



**PROVINCE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE**

DEDICATION

of

Freemasons' Hall

Sheaf Close, Lodge Farm, Northampton

by

R. W. Bro. M.W.Bayes

Provincial Grand Master

Saturday 31st August 2013



Brethren

Allow me to welcome you to this very special event in the history of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. I trust that you will all enjoy the proceedings and we will all forever be proud that we were present to witness the occasion.

This will be the third dedication ceremony for Northampton following the previous ones in 1890 and 1973 and details of these are included in the programme. With all due respect to our predecessors, you will forgive me for thinking that this building is the best of the three and I hope that it will serve Freemasonry in this Province for many years to come. It is the culmination of a long period of planning followed by much hard work. There were many doubters as to the wisdom of what we were attempting and I must admit that the faith of those involved was, at times, sorely tested. However, the end result makes the effort all worthwhile. There are several brethren who contributed enormously to the project and they will be recognized in due course.

Let us be proud of what we have achieved but then continue to work hard to ensure that Northampton Freemasonry continues to develop and thrive in these wonderful surroundings.

Order of Ceremony

1. The Brethren will assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Dedicating Officer, accompanied by Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, will enter in procession.
3. W. Bro. J J Parker PAGDC, Chairman of Freemasons' Hall Northampton Limited will invite the Dedicating Officer to dedicate the building.
4. The Dedicating Officer will address the Brethren on the object of the meeting.
5. The Dedicating Officer will call upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to give

The Opening Prayer

All chant - "So mote it be".

6. The Dedicating Officer will call upon the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works to report on the appointments of the Temple and present the Plans.
7. The Dedicating Officer will call upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to give

The Oration

8. The Choir will sing "Except the Lord Build the House"
9. The Dedicating Officer will call upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to offer

The First Dedication Prayer

All chant - "So mote it be".

10. The Brethren will turn towards the East, whilst the Dedicating Officer delivers -

The Invocation

All chant - "So mote it be".

11. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will read 2 Chron. chap. ii, verses 1-16.
12. The Dedicating Officer will direct that the Tracing Board be uncovered.
13. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will read Psalm LXXII, verse 16.

14. The Brethren will sing

When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell,
In showers of Corn and Wine and Oil.

15. The Dedicating Officer scatters Corn – the Symbol of Plenty and Abundance.

16. The Dedicating Officer will dedicate the Building to **FREEMASONRY**.

Musical Response – Glory be to God on High.

17. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will read Nehemiah, chap. x, verse 39.

18. The Brethren will sing

When there a shrine to Him alone,
They built, with worship sin to foil:
On threshold and on corner-stone,
They poured out Corn and Wine and Oil.

19. The Dedicating Officer pours Wine – the Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.

20. The Dedicating Officer will dedicate ether Building to **VIRTUE**.

Musical Response – Glory be to God on High.

21. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will read Exodus, chap. xxx, 25-26.

22. The Brethren will sing

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil:
To honour him by votive hands,
With streams of Corn and Wine and Oil.

23. The Dedicating Officer pours Oil – the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.

24. The Dedicating Officer will dedicate the Building to **UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE**.

Musical Response – Glory be to God on High

25. The Brethren will sing

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring,
Ransomed, Healed, Restored, Forgiven,
Evermore His Praises sing.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.
So mote it be.

26. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will take the Censer round the Lodge Room.

27. **The Second Dedication Prayer**

All chant - "So mote it be".

28. **The Anthem**

The Choir will sing "I have surely built thee an house to dwell in"

29. The Provincial Grand Chaplain will pronounce

The Patriarchal Benediction

All chant - "So mote it be".

30. The Brethren will sing

Now thank we all our God,
With hands and hearts and voices
Who wondrous things have 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 life 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.

So mote it be

31. The Provincial Grand Master will conduct any other business.

32. A collection will be taken in aid of the Northampton Masonic Hall maintenance fund.

PROVINCIAL



GRAND LODGE

PROVINCE OF NORTHS. & HUNTS.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honour to inform you that the ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE MEETING of the several Lodges in this Province will be held under the Banners of the POMFRET 360, ELEANOR CROSS 1764, and DELAPRE 1911, LODGES.

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1890,

For the transaction of General Business, and for the purpose of Opening and Consecrating the new
MASONIC HALL, PRINCESS STREET, NORTHAMPTON,

Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend.

The attendance of other Brethren is especially invited.

The Board of Benevolence will meet at Princess Street, at **ONE** o'clock precisely, and the Charity Committee immediately after.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

WILL BE OPENED PUNCTUALLY AT 2 P.M., BY

The Right Honorable the EARL of EUSTON, D.L., R.W. Prov. G.M.

The Lodge Room will be opened at 1.30 p.m., and all Brethren (except Past and Present Prov. G. and Officers) are requested to be in their places under the Banners of their respective Lodges before Provincial Grand Lodge is opened.

Punctual attendance, and compliance with the directions of the F.G.B.S. are especially enjoined.

All Brethren to appear in black coats and trousers, black ties, and white gloves, with full Masonic Craft Clothing, the apron to be outside coat; no jewel to be worn but those appertaining to the Craft or Royal Arch Masonry.

In consequence of the lamented death of the late Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, The Right Honorable the EARL OF CARNARVON, the Brethren are commanded to appear in Masonic Mourning as under:—
Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present—3 Black Rosettes on Balg, and 1 at the point of Collar above Javel.
Wardens, Past Masters, and Master Masons—3 Rosettes on Balg.

THE BANQUET will be held in THE MASONIC HALL, PRINCESS STREET, at Four o'clock.
Tickets 6/6 each, including Dessert.

BY COMMAND OF THE Rt. WORSHIPFUL P.G.M.

F. G. BUCKLE,
PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

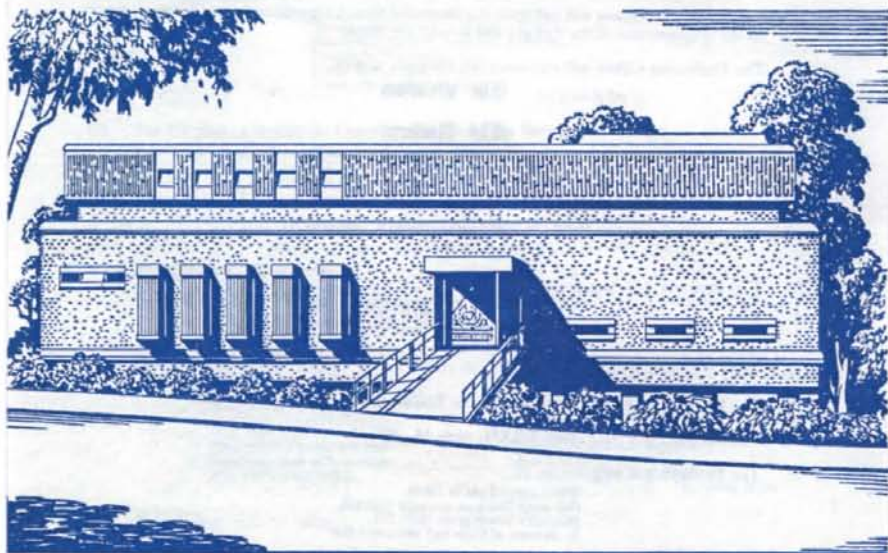
Petersborough, September 11th, 1890.

N.B.—Applications for Assistance from the Benevolent Fund are to be made in writing to the Prov. G. Sec. at least seven days previous to the Meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge.

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DEDICATION
OF
FREEMASONS' HALL
St. George's Avenue
NORTHAMPTON

BY
R. W. BRO. R. A. PALMER, T.D., M.A.
Provincial Grand Master



THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1973

Ancient and
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE

RW Bro Max Bayes
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

Dedication of

THE FREEMASONS' HALL

SHEAF CLOSE, LODGE FARM, NORTHAMPTON NN5 7UL

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to inform you that an ESPECIAL MEETING will be holden at –

**THE FREEMASONS' HALL, SHEAF CLOSE, LODGE FARM,
NORTHAMPTON NN5 7UL
ON SATURDAY 31ST August 2013 at 11.00 am**

for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall

All Brethren, except Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, are requested to be seated in the Lodge Room by 10.45 am after signing the attendance roll.

Punctual attendance and attention to Costume are specially enjoined.

Morning suits or Dark Lounge suits, White Gloves, Black, Craft or Provincial Tie

Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers – Full Dress.

NOTICE: It is absolutely necessary that Brethren intending to be present at the DEDICATION should sign and return the enclosed form

on or before 9TH AUGUST 2013. Brethren below the rank of Master Mason are unqualified to attend a Dedication Ceremony and therefore should refrain from applying.

Luncheon will be served after the Dedication at a cost of £18.50 (excluding wine)

by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

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Sheaf Close, Lodge Farm,
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T.F.Boswell PAGDC
Provincial Grand Secretary