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Hymn of Praise

Great Architect, to Thee we raise
With joy, our grateful songs of praise
Our Brothers 'neath this Banner bless
And Crown their labours with success

May peace be with us evermore
And love extend from shore to shore
May we in harmony combine
And Let, O Lord, the praise be Thine.

So mote it be.

14. The Dedicating Chaplain will pronounce:

The Patriarchal Benediction

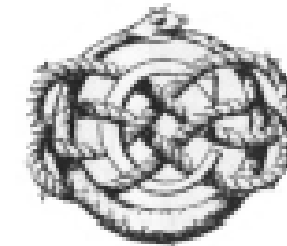
May the God of our Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the everlasting Covenant, who has redeemed us from evil, the Holy One who sanctifieth us, Bless, preserve and keep you evermore.

So mote it be.



THE ESSEX MASTERS LODGE

no. 3256



Banner Dedication Ceremony

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2009

at

Southend Masonic Centre, Saxon Hall

Officiating Officers

W Bro The Reverend M.D. Howes, Pres. Grand Chaplain

W Bro N.L. Catchpole BGDG, Pres. GDC

Banner Party

W Bro W/Cdr S.D. Singleton FJGD - Worshipful Master

W Bro A.E. Kemp FJGD, BAFGM - Banner Bearer

W Bro P.L. Smith BGDG, Acting DC

W Bro J.W. Binnerick, FGBB Senior Deacon

W Bro G.H. Clifton, FJGD

W Bro M.V. Taylor BSM, FJGD

W Bro S.J. Wall, Presided

W Bro J. Wilson

W Bro K.W. Baxter / P Pres. DepGDC, Acting ADC

W Bro B.S. Wood, FJGD Reg. Junior Deacon

W Bro D.P. Skott, BGDG

W Bro G.W. Guillard, PP DepGDC

W Bro D.M. Jones, FJGD

W Bro D. Hayworth Pres. ADC

Order of Ceremony

1. The Lodge being opened a Deputation of Officers and Members of the Lodge will be called upon to retire to the Ante-room.
2. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will form the Procession.
3. The Procession enters the Lodge and halts in the West.

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies escorts the Provincial Grand Chaplain to his place by the Banner Bearer. The Procession moves forward and the Deputation take up their positions in the centre of the Lodge. The Banner is taken to the front.



4. The Banner is presented to the Master.
5. The Master suitably replies and having done so will descend to the floor of the Lodge. The Master receives the Banner and calls for it to be unveiled and requests the Dedicating Chaplain to Dedicate it.

Ceremony of Dedication

6. The Dedicating Chaplain will offer prayer.

Almighty Architect of the Universe, Searcher and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Abode, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties and the beauty of love and harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, great Source of Love and Happiness, to accept this Banner and now solemnly to Dedicate it to the honour and glory of Thy most Holy Name.

So mote it be.

7. The Lodge Chaplain reads a passage of the Sacred Law. [2 Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 3,5,6,7,11,13,14,15].
8. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will seat the Banner Party.
9. The Dedicating Chaplain will address the Brethren on the meaning and purpose of the Banner and the lessons it should teach us.
10. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will re-form the Banner Party.
11. The Dedicating Chaplain will offer:

The Dedication Prayer

Grant, O Lord that all those who serve under his Banner may be endued with wisdom to instruct their Brethren in all their duties, may Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth always prevail amongst the numbers of this Lodge and may this bond of union increase and strengthen the several Lodges throughout the world. Bless all our Brethren wherever dispersed over the face of the earth or water and grant a speedy relief to all who are oppressed or distressed. We especially and affectionately commend to Thy special care and attention all the members of the Fraternity, may they increase in knowledge of Thee and in love of each other. And, finally, may we finish our work here below with Thy approbation and then leave this earthly abode for Thy heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy Light, Bliss and joy evermore.

So mote it be.

12. The Worshipful Master will receive the Banner from the Bearer, place it in its stand, resume his place and say: "Brethren, for all the blessings and mercies vouchsafed to us by the Great Architect of the Universe, let us Praise and Glorify His Holy Name".

So mote it be.



