

# CEREMONY OF DEDICATION OF LODGE BANNER

Masonic Hall, Rainbow Hill, Worcester

Tuesday 2nd February 1989

by

R. W. Bro. Edward Frederick Hanson, J.P., LL.D. (Hon.)  
*Provincial Grand Master*

accompanied by

V. W. Bro. Dr. H.J. White, J.P., P.G. Swd.B.  
*Deputy Prov. G. Master*

*and assisted by*

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W. Bro. R. Rooke	Prov. J.G.W.
W. Bro. Rev. P.T.B.B. Lutton P.P.G. Chap Acting as	Prov. G. Chaplain
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W. Bro. S.R. Bennett	Prov. S.G.D.
W. Bro. I.G.S. Reynolds	Prov. J.G.D.
W. Bro. T. Banham	Prov. G. Organist
W. Bro. D.A. McKenzie	Prov. G. Pursuivant

## Order of Procedure

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2. The W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodge are assembled in the centre of the Lodge Room.
3. The Prov.G.D.C. and escort retire.
4. The Tyler announces the return of the escort bearing the Banner.
5. The donor requests the R.W. Prov.G.Master to receive the Banner for presentation and dedication.
6. The R.W. Prov.G.Master unveils the Banner and invites the W.M. of the Lodge to receive the Banner.
7. The Acting Prov. G.Chaplain pronounces the Dedication Prayer.

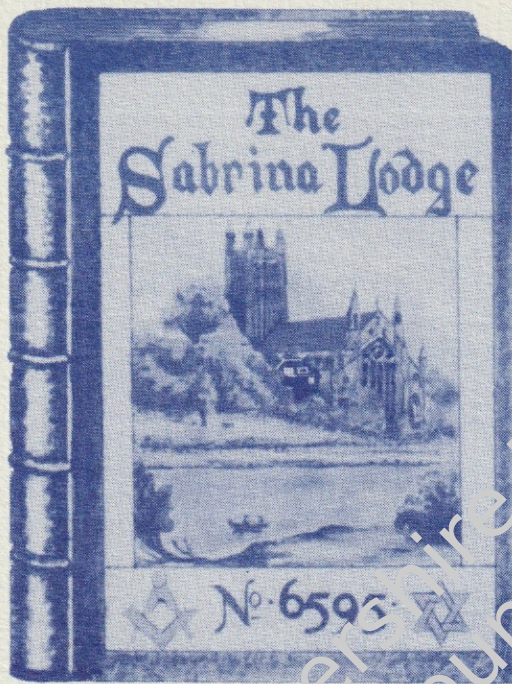
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Response: *“So mote it be”*

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With them in highest heaven  
To one eternal God,  
Whom heaven and earth adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.      *"So mote it be"*

12. The Acting Prov. C. 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 has redeemed us from all evil, The Holy One who sanctifieth us, bless, preserve and keep you evermore."

Response: *"So mote it be"*

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