

# CEREMONIAL

To be observed at the

**CONSECRATION**

of the

**LODGE ROOM**

of

**LODGE ROYAL BRAEMAR No. 1195**

by

**BROTHER ANDREW LAWRIE**

**Provincial Grand Master**

of the

**Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire West**

in the Public Hall, Hatton of Fintray

on Wednesday 21st September 2016

at 7.30pm

The Brethren will sing:-

*Hymn 167, verses 5 and 6*

*Tune – Jackson*

Now blessed be the Lord our God,  
The God of Isreal,  
For He alone doth wondrous works  
In glory that excel.

And blessed be His Glorious name  
To all eternity;  
The whole earth let His glory fill,  
Amen, so let it be.

Provincial Grand Office-bearers will vacate their Offices in favour of Lodge Royal Braemar No. 1195 Office-bearers.

Provincial Grand Master will present the Gavel to the Right Worshipful Master.  
Collection for Benevolence.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and the Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge will retire.

The Lodge will be closed in due and antient form.

In the East the Provincial Grand Master will be presented with the Vessel of Oil and after pouring the Oil will dedicate the Lodge to Universal Benevolence and Charity.

“Upon this Temple I pour OIL,  
Emblem of Joy and Peace,  
In the Name of the Most High  
To Whom be all glory  
I solemnly dedicate this Temple to  
Universal Benevolence and Charity.”

Provincial Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Blessing:-

“And may the Blessing of The Most High rest upon this Lodge, and sanctify its labours.”

Response by the Brethren:-

“So mote it be.”

The Consecrating Office-bearers will resume their places.

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies – Brethren be seated

Provincial Grand Chaplain will offer up Prayer:-

“O God, most holy and eternal, Who art the author and preserver of our being, grant, we pray Thee, that this Temple, which we now dedicate to Thy Glory, and solemnly set apart for the purposes of Freemasonry, may be the abode of harmony and peace. May brotherly love prevail among the members who assemble here, in honour preferring one another. Prosper Thou the work of their hands, and guide them by Thy Spirit, that in all their deliberations and doings they may glorify Thy name, and further the best interest of the Craft. Amen.”

The Provincial Grand Master will say:-

“Glory to God in the Highest.”

The Brethren will respond:-

“And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

The Provincial Grand Chaplain will then read:-

2 Chronicles, Chapters vi, vii

## CONSECRATION CEREMONY

The Lodge will be Opened, Passed and Raised.

Reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire West.

Headed by Brother Andrew Lawrie RWPGM

The Provincial Grand Master will state the purpose of the meeting.

*Provincial Grand Chaplain will offer Prayer:-*

“Almighty God, who inhabitest eternity and dwellest not in Temples made with hands, without Whose guidance and blessing all our efforts are of no avail, vouchsafe unto us now Thy Divine Presence and aid, as we assemble in this place to set it apart for the purposes of our ancient Craft. May all our doings at this time be in harmony with Thy Divine Will and for the true welfare of the Brethren of this Lodge.”

*Response by the Brethren:-*

“So mote it be”

## Consecration Hymn

*Tune – Wareham*

O Thou by whose creative might  
The worlds at first on order stood,  
And who in wisdom’s way of light  
Hast led men on to brotherhood

We bless Thee for the impulse true,  
The motive pure, the purpose high,  
That first possessed a faithful few  
In Concord’s bond to live and die.

Let Masonry thus born on earth  
Lead every virtue in its train,  
And gather men of sense and worth  
To projects wise from pursuits vain.

Bless now, we pray Thee, God of Grace,  
This Temple, consecrate to Thee,  
And may the brightest of Thy face  
Shine on our whole fraternity.

Provincial Grand Chaplain will read Psalm 133

Provincial Grand Chaplain will deliver and oration on the nature and objects of Freemasonry.

Provincial Grand Chaplain will then offer up Prayer:-

“Almighty God, Thou Great Architect of the Universe, whose glory fills all space, bestow upon us now Thy favour, sanctify this place with Thy most Holy Presence, that in it strength and beauty, concord and peace may ever abide. Grant, we beseech Thee, that this Temple, erected to Thine honour and consecrated to Thy service, may extend the blessings of our Craft and promote Thy kingdom to the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen”

Response by the Provincial Grand Master:-

“Glory be to God on high!”

Response by the Brethren:-

“As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen”

The Office-bearers of Provincial Grand Lodge will be arranged in procession by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and will perambulate the Lodge for the first time, during which will be sung:-

*Psalm 23 - verse 1*

*Tune – Wiltshire*

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

In the South, the Provincial Grand Master will be presented with the Cornucopia and after scattering the Corn will dedicate the Lodge to Freemasonry.

“Upon this Temple I scatter CORN,  
Token of Divine Goodness exhibited  
in the liberal provision made for all  
our wants, spiritual and temporal  
In the Name of the Great Architect of the Universe  
To Whom be all Glory,  
I solemnly dedicate this Temple to Freemasonry.”

Provincial Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Blessing:-

“And may the Blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon this Lodge, and sanctify its labours.”

Response by the Brethren:-

“So mote it be.”

During the second perambulation, the Brethren will sing:-

*Psalm 23 – verse 2*

*Tune – Wiltshire*

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
ev’n for his own name’s sake.

In the West the Provincial Grand Master will be presented with the Vessel of Wine and after pouring the Wine will dedicate the Lodge to Virtue.

“Upon this Temple I pour WINE,  
Symbol of Strength and Gladness,

In the Name of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe  
to Whom be All Glory

I solemnly dedicate this Temple to Virtue.”

Provincial Grand Chaplain will pronounce the Blessing:-

“And may the Blessing of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe rest upon this Lodge, and sanctify its labours.”

Response by the Brethren:-

“So mote it be.”

During the third perambulation, the Brethren will sing:-

*Psalm 23 – verse 5*

*Tune – Wiltshire*

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
And in God’s house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.