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Prometheus Lodge, No. 4209.



Silver Jubilee
1921 - 1946.

Installation

of

Bro. George Edwin Goodwin, s.w.
Master Elect.

MASONIC HALL,
SEVERN STREET,
BIRMINGHAM.

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 4th,
1946.



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The late Wor. Bro.
FREDERICK SEYMOUR JOHN PILE,
M.A., P.P.G.Org.
Founder and first Master of
Prometheus Lodge No. 4209.



Bro.
GEORGE EDWIN GOO. WIN,
Wor. Master Prometheus Lodge,
No. 4209
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Mythology of the Greek God Prometheus

"PROMETHEUS" (Forethought) figures as the great benefactor and champion of Man in spite of Zeus, who wished to prevent Man's development. He stole from Olympus (Heaven) the precious fire by lighting his torch (a hollow fennel stalk) at the chariot of the Gods, and brought this precious gift to earth for the benefit of mankind.

The angry King of Olympus punished his bold vassal by sentencing him to be chained to a rock for thirty thousand years and to be daily tormented by an eagle tearing at his liver. From this perpetual torture he was delivered by Hercules, who shot the eagle and released him from the rock.

Prometheus was the inventor of many arts, particularly those of working in metals and clay, in consequence of which the name is especially suitable for a Lodge of Metallurgists.

Symposium of Combustibles

SOUP

Colloidal, high flash (325°C.), triple cracked.
 Strong Brownian movement observed at $\times 100$ dia. .. 10%

POULTRY

TURKEY or CHICKEN, structure equi-axed, hypereutectoid
 case, 50 m.m. Non-pty. inclusions segregated in core, plastic
 matrix, stress relieved 54%

VEGETABLES

Alloys, L.T. solution treatment, guaranteed free from col-
 lisions, blow holes and hard spots 16%

SWEETS

Hot face, shot blasted ; squatting temp. approx. 200°C. .. 12%

COFFEE

Viscosity at 98% 200 secs. Red wood 6%

QUENCHING FLUIDS

C ₂ H ₅ OH	50%		
H ₂ O-CO ₂ (By difference)	50%
			100%

ATMOSPHERE (REDUCING)

Produced by slow combustibles ; volatile content 35% ; ash 25% ;
 fusion 1200°C. ; intermittent induced draught ; high dew-point
 maintained by interrupted quenching.

" Since Eve ate apples, much depends on Dinner."—BYRON.

"We'll have speech,
Come, give us a taste of your quality,
But be brief."—HAMLET.

TOASTS

H.M. THE KING AND THE CRAFT

Proposed by - - - - - THE WOR. MASTER

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER,
The Right Hon. The Earl of Harewood, K.G., G.C.V.O.,
D.S.O.

Proposed by - - - - - THE WOR. MASTER

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.,
V.L.; the Rt. Worshipful Assistant Grand Master, Brig-
General W. H. V. Darell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; and the rest
of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

Proposed by - - - - - THE WOR. MASTER

THE RT. WORSHIPFUL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,
Brig-General W. H. V. Darell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Proposed by - - - - - THE WOR. MASTER

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER,
Wor. Bro. Chas. F. Monk, P.G.D.; the Assistant Provincial
Grand Masters, Wor. Bro. the Venerable H. McGowan, M.A.,
Hon. C.F., P.Asst.G.Chap.; Wor. Bro. Gerald G. Alderson,
F.R.C.S., P.G.D.; and the rest of the Officers, Present and
Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

Proposed by - Wor. Bro. JOHN REYNOLDS NAPIER, I.P.M.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Proposed by - - - Bro. L. GRIFFITHS, S.W.

Song — "Here's a health to our W.M."

THE FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE

Proposed by - - - Wor. Bro. JOHN FALLON, P.P.G.D.

Response by - - - Wor. Bro. A. PHIPPS, P.P.G.W.

THE VISITING BRETHREN

Proposed by - - - Wor. Bro. J. KIRKHAM, P.P.S.G.D.

PROMETHEUS

Proposed by - - - Wor. Bro. A. SPITTLE, P.P.A.G., Sw.B.

THE INSTALLING MASTER

Proposed by - - - THE WOR. MASTER

THE PAST MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

Proposed by - - - - - Bro. W. ETHELL

THE TYLER'S TOAST

"Honour where honour is due."

PROMETHEUS LODGE, No. 4209

Silver Jubilee

FOUNDATION AND NAME OF THE LODGE

IN THE YEAR 1920 many Masonic members of the Birmingham Metallurgical Society forgathered to consider Free Masonry in relation to the science of Metallurgy. They expressed the view that Metallurgy had become a wide-spread and far-reaching science, consequently there was ample justification for a Lodge of Free Masonry allied to the art and science of Metallurgy.

Wor. Bro. Frederick Seymour John Pile was appointed Wor. Master Designate at a meeting convened July 26th, 1920. It was decided that the name PROMETHEUS, from its traditional associations, would be eminently suitable.

Prometheus Lodge, No. 4209, was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham, Monday, February 7th, A.D. 1921, A.L. 5921.

Note: This name was suggested by Miss Dorothy Pile (herself a Metallurgist of distinction), daughter of the W.M. Designate.

THE BANNER AND JEWEL

The design for the Banner and the Past Masters' Jewel was prepared by the late Bro. J. E. Fletcher. From his sketch the original Banner was prepared in water colour on linen by the late Wor. Bro. H. C. J. Carrington and embroidered by his wife, the late Mrs. Carrington.

The Banner and Jewel are emblematic of the metallurgical craft. The electric arc is symbolic of light, heat and power; the microscope and Chemists' balance on each side of the arc are emblems of chemistry and research; the crucible furnace suggests the art of smelting and casting; the hammers and rolls are representative of metal working, and the surrounding of all by a tooth gear wheel is symbolic of the mechanical needs of the metallurgist. Prometheus is depicted chained to the rock with Hercules coming to his rescue. Beneath the gear wheel is our motto — "*Mens Agitat Molem*" (Mind Moves Matter).

FURNITURE AND WORKING TOOLS

Note: Many items of our furniture and working tools, wrought in metals, were presented to the Lodge by worthy Brethren skilled in the art and science of Metallurgy.

PROMETHEUS TORCH

The Torch used in Prometheus Lodge consists of a hollow fennel stalk obtained by H.B.M. Ambassador in Athens from the Greek Islands. This is lighted by the Wor. Master in the East. The lighting of the Wardens' Candles from this Promethean Torch is analagous to the ancient Myth of Prometheus wherein by similar means he delivered light, heat and fire to mankind for his benefit and use for ever.

PROMETHEUS TOAST

The Toast of Prometheus offers wide scope to Brethren skilled in Free Masonry and the Metallurgical arts, and during the twenty-five years' history of this Lodge, many interesting facts have been revealed to the Brethren in these Toasts, including topics ranging from the construction of King Solomon's Temple to the bunding of the Pyramids, the release of energy from the bottled sunshine in coal, the composition of ancient implements and the activities of Prometheus, Epimetheus and Pandora. The late Wor. Bro. Ridge held the record in maintaining the interest of the Brethren in the Toast for forty-five minutes. The late Wor. Bro. Pritchard, our Assistant Provincial Grand Master and Greek scholar, entertained us with many and varying accounts of Greek mythology.

OUR FIRST MASTER

Wor. Bro. F. S. J. Pile, M.A., P.E.G. Org., was initiated into Free Masonry in 1892, in Truro, Cornwall. In 1921 he was just entering his fiftieth year of membership in the Craft. Past Principal of Leigh Chapter, Past Master of Leigh Lodge, Physicist, Mathematician and Musician, he composed Prometheus Song "Floreat Prometheus" in the year 1930. A pillar of strength, our friend, philosopher and guide, at the age of seventy-two he was called to the Grand Lodge above and memory of his great personality will remain until time with us shall be no more.

"All members of our cause."—HENRY IV.

Past Masters

Wor. Bro. F. S. J. PILE, M.A., P.P.G.O.	-	1921	P.M. 2201
Wor. Bro. E. ADAMSON, P.P.G.W. (nr. Yorks)			P.M. 139, 384
Wor. Bro. F. J. COOK, P.P.G.ST.B. (Staffs)	-		P.M. 2582
Wor. Bro. E. J. WOOD	- - - -		P.M. 887, 791, 3950
Wor. Bro. G. T. CHILD	- - - -		P.M. 1537
Wor. Bro. S. J. FENTON, P.P.G.W.	-	1922	P.M. 2232, 2076, 4538
Wor. Bro. Canon F. G. BELTON, P.P.G.C.	-		P.M. 4011
Wor. Bro. H. C. J. CARRINGTON	- - - -	1923	P.M. 473
Wor. Bro. A. PHIPPS, P.P.G.W.*	- - - -		P.M. 1551, 5747
Wor. Bro. F. J. HOOPER, P.P.A.G.ST.B.	-		P.M. 1551
Wor. Bro. H. M. RIDGE, L.G.R.	- - - -	1924	P.M. 4531
Wor. Bro. F. C. A. H. LANTSBERRY	- - - -	1925	
Wor. Bro. E. M. BOOTE, P.P.A.G.D.C.	- - - -	1926	P.M. 1630
Wor. Bro. A. SPITTLE, P.P.A.G.S.W.B.	- - - -	1927	
Wor. Bro. F. JOHNSON, P.P.G.S.W.B.*	- - - -	1928	
Wor. Bro. J. J. CREASEY, P.P.G.D.*	- - - -	1929	
Wor. Bro. T. VICKERS	- - - -	1930	
Wor. Bro. M. H. P. ALLEN, P.D.G.D. (Transvaal)*		1931	
Wor. Bro. E. ADAMS, P.P.A.G.D.C. (Staffs.)			P.M. 4463
Wor. Bro. J. FALCON, P.P.G.D.*	- - - -	1932	
Wor. Bro. P. W. JONES	- - - -		P.M. 761
Wor. Bro. F. C. CHILD, P.P.G.D.*	- - - -	1933	P.M. 5580
Wor. Bro. P. H. CHILDS*	- - - -	1934	
Wor. Bro. G. BILGIZARD	- - - -	1935	
Wor. Bro. J. KIRKHAM*	- - - -	1936	P.P.S.G.D.
Wor. Bro. E. J. JULLEN*	- - - -	1937	
Wor. Bro. A. S. CRAIG*	- - - -	1938	
Wor. Bro. I. T. BAMFORD*	- - - -	1939	
Wor. Bro. A. J. SPITTLE*	- - - -	1940	
Wor. Bro. LOUIS PRAEGER*	- - - -	1941	
Wor. Bro. G. H. WILLETT*	- - - -	1942	
Wor. Bro. G. F. JEFFREY*	- - - -	1943	
Wor. Bro. C. A. DUBBERLEY*	- - - -	1944	
Wor. Bro. J. R. NAPIER*	- - - -	1945	P.M. 5580

* Subscribing Past Masters.

"Of very revered reputation."

Founders of Prometheus Lodge

- Wor. Bro. E. ADAMSON, P.M. 139, 3849, P.P.G.S.W., W. YORKS.
Wor. Bro. F. S. J. PILE, P.M. 2201, 887, PROV. G.O.
Wor. Bro. F. J. COOK, P.M. 2582, P.G. STD., STAFFS.
Wor. Bro. S. J. FENTON, P.M. 3232, 413.
Wor. Bro. E. J. WOOD, P.M. 887, 704, 3950.
Wor. Bro. A. PHIPPS, P.M. 1551.
Bro. W. W. MICHAEL, 127, 509.
Bro. H. C. J. CARRINGTON, 473.
Bro. F. C. A. L. LANTSBERRY, 473.
Bro. J. J. CREASY, 502.
Bro. J. O. STEVENTON, 601, 3802.
Bro. J. E. FLETCHER, 739.
Bro. C. R. CARTER, 1551.
Bro. F. J. HOOPER, 1551.
Bro. E. M. BOOTE, 1630, 3789.
Bro. T. R. JUBB, 1782.
Bro. F. A. BOOTH, 1792.
Bro. F. J. KINNEIR, 1792.
Bro. S. J. DAVIES, 1958.
Bro. E. P. WILLIAMS, 2733, 3802.
Bro. F. J. PIKE, 2942.
Bro. T. VICKERS, 3802.
Bro. H. M. RIDGE, 4031.