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ORDER OF PROCESSION AND FORM OF CEREMONY

on the occasion of

Laying the Foundation Stone

OF

THE WHITTALL CHAPEL

Attached to the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster ;

The gift of W. Bro. MATTHEW J. WHITTALL, Director of the Grand Lodge of Mass., U.S.A.,
A native of this Town ;

BY

The Worshipful Brother WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE,

Past Grand Deacon, England ; Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire ;

Assisted by

Worshipful Brother GEORGE WILLIAM GROSVENOR, P.P.S.G.W.

As Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

And the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire,

On SATURDAY, the 23rd JULY, 1921.

A Craft Lodge will be opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M. and the Officers of the Hope and
Charity Lodge No. 377 at 2.45 p.m. in the Chantry adjoining the Church.

Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3 p.m.

A Procession will be formed and proceed to the site

The Stone will be laid at 3.30 p.m. by the

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

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

TWO TYLERS WITH DRAWN SWORDS

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

FOUR PAST MASTERS OF LODGE NO. 377, bearing the CORN, WINE, OIL and SALT.

ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANT

PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANT

ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY

PROVINCIAL GRAND ORGANIST

ORDER OF PROCESSION—Continued.

PAST MASTER OF NO. 377 BEARING TROWEL
PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS
bearing the PLATE with the INSCRIPTION for the FOUNDATION STONE
PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY
bearing BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS on a cushion
PROVINCIAL GRAND REGISTRAR
PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER
bearing A PHIAL containing the COINS, ETC., to be deposited in the stone.
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND OTHER MASONIC VISITORS OF DISTINCTION.
THE CORINTHIAN LIGHT BORNE BY A PAST MASTER OF LODGE NO. 377.
COLUMN OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND J.W. BORNE BY A PAST MASTER OF LODGE NO. 377.
PROVINCIAL GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN WITH THE PLUMB LINE
THE DORIC LIGHT BORNE BY A PAST MASTER OF LODGE NO. 377.
COLUMN OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SENIOR WARDEN BORNE BY A PAST MASTER OF LODGE NO. 377.
THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SENIOR WARDEN BEARING LEVEL
JUNIOR PROVINCIAL GRAND DEACON
THE SACRED LAW ON A CUSHION OPENED AT THE 10TH CHAPTER OF NUMBERS WITH THE SQUARE AND
COMPASSES BORNE BY FOUR LEWISES
THE RT. REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF WORCESTER
Past Grand Chaplain
ACTING DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER BEARING SQUARE
THE IONIC LIGHT BORNE BY A PAST MASTER OF LODGE NO. 377.
PROVINCIAL GRAND STANDARD BEARERS
PROVINCIAL GRAND SWORD BEARER
THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF NO. 377 W. BRO. J. E. GROSVENOR BEARING MALLET
PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARD THE WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARD
PROVINCIAL GRAND SENIOR DEACON
TWO STEWARDS
PROVINCIAL GRAND TYLERS WITH DRAWN SWORDS

CEREMONIAL.

I. The Procession will form at the Chantry.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having assumed his place, will proceed to the site.

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

THE DEPUTY 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 ACTING DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

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

CEREMONIAL—Continued.

The officiating Brethren will take their positions near the stone as plan sent to them.

2. The Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, Vicar of Kidderminster, will address the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and request him to lay the Foundation Stone of the New Chapel.
3. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master having taken up his position, the vessels of Corn, Wine, Oil, and Salt will be deposited on a pedestal for their reception.
4. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will address the Assembly.
5. Brother The Rev. A. J. Stockham, Provincial Grand Chaplain, will offer up Prayer.
6. Psalm No. 84.

PSALM No. 84.

O how amiable are Thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my Lord.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be always praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of Gods appeareth every one of them, in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

7. The Provincial Grand Secretary will read aloud the Inscription on the Plate (see last page).
8. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will deposit the phial containing the coins.
9. The Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master will place the Plate on the lower stone.
10. The Cement will then be spread on the upper face of the lower stone, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master will adjust the same with a level handed to him for the purpose ; after which the upper stone will be slowly lowered with three distinct stops.
11. The Deputy 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 Grand Junior Warden, the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and the Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, he will give the Stone three knocks with the Mallet, which will be delivered to him by the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 377.
12. The Cornucopia, containing the Corn, and the Ewers, with the Wine, Oil, and Salt, will next be handed to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who will strew the Corn and pour the Wine and Oil, and sprinkle Salt over the Stone with the accustomed ceremonies.
13. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will give the Dedication Prayer
14. The Architect, Mr. Gilbert Scott, will be presented to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and will deliver the plans of the Building.
15. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, having inspected the plan of the intended building, will deliver the same to the Architect and desire him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.
16. The Hymn " Now thank we all our God " will be sung, during which the Offertory will be taken

HYMN.

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 this 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.

CEREMONIAL—Continued.

17. The Worshipful Brother the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, P.G. Chap., will give a short address.

18. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will pronounce the patriarchal Benediction.

19. The National Anthem.

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King
God save the King.
Send him victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the King.

20. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will place a donation on the Stone for the workmen.

21. The Ceremonies concluded, the Provincial Grand Lodge will return to the Chantry.

The Procession is formed in inverted order, the Provincial Grand Tyler, Standard Bearers, and Sword Bearer taking the lead, followed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, Wardens, Officers, etc., according to rank.

22. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed.

23. The Hope and Charity Lodge will be closed.

N.B.—All Brethren to appear at the Ceremonies in black coats, dark trousers, black ties, white gloves, with full Masonic Craft clothing, the apron outside coat; no jewels to be worn but those appertaining to the craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

(COPY OF INSCRIPTION)

THIS, THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF

THE WHITTALL CHAPEL

(the gift of R. W. Bro. MATTHEW J. WHITTALL, a native of this Town, Director of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A.)

Was laid at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon L. B. SLADEN

by

WOR. BRO. WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE, P.G.D.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master;

Assisted by

THE RT. REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF WORCESTER, P.G. Chap.,

and

OFFICERS OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

At the Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, held under the Banner of the Hope & Charity Lodge, No. 377, on Saturday, the 23rd day of July, 1921