

MASONIC CEREMONY OF LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF THE

Pelham Pillar Masonic Hall Company

LIMITED,

BY BRO. JOHN SUTCLIFFE, 600, 792, P.M. 764, 1294

P. PROV. G.S.D. FOR DURHAM, P. PROV. G.S.W. FOR LINCOLN.

THE BRETHREN OF THE PELHAM PILLAR LODGE, 792,

AND THE

PROV. GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR LINCOLNSHIRE.

BANQUET at the Town-Hall, Grimsby, 2nd August, 1875.

BRO. JOHN HADFIELD, P.M. 792, P. PROV. G.J.D.
FOR LINCOLN,

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY, IN THE CHAIR.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

UNION JACK.

TWO OPERATIVE MASONS.

BAND OF MUSIC.

TYLER WITH DRAWN SWORD.

BANNER OF PELHAM PILLAR LODGE.

BRETHREN OF PELHAM PILLAR LODGE.

STEWARD WITH WAND.

D. OF C.

STEWARD WITH WAND.

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

Ceremonial at the Site.



ARRIVED at the entrance to the Site of the Building, the Brethren will divide to the right and left, facing inwards, leaving an avenue for

THE PROV. GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

THE PROV. GRAND SWORD BEARER.

BROTHER SUTCLIFFE.

THE DEPUTY (DEPUTE) OF R. W. PROV. G. M.

who will pass up followed by the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge, and other Acting Officers to the Foundation Stone.

The Officiating Brethren will take their positions round the Stone as follows :

BRO. SUTCLIFFE	}	IN THE EAST.
W.M. 792, with Square		
W.M. with Corn		
S.W. 792 with Level	}	IN THE WEST.
P.M. with Wine		
CHAPLAIN.	}	IN THE NORTH.
TREASURER SECRETARY		
Trowel. Mallet.		
P.M. with Salt		
J.W. 792 with Plumb	}	IN THE SOUTH.
P.M. with Oil		
SUPT. OF WORKS with Plan		

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN will invoke a Blessing.

The CHAPLAIN and BRETHREN will then alternately recite 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 labour lost 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.

To God the only wise: our Creator and Redeemer glory be.

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

SO NOTE IT BE.

The R.W.D.P.G.M. BRO. W. H. SMYTH having granted a Dispensation to BRO. JOHN SUTCLIFFE, to officiate in laying the FOUNDATION STONE according to Antient Masonic Custom, he will then briefly state for what occasion the Brethren are assembled, and the Ceremony proceeds by

THE SUPT. OF WORKS

presenting the Plans for the approval of the O.O., who after examining them and approving them, returns them to the S. of W.

THE SECRETARY

will read a Copy of the Document placed in the Phial.

THE TREASURER

will place the Coins in the Phial and deposit it in the Cavity of the Stone prepared for its reception, and the O.O. will see the same properly secured with cement.

Solemn Music is played whilst the upper stone is lowered by three distinct drops. The third drop leaving the Stone suspended about 10 inches from its bed.

THE TROWEL

will now be presented to the O.O. by BRO. HADFIELD, with suitable remarks, and the O.O. will adjust the cement on the lower Stone.

THE STONE

is then lowered slowly to its bed, the Band playing

“RULE BRITANNIA.”

A flourish of Trumpets and Jettle Drums will announce the Stone is placed on its base.

BAND—“God bless the Prince of Wales.”

The O.O. then calls upon the J.W., saying, What is the Emblem of your Office?

J.W. replies: The Plumb R.W. Sir.

O.O. How do you apply it?

J.W. To try and adjust all uprights and perpendiculars, while fixing them on their proper Bases.

O.O. directs the J.W. to apply the Plumb to the sides of the Stone, and having done so, he says:

R.W. Sir, I find the Stone perfect and trustworthy.

The O.O. then calls upon the S.W., saying, What is the Emblem of your Office?

S.W. replies: The Level R.W. Sir.

O.O. How do you apply it?

S.W. To try levels, and prove horizontals.

O.O. directs the S.W. to prove the Stone, and having done so, he says:

R.W. Sir, I find the Stone to be well founded.

The O.O. asks the W.M., What is the Emblem of your Office?

W.M. replies: The Square R.W. Sir.

O.O. How do you apply the Square?

W.M. to try and adjust all rectangular corners of Buildings, and to assist in bringing rude matter into form.

O.O. directs the W.M. to apply the Square, who having done so, says:

R.W. Sir, I have applied the Square and find the Stone to be true.

THE MALLET

is then presented to the O.O., who says :

Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it now remains with me to complete the work.

He then gives three knocks upon the Stone with the Mallet and declares the Stone to be properly laid in accordance with the antient rules of architecture.

BAND.

The Cornucopia, containing Corn, the Emblem of Plenty, is presented to the O.O., who scatters Corn.

The CHAPLAIN reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.

The Ewer containing Wine, the Emblem of Joy, is presented to the O.O., who pours Wine upon the Stone.

The CHAPLAIN reads Numbers chap. xv., verse 7.

The Vessel containing Oil, the Emblem of Peace, is presented. The O.O. pours Oil on the Stone.

The CHAPLAIN reads Exodus chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.

The Vessel containing Salt, the Emblem of Purity, is presented. The O.O. scatters Salt.

The CHAPLAIN then offers the following Prayer :

MAY the Omnipotent and Merciful Father of all bless this Town and this Land with Corn, Wine, and Oil, and all the necessaries of life, and may the same Almighty Power make us humble and grateful for all His mercies. May he look down with benediction upon our present undertaking and crown the Edifice of which we have now laid the foundation with every success.

SO MOTE IT BE.

The O.O. will then offer an Address.

The Masonic Version of the National Anthem will be sung.

GOD save our gracious Queen,

Long live our Noble Queen,

Long may she reign.

May she defend our laws

And ever give us cause

To sing with heart and voice,

God save the Queen.

Hail mystic Light Divine,

May'st thou ne'er cease to shine

Over this Land.

Wisdom in thee we find,

Beauty and strength combined,

Masons are ever joined

In heart and hand.

Come then, you sons of light,

In joyous strains unite,

God save the Queen.

Long may Victoria reign,

Queen of the Azure Main,

Masons resound the strain,

God save the Queen.

The Ceremony being completed, the procession is formed in inverted order, the PROV. GRAND STANDARD BEARER and the PROV. GRAND SWORD BEARER taking the lead, followed by the DEPUTY P.G.M., WARDENS, &c., according to rank, back to the place whence started, and the Lodge is there closed.