

PROVINCE OF OXFORDSHIRE OF
Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons.

THE RT. WORSHIPFUL BRO. Æ. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., GRAND REGISTRAR.

IN CHARGE OF THE PROVINCE.

THE
CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION

OF THE

BERTIE LODGE,

CITY OF OXFORD, No. 1515.

BY THE

**WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF OXFORDSHIRE,
BRO. RICHARD JAMES SPIERS, F.S.A., P.G.S.B.,**

The Officer appointed for the purpose by the Acting Provincial Grand Master.

ASSISTED BY PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

WILL TAKE PLACE AT

**THE UNIVERSITY MASONIC HALL,
CORN MARKET STREET, OXFORD.**

On Friday, November 6, 1874, at half-past three o'clock.

Bro. JOHN GALPIN, R. W. Mayor of Oxford, W. M. designate.

Ceremonial.

The brethren will assemble at the University Masonic Hall, Cornmarket street, at half past three o'clock, p.m., and after having signed the book, will immediately take their places in the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Officers and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and the members of the Lodge named in the petition will assemble in the ante-room, and a procession will be formed, headed by the Director of the Ceremonies, *pro temp.*, Bro. Houghton, P. G. Warden.

As the Procession enters the Lodge the brethren will chant the following Psalm :—

Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it :

Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so He giveth His beloved sleep.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end.

Amen.

The brethren who have signed the petition will take their places in the west.

Order of Constitution and Consecration.

The Presiding Officer takes the chair and appoints the Wardens.

The Grand Lodge is opened in the First Degree.

The Prov. Senior Grand Warden addresses the Presiding Officer, stating the object of the meeting and the wishes of the brethren.

The Presiding Officer calls upon the Secretary to read the Petition and Warrant of Constitution.

The Secretary reads the Petition and Warrant.

The Presiding Officer inquires if the brethren approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.

The members of the new Lodge reply, and the W. M. designate and the Warden are presented, and placed to the left of the chair.

The collars and jewels are presented to the Presiding Officer.

The lodge or shrine is uncovered.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain reads a passage of Holy Scripture from 1 Kings VIII. 1-6, and then offers the invocation and prayer.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory ; glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high.

ANTHEM, Psalm 133.

“ Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, 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 Sion.

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

A procession, consisting of the Presiding Officer bearing corn, the Provincial Grand Chaplain bearing the censer, Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens bearing wine and oil, and the Provincial Grand Registrar bearing salt, moves around the Lodge, solemn music accompanying ; the first time the Presiding Officer scatters corn as a symbol of plenty, and says,

All wisdom cometh from the Lord ; and is with Him for ever.
Honour and Majesty are before Him ; Strength and Beauty are in His Sanctuary.

For God said :—In my strength will I establish this mine House, to stand firm for ever.

The procession moves a second time around the lodge, and the Senior Provincial Grand Warden pours wine, dedicating the Lodge to Virtue ; and the Junior Grand Warden oil, dedicating it to Universal Benevolence.

The procession moves a third time around the Lodge, the Prov. Grand Registrar strewing salt.

The Chaplain offers the prayer of dedication.

The Presiding Officer constitutes the Lodge.

Omnes. (chant) So mote it be.

Glory be to God on high,
Peace on earth,
Good-will towards men.

The brethren all take part in the

ANTHEM, (*Haydn.*)

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.

The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land,
The work of an Almighty hand.

What, though in solemn silence all,
Move round this dark terrestrial ball,
What though no real voice nor sound
Amid their radiant orbs be found !

In Reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice,
For ever singing as they shine,
The Hand that made us is Divine.

The installation of the Worshipful Master designate, and the appointment of Officers, then follow.

