted to the door of the Derby Lodge Room. His arrival will be announced by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. H.R.H. will then

be admitted and conducted to the East. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will hand to H.R.H. the Master's gavel and instal him in the Chair.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master will then address the R.W. Dedicating Officer as follows :—

“ Your Royal Highness, the Temple in which we
“ are now assembled has been erected by the Past
“ Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution through the
“ voluntary subscriptions of the Members, and is to be
“ maintained as a Memorial of those brethren of the
“ Province of East Lancashire who gave their lives for
“ King and Country in the Great War, and also as
“ a Memorial of the devoted services rendered to the
“ Craft and the Province by W. Bro. John Benjamin
“ Goulburn, Past Grand Deacon, and Deputy Provincial
“ Grand Master, 1908-1918. It is the desire of the
“ Institution that the structure should now be solemnly
“ dedicated to Masonic purposes, and I am asked,
“ as President of the Institution and Provincial
“ Grand Master of the Province, to request your Royal
“ Highness to comply with that desire.”

H.R.H. will reply as follows :—

“ R. W. Provincial Grand Master, your request on
“ behalf of the Promoters of this Temple, in which we
“ are now assembled, shall have attention, and I will
“ proceed to dedicate it according to ancient and
“ immemorial usage and custom, I therefore call upon
“ the Provincial Grand Chaplain for Prayer.”

PRAYER by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Oh Lord our Heavenly Father who dost from Thy Throne
behold all the 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.

Chant (*Omnes*) : So mote it be.

ANTHEM.

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for Brethren
to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran
down unto the beard, even unto Aaron's beard, and
went down to the skirts of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon which fell upon the hill
of Zion.

For there the Lord promised His blessing, and life for
evermore.

DEDICATION PRAYER (*first portion*) by the Provincial Grand
Chaplain.

Almighty and Glorious Lord God, Creator and Governor
of all things. Thou hast made, mercifully look upon
Thy servants now assembled in Thy Name and in Thy
presence, and bless and prosper all our works begun,
continued, and ended in Thee. Graciously bestow upon
us wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our
difficulties, and the beauty of harmony and holiness in
all our communications and work. Let faith be the
foundation of our Hope, and Charity the fruit of our
obedience to Thy revealed will. May all the work of our
Institution which may herein be done, be such as Thy
wisdom may approve and Thy goodness prosper. We
implore Thee to bless the Craft wheresoever dispersed,
and make them true and faithful to Thee, to their
neighbour, and themselves, and when the time of our
labour is drawing to an end, and the pillar of our strength
is declining, graciously enable us to pass through the
valley of the shadow of death supported by Thy rod and
Thy staff, to those mansions where love and peace and
joy for ever reign before Thy Throne.

Chant (*Omnes*) : So mote it be.

The R.W. Dedicating Officer gives

THE INVOCATION.

Oh Lord God, there is no other God like unto Thee, in Heaven above or in the Earth beneath, who keepeth covenant and sheweth mercy unto Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their hearts.

Let all the people of the Earth know that the Lord He is God, and that there is none else.

Let all the people of the Earth know Thy name and fear Thee.

Let all the people of the Earth know that we Thy servants have built this Temple and would dedicate it to Thy service.

May Thine Eyes be open towards this Temple by day and by night, and when Thy servants shall pray to Thee in this Temple hearken unto their supplications. Hear Thou, in Heaven Thy Dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest forgive.

The appointed Officers carry the Elements three times round the Lodge, halting in the East after each perambulation.

Before the first Circuit the Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16 :—

There shall be a 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.

and the Brethren will 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 first perambulation is then made, and corn is strewn.

R. W. Dedicating Officer : " I scatter corn, the Emblem of Plenty."

Musical Response—" GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

Before the Second Circuit the Chaplain reads—Nehemian chap. x., verse 39 :—

For the children of Israel and the children of Levy shall bring the offering of corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers : and we will not forsake the house of our God.

and the Brethren will 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 second perambulation is then made. Wine is poured.

R. W. Dedicating Officer : " I pour Wine, the Emblem of Joy and Gladness."

Musical Response—" GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

Before the Third Circuit the Chaplain reads—Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26 :—

And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound 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.

and the Brethren will 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 third perambulation is then made. Oil is sprinkled.

R. W. Dedicating Officer : " I sprinkle Oil—the Emblem of Unity."

Musical Response—" GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

The Dedicating Officer Dedicates the Temple from the Chair—

" In the name of the Most High, the Great Architect of the Universe, to whom be all honour and glory : I do solemnly dedicate this Temple to FREEMASONRY, to VIRTUE, and to UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE."

Musical Response—" GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH."

Sanctus.

The Chaplain carries the Censer thrice round the Lodge Room, halting in the East.

DEDICATION PRAYER (*second portion*) by the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

" Grant, O Lord, that those who are invested with the government of this Temple may be endued with wisdom to instruct their Brethren in all their duties ; may Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth ever prevail amongst its members ; and may this bond of union increase and strengthen the several Lodges throughout the world. Bless all our Brethren wherever dispersed over the face of earth and water, and grant a speedy relief to all who are oppressed or distressed. We especially and affectionately commend to Thy especial care and attention all the members of the Fraternity, may they increase in knowledge of Thee, and love of each other. And, finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thy approbation, and then leave this earthly abode for Thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy Light, Bliss, and Joy evermore."

Chant (*Omnes*) : " So mote it be."

PATRIARCHAL BENEDICTION.

" So mote it be."

The Dedicating Officer will retire from the Lodge and proceed to other parts of the Temple.

The appointed Brethren will re-occupy the Chairs.

After His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has completed his visitation of the Temple, and left the building, the Lodge will be resumed in the First Degree, and closed.

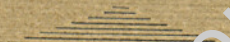
CLOSING HYMN.

Now the evening shadows closing
Warn from toil to peaceful rest,
Mystic arts and rites reposing
Sacred in each faithful breast.

God of light, whose love unceasing,
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our Order with Thy blessing;
Build—sustain us to the end.

Humbly now we bow before Thee,
Grateful for Thy aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Architect! be Thine.

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