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KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 6173.

DEDICATION OF LODGE BANNER.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

1. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master enters the Lodge in processional order and takes the Chair.
2. Salutes to - (a) Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
(b) Other Grand Lodge Officers not previously saluted.
(c) Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.
3. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master will appoint Provincial Officers to occupy the Wardens Chairs.
4. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies proceeds to left of S.W. and addresses the Chair thus -
"W.Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, by the kindness and generosity of the Lodge has become possessed of a Banner which the Brethren desire you on behalf of the Province to accept and dedicate".
5. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. "W.Bro. Provincial Grand D.C. has the design of this Banner been submitted to and approved by the M.W. Grand Master or his advisers".
6. Provincial Grand D.C. "W.Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master I understand the design was so submitted and approved and I have inspected the Banner which I find to be in accordance with the approved design".
7. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. "I must now enquire what are the wishes of the W.Master and Brethren of the Lodge in regard to this matter."
8. W.Bro. Ellis. "W.Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, I beg to propose that the Banner provided by [redacted] and is hereby adopted as the Banner of the Keystone Lodge No. 6173.
Another Brother of the Lodge. "W.Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, I beg to second that proposition".
9. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. "Brethren of the Keystone Lodge No. 6173 as many as are in favour of the proposition will signify the same by the usual manner known amongst Masons".
"Brethren, that resolution is carried unanimously and I shall have much pleasure in carrying out your decision and wishes".
10. "In accordance with our custom with regard to all our ceremonies, I will first call on the Provincial Grand Chaplain for the benefit of prayer".
11. Provincial Grand Chaplain. Vouchsafe Thine Aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, to our present convention and grant that all the Brethren now assembled to praise Thee may so dedicate and devote their lives to Thy service as to become more and more true and faithful in the service of God and of man. Endue them with a competency of Thy divine wisdom that, assisted by the secrets of our

Masonic Art, they may the better be enabled to unfold the beauties of true godliness, to the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name.

So mote it be.

12. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. addresses the Brethren on the symbolism of a Banner.
13. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will cause the Banner to be brought into the Lodge Room escorted in the proper manner.
14. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies forms the Brethren of the Lodge (other than principal Officers, P.Ms and I.G.) in processional order.
15. The Tyler reports - "W.Bro. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and escort bearing the Banner of the Lodge".

All Brethren stand.

16. Brethren re-enter the Lodge in two files led respectively by the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and Lodge Director of Ceremonies.
The Banner is carried by Provincial Grand Standard Bearer flanked by the Deacons of the Lodge and led by Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.
The escort proceeds up the centre of the Lodge halting as directed. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and Lodge Deacons pass through the double line of Brethren.

17. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. W. Master, will you be good enough to unveil the Banner.

18. The Master comes forward and does so.

19. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. "W. Bro. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, will you now be pleased to accept the Banner on behalf of the Lodge".

20. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. "In the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire and on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge I accept this Banner and declare that it is now adopted as the Banner of the Keystone Lodge, No. 6173 in the Register of the Grand Lodge of England.

21. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. adds any special remarks he considers appropriate to this particular occasion.

22. Deputy Provincial Grand Master. I now call upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain for the dedication Prayer.

23. Provincial Grand Chaplain O Lord our Heavenly Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, Who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth, we beseech Thee to bless and hallow this Banner which we here consecrate as a symbol of our Masonic Fellowship, and to the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Name. Grant to all who gather beneath its shadow, wisdom to teach, humility to learn and grace to fulfil their obligations. Pour down upon them and upon all the members of our Fraternity the continual dew of Thy blessing, that we may daily increase in love of Thee and of one another; and when earth's fitful day is passed, grant unto us a happy death and a glorious

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entry into Thy Heavenly Temple where, amid the company of Thy faithful people, we may shine like the stars for ever and ever.

So mote it be.

24. Brethren process round the Lodge three times singing Hymn.
25. Deputy Provincial Grand Master leaves Chair.
26. Provincial Grand Standard Bearer delivers Banner to Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
27. W. Master of the Lodge comes forward.
28. Deputy Provincial Grand Master to W. Master
"I now deliver into your special charge the Banner of the Keystone Lodge No. 6173 in the Register of the Grand Lodge of England.
29. W. Master of Lodge receives the Banner and places it in its proper position and says:
"For all the blessings and mercies vouchsafed by the Great Architect of the Universe, let us praise and glorify His Holy Name".
ALL So mote it be.
30. PROVINCIAL Grand Chaplain pronounces the Patriarchal Benediction:
"May the God of our Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the everlasting Covenant, who hath redeemed us from evil; the Holy One that sanctifieth us; Bless, Preserve and keep you evermore".
ALL So mote it be.
31. The escort passes round the Lodge to their respective places and all the Brethren resume their seats.
32. The W. Master resumes the Chair.
33. W. Master of the Lodge addresses the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
34. W. Master returns Lodge Officers to their places.

WARRINGTON MASONIC HALL

H Y M N

(To be sung during perambulations).

1. Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wonderous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our Mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2. 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 all ills,
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God,
The Architect be given,
Who world and mankind reigns,
With truth and love from heaven;
The One Eternal God,
Whom earth and Heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

So mote it be.