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Programme

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Centenary Celebrations

Monday, 24th April, 1950

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CENTENARY MEETING OF THE LODGE OF
PERSEVERANCE No. 573.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

All Brethren of the Lodge and Visiting Brethren are requested to take their seats in the Lodge by 5 p.m.

1. At 5.15 p.m. precisely the Worshipful Master and his Wardens will take their chairs.
2. The opening ode will be sung.
3. The Lodge will be opened.
4. The Secretary will read the Dispensation.
5. The Director of Ceremonies will announce the Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Marsh, J.P., the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Dr. E. L. Eunting, M.B., F.G.S.; the Worshipful the Assistant Grand Master Sydney Duns, Techn. P.P.G.W.; Grand Lodge Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who will enter the Lodge in procession.
6. The Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will take the Chair and appoint his officers.
7. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the Worshipful the Assistant Provincial Grand Master; Grand Lodge Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers will be saluted in antique form.
8. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould, will read summons convening the Meeting.
9. The Assistant Secretary, Bro. Raymond Wright, will read the minutes of the First Meeting held on the 24th April, 1850, and the Consecration Meeting held on 7th August, 1850.

10. The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will address the brethren on the object of the Meeting.

11. The Prov. G.D.C. will present the original Warrant to the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master for his inspection, who will request the Secretary to read the same.

12. The Provincial Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. V. Stanton, P.G.D. will then retire from the Lodge for the purpose of bearing in the Centenary Warrant.

13. A procession of Past Masters will be formed and retire from the Lodge.

14. The Past Masters will escort the Provincial Grand Secretary into the Lodge bearing the Centenary Warrant.

15. The Hymn, **Now thank we all our God**, will be sung.

Now thank we all our God,	Oh may this bounteous God
With heart, and hands, and voices,	through all our life be near us.
Who wondrous things hath done,	With ever joyful hearts
In Whom His world rejoices;	And blessed peace to cheer us;
Who from our mothers' arms	And keeps us in His grace,
Hath bless'd us on our way,	And guide us when perplex'd,
With countless gifts of love,	And free us from all ills
And still is ours to day,	In this world and the next.

So Mote it Be

16. The Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will direct the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the Centenary Warrant.

17. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Rev. G. H. Sharpe, will give an oration.

18. The Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will present the W.M. with the Centenary Warrant and **direct that the proceedings be entered on the Minutes of the Lodge.**

19. The W.M., Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge of Perseverance will resume their seats.

20. The Rt. Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master will call upon the Secretary, Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould, P.P.G.D., to give a short history of the Lodge.

21. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will offer up prayer:—

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, we humbly beseech Thee to receive these our prayers and oblations of praise. We unite in hearty thanks to Thee, Almighty Father, for the manifold blessings bestowed on us and on our Lodge, and give grateful thanks to Thee that Thou hast been pleased to preserve and direct this Lodge for a hundred years. We beseech Thee to grant a continuance of Thy blessings, and give us grace so to follow the good examples of the Brethren who have laboured for the welfare of this Lodge, that the work of the Lodge may ever be as well to Thy Glory as the welfare of our fellow creatures.

So Mote it Be.

22. The Prov. Grand Chaplain will give the Patriarchal Benediction.

23. The Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master will call on the W.M. and his Wardens to resume their chairs.

24. The Hymn, **O God, our help in ages past**, will be sung by all the Brethren, during which alms will be taken in aid of the 1956 Festival at which the Provincial Grand Master will preside.

O GOD, our help in ages past, Before the hills in order stood,
Our hope for years to come, O earth received her frame,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, From everlasting Thou art God,
And our eternal home. To endless years the same.

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne, A thousand ages in Thy sight
Thy Saints have dwelt secure; Like an evening gone;
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone, Short as the watch that ends the night
And our defence is sure. Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

So Mote it Be.

25. The Brethren will sing the first verse of the National Anthem.

26. W.M.'s announcement.

27. The Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers will retire in procession.

28. The Lodge will be closed.

29. Closing Hymn.

Toast List

1. His Majesty the King and the Craft.
2. The Most Worshipful The Grand Master His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, K.G.
3. The Lodge of Perseverance No. 573.
Proposed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Marsh, J.P., Provincial Grand Master.
Response by Bro. Ronald Samuel Goodman, Worshipful Master.
4. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarbrough, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., T.D., Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master, Brig. Gen. W. H. Darell, C.B., G.M.G., D.S.O., Rt. Wor. Asst. Grand Master, and the Officers, present and past, of the Grand Lodge of England.
Proposed by Wor. Bro. P. H. Bullas, P.P.G.W.
5. The Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben Marsh, J.P.
Proposed by Wor. Bro. F. L. Rose, P.P.G.W.
6. The Wor. Bro. E. L. Bunting, M.B., P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. of the Province; Wor. Bro. S. Dunn Toon, P.P.G.W., Asst. Prov. G.M., and the Officers, present and past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.
Proposed by Wor. Bro. B. E. Hobbs, P.M.
7. The Visitors.
Proposed by Wor. Bro. G. N. Raybould, P.P.G.D.
8. The Tyler's Toast.

Musical Programme arranged by
Bro. W. Fairhurst.