



Worcestershire Installed Masters Lodge
No. 6889

Ceremony of Dedication
of
The Lodge Banner

The Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham
on Saturday 15th January 2000

R. W. Bro. Barrie Michael Cooper, J.P.
Provincial Grand Master

accompanied by

V. W. Bro. R. E. Whitleck, P.G.Swd.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Master
W. Bro. R. G. H. Goddard, M.A., P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W. Bro. D. Lewin, M.Sc., P.S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W. Bro. K. A. Hayward, M.A., S.G.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master

and assisted by

W. Bro. S. P. Jordan, B.Soc.Sc. Provincial Senior Grand Warden
W. Bro. D. C. Cowell, B.Sc. Provincial Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. Rev. J. C. Guise, M.A., P.A.G.Chap. Provincial Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. M. A. Bendall, P.J.G.D. Provincial Grand Secretary
W. Bro. D. E. Hopper, P.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. D. J. Bell, P.Prov.S.G.W. Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. M. H. R. Cole, P.Prov.S.G.W. Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. B. F. Kent Provincial Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. K. Blizzard Provincial Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. A. T. Morris, J.P., P.Prov.J.G.W. Acting Provincial Grand Organist
W. Bro. D. J. Phillips, P.Prov.G.Purs. Acting Provincial Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. K. F. Whitehouse, P.Prov.A.G.D.C. Provincial Grand Tyler

Order of Procedure

Once the Lodge is opened and the Lodge Officers placed in the West, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Dedicating Officers, enters in procession, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting are read.

The remaining Lodge Officers (Worshipful Master, Secretary, and Director of Ceremonies) are conducted to their places in the West.

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and Escort retire.

The Tyler announces the return of the Escort, with W. Bro. P. A. Milner, P.Prov.S.G.W. bearing the veiled Banner.

W. Bro. R. Rooke, P.A.G.D.C., on behalf of the Lodge, requests the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to receive the Banner for presentation and Dedication.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master unveils the Banner, and invites the Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. R. E. Woolley, P.A.G.D.C. to receive it.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain pronounces the Dedication Prayer :

"O Lord our Heavenly Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth, we beseech Thee to Bless and Hallow this Banner, which we here dedicate as a symbol of our Masonic fellowship, and to the Honour and Glory of Thy Most Holy Name. Grant to all who gather beneath its shadow, Wisdom to teach, Humility to learn, and Grace to fulfill their obligations. Pour down upon them, and upon all the Members of our Fraternity, the continual Dew of Thy Blessing, that we may daily increase in love of Thee and of one another. And when earth's fitful day is past, grant unto us a happy passing and a glorious entry into Thy Heavenly Temple where, amid the company of Thy faithful people, we may shine as the Stars for ever and ever."

"So mote it be."

The Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Worcestershire Installed Masters Lodge resume their places in the West.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master offers prayer :

"May the use of this Banner be to the service of the Great Architect of the Universe, and may all who serve under it always be of one mind."

"So mote it be."

The Provincial Grand Chaplain delivers an Oration on the Banner and its meaning.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master offers Prayer :

"For all the Blessings and Mercies vouchsafed by the Great Architect of the Universe, let us praise and glorify His Holy Name."

"Glory be to God on High."

Hymn ~ "Now thank we all our God."

Now thank we all our God,
With Hearts and Hands and Voices.
Who wonderous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices.
Who from our Mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our lives be near us.
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed Peace to cheer us.
And keep us in His Grace
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
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."

The Provincial Grand Chaplain pronounces the Patriachal 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."

"So mote it be."

The Worshipful Master resumes the Chair.

The Wardens and Brethren of the Worcestershire Installed Masters Lodge resume their places.

The normal business of the Lodge proceeds as per the Summons.

Worshipful Master W. Bro. R. E. Woolley, P.A.G.D.C.
 Immediate Past Master W. Bro. J. H. Horne, P.Prov.S.G.W.

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