

C O N S E C R A T I O N .

ARCHITRAVE LODGE, No. 8065.
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At Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on Tuesday 11th January, 1966, the Architrave Lodge, No. 8065, came into being following a most impressive and inspiring ceremony conducted by R.W. Bro. J.W. Stubbs, F.G.W., Grand Secretary, as Consecrating Officer.

W. Bro. H.E. Sir Thomas Macdonald, K.G.M.G., S.G.D., was to have assisted in the proceedings but was representing the New Zealand government at the conference then taking place at Lagos, Nigeria. At short notice his place~~ed~~ was ably filled by W. Bro. A.R. Jole, P.Dep.G.Sec., who acted as Senior Warden. W. Bro. H.R. Moles, A.G.D.C. acted as Junior Warden, W. Bro. Rev. F.J. Dove, P.G.D., as Chaplain, W. Bro. Air Marshall Sir Victor Groom, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., D.F.C., P.G.Swd.B., Dep.G.D.C., as Secretary and Director of Ceremonies, and W. Bro. A. Cowie, A.G.Purs: as Inner Guard.

In his preliminary observations to the brethren, R.W. Bro. J.W. Stubbs stated that the motive for the petition for a new Lodge to be formed was primarily to relieve pressure upon a sponsoring Lodge and to pave the way for junior members to attain Office and thus enable them to enjoy wider masonic lives. It would be a mistake for a new Lodge to admit Candidates at such a rate that the same situation, the same pressure would be created in the years to come. The choice of name for this Lodge was indeed most apt as it gave a permanent link between itself and the sponsoring Lodge, The Five Orders. In architecture it was the columns that supported the architrave and in this case ^{as/} those columns were represented by the Five Orders it was truly a masonic title.

W. Bro. Rev. F.J. Dove, P.G.D., gave a most inspiring Oration that he divided into two parts, an explanation of the practical part of masonry which, in turn, assisted one towards an understanding of the spiritual content. The dependency of all men and all masons upon the Fatherhood of God bringing us all to a realisation of the Brotherhood of man. [The Oration will be printed in full by his kind permission.]

W. Bro. W.T.C. Hammond was duly installed as Master and proceeded to invest as I.P.M. W. Bro. A.S. Hunt, L.G.R. The following Founders were invested as First Officers:-

Bro. E.W. Foskett	....	S.W.
Bro. R. Hennessey	....	J.W.
W.Bro. J.W. Lucas	....	Treasurer.
W.Bro. F.C. Richardson	....	Secretary.
Bro. E.W. Stockbridge	....	S.D.
Bro. J.H. Peters	....	J.D.
W.Bro. H. Silverstone	....	Almoner.
Bro. J.J. Chalkwright	....	I.G.
Bro. F.J. Hopkinson	....	Steward.
Bro. L.D. Sorrell	....	"
Bro. C.G.W. Linehan	....	"
Bro. S. Robinson	.....	"
Bro. S. Fryer	....	"
W.Bro. P.C. Freeman	....	Tyler.

Owing to illness W.Bro. L.A. Milligan who was appointed D.C., and Bro. T.C. Hempstead appointed as A.D.C. were not present and are to be invested upon a future occasion.

At the dinner which followed the First Master proposed a Toast to the Consecrating Officers in well chosen phrases. He said that, in all humility, he felt himself to be a very small cog among such important precision machinery. To be a Consecrating Officer must be a privilege available to few. He likened them to surgeons at a delivery although, in this case, Architrave was conceived in 1963 but did not arrive until 1966. It might well be said that Architrave was by Perseverance out of Five Orders. The Daughter Lodge certainly had a very fine Mother. Expressing gratitude to R.W. Bro. J.W. Stubbs and his assisting Officers, he stressed that the dignity and sincerity of the whole

proceedings would live with all those present for all time. (applause) The Oration, and the teaching that it contained, so well given by W. Bro. Rev. Dove was itself an inspiration and we would all do well if we could live up to only part of what had been said. The precision and care with which W. Bro. Sir Victor Groom had carried out his duties, and the help and guidance that he had given to the Founders both before and during the ceremony was so much appreciated. The steady and deliberate manner in which W. Bro. Jole, W. Bro. Moles and W. Bro. Cowie had attended upon ceremonial and the clear Addresses that had been given commanded the admiration of all. He therefore asked all to rise and drink to the health of the Consecrating Officers.

In responding, R.W. Bro. J.W. Stubbs said that seldom, if ever, had the Toast to himself and his colleagues been so well proposed. It had been such a pleasure to them in consecrating Architrave Lodge. He wished to thank W. Bro. Jole on taking the place of Sir Thomas MacDonald at so late a stage. Sir Thomas was unfortunately called to the Conference now being held at Nigeria but had asked for his best wishes to be conveyed to the Founders.

It is always a pleasure to find a new Lodge that has selected a name that not only has a bearing on Freemasonry but also upon the sponsoring Lodge. Architrave is a name without which no building of significance would be complete. Perhaps when the new Lodge is 'middle aged' the Daughter Lodge will have a name that is even higher up the entablature.

Proceeding to then propose the Toast to the W. Master, he pointed out to the brethren that the First Master

had such an obstacle to meet and yet he had proved himself to be in complete control of his duties and with the private business of the Lodge. It augurs well for the future. By and large anyone with a reasonably good memory can carry out the ritual part of the duties of Master but the management of the Lodge needs so much more and that is the essential part of a competent Master. It is not necessary for me to appeal to you all to give him your unstinting support, I am quite certain that he will always be in complete command of any situation likely to arise, sit down strikes included. (laughter)

W. Bro. Hammond in reply hoped that he would be able to live up ^{to/} such high recommendation. He expressed the gratitude of all the Founders to W. Bro. F.C. Richardson for the hard work that had been done by him in secretarial and organisation capacity. He thanked all the Past Masters and Officers of the Mother Lodge for their help and advice all so readily given. He pointed out that Architrave now has six Grand Officers as members ^{from} ~~to~~ whom advice could be sought. The Lodge was young in membership and young in heart but the members are good Freemasons and will engender the spirit of Freemasonry.

VISITORS TOAST IN RHYME.

Bro. C.G.W. Linehan, Founding Steward, certainly departed from the usual with the following toast to the Guests:-

"Worshipful Master,
Grand Lodge Officers,
Holders of London Grand Rank,
Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges,
Officers, Brethren, it is fitting, it is due,
that words of welcome be addressed, as from you,
To our Visitors, our Guests, our very dear friends,
who we greet again, as our Meeting ends,
we thank you for coming, and say from the heart,
we shall be sorrier still when the time comes to part.

You have witnessed today, in this building so great,
another milestone in the history of Freemasonry to date
a group of Masons who did crave,
to Found a Lodge named Architrave.

we have laid the stone all truly with a Master
Craftsman's care,
we have tested it and tried it by the level
plumb and square,
we've made a firm foundation for our children's
children's toil,
and empty poured the vessels of their corn,
wine and oil,

Visiting Brethren, Friends that you are,
from town, from country, from Lodges afar,
we value your friendship, and, as we sit side by side,
that we count you as friends, fills us with pride,
and our thanks to the Great Architect too, are right
and meet,
for a new Lodge without friends is indeed incomplete.

We hope that our table has given you pleasure,
that you have wined and dined in the fullest of
measure,
To our Visitors all, your loved ones and wives,
the Architrave Brethren wish you all - Happy Lives,
may they be filled, all the while, with sunshine
not rain,
keep you fit and well 'till we greet you all again.

This 'odd ode' was heard in complete silence
as it was so capably delivered by Bro. Linehan who sat down
to applause that was long, loud and lasting.

W. Bro. F.R. Hall, a Past Master of Five Orders
Lodge responded on behalf of the Guests. He thanked Bro.
Linehan for this novel proposal of the Toast. Unlike Daniel
in the lions' den who perhaps was consoled in the knowledge
that when that particular banquet was over he would not be
called upon to return thanks, he had looked forward all evening
to this opportunity of saying how much all the Guests had
appreciated such an inspiring ceremony which had proved to be
a masonic experience at the highest level. At the mature
age of 52, the Five Orders Lodge had achieved the biologically
improbable and produced a Daughter which, he trusted, would
have a long and serene existence. On the dangers of over-
expansion W. Bro. Hall stated that the difficulty was not to
get more men into masonry but more of masonry into men. This
was indeed a truth that could not be repeated too often. (applause)
The two Lodges would be happy in working together with but one
object - the good of Freemasonry in general and the
communication of happiness.

Before the conclusion W. Bro. Hammond announced that much had been said regarding the name Architrave and he felt that an explanation concerning its adoption was due. Originally the Founders had decided upon the name Five Points of Fellowship thinking that the number five would create a link with the Mother Lodge. The problem of explaining this was officially pointed out and the advisability of choosing another name arose. The name Architrave was recommended to them by W. Bro. Roy A. Wells, Treasurer of Five Orders Lodge, and he wished to pay tribute for the help and guidance in this connection.