

St. Peter's Lodge : No. 419

CENTENARY
CELEBRATION

Order of Proceedings

MASONIC HALL
WOLVERHAMPTON

6th October, 1934

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL, 6th OCTOBER, 1934.

1. At 4-45 p.m. the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren will take their places.
2. The Lodge will be opened.
3. The Secretary will read the Dispensation.
4. The Director of Ceremonies will announce the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, Worshipful Brother Walton Stanley, Past Assistant Grand Registrar (Eng.), Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, who will enter the Lodge in procession.
5. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will take the Chair, and appoint his Wardens to the Wardens' Chairs.
6. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Grand Officers and the present Provincial Grand Officers will be saluted in ancient form.
7. The Secretary will read the Summons convening the Meeting.
8. The Secretary will read the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the Lodge.
9. The Secretary will present the old Charter of the Lodge and the Centenary Warrant to the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master for his inspection.
10. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will direct the Provincial Grand Secretary, Worshipful Brother A. J. Lodge, Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer (Eng.), to read the Centenary Warrant.
11. Copies of the Centenary Souvenir Book will be distributed.
12. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will invite Worshipful Brother A. D. Dalton to give a short history of the Lodge.
13. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will congratulate the Lodge on its Centenary.
14. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will hand the Charter and Centenary Warrant to the Worshipful Master and direct the proceedings to be recorded in the Minutes of the Lodge.
15. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will invest the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary with their Centenary Jewels.
16. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Brother The Reverend Wilfrid Goode, will offer up prayer :—

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to our present convention and grant that 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.

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O Merciful Lord, on behalf of ourselves and all our lawful undertakings. May our lives and actions be regulated according to the Masonic line and rule, and in all our pursuits may we have eternity in view. May our works begun in Thy Name be continued to Thy Glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy precepts, so that by square conduct, level steps and upright intentions, we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

So Mote it Be.

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.

17. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master will call upon the Worshipful Master and the Wardens to resume their Chairs.
18. The Chairman of the Centenary Committee, Worshipful Brother Henry Vale, P.A.G.D.C. (Eng.), P.P.G.W., will thank the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Visitors.
19. The Worshipful Master will rise to make the usual enquiries.
20. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will give the Patriarchal Benediction.
21. The Lodge will be closed.
22. 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 Staffordshire Masonic Charities "B" Fund.

The Hymn—"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST."

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne,
Thy Saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is Thy Arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone ;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
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.

23. The Brethren will sing the first verse of the National Anthem.
24. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers will retire in procession.