



Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire

Foundation Stone – Morgan Hospital

At Dundee the thirtieth day of July Eighteen Hundred and sixty three,
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire
Met of this date for the purpose of laying the foundation stone
Of the Morgan Hospital, to which the foregoing minutes of meetings with office bearers of
the Provincial Grand Lodge
and Masters of the Lodges in Dundee refer.

Present

Brother The Right Honourable The Earl of Dalhousie KT. G.C.B. Right Worshipful Grand Master

Brother David Dickson, acting Grand Substitute Master

Brother John L. Kay, acting grand Senior Warden

Brother Thomas Cuthbert, Grand Junior Warden

Brother David Small, Grand Secretary

Brother The Rev. Andrew Taylor, Grand Chaplain

Brother James Fyffe, acting Grand Treasurer

Brother James Winter, Grand Clerk

Brother Adam Dow, Acting Grand Senior Deacon

Brother I.G.S. Robertson, Acting Grand Junior Deacon

Brother A.W. Fairweather Grand Director of Ceremonies

Brother C. D. Chalmers Acting Grand Sword Bearer

Brother Alexander Low, Inner guard

Brother James Fraser, Tyler

And the Masters and Wardens of the following Lodges or representatives therefore with brethren of their respective Lodges.

The Montrose Kilwinning Lodge No. 15 represented by Brother Beattie

St. Thomas No.40, Arbroath. – Brother James Gordon

Operative Dundee No. 47 – Brother P. Saunders.

Ancient Dundee No. 49 – Brother F. Dick.

St. Ninian's No. 66, Brechin – Brother Walker

St. David's, Dundee, No. 78 – Brother Skinner

Glamis No. 99 – Brother Alexander.

Thistle Operative, Dundee, No. 158 – Brother Cloudsley Jnr.

Incorporated Montrose, No. 182 – Brother Duncan

Forfar and Kincardine Lodge, Dundee, No. 225 – Brother Robertson

Caledonian Lodge, Dundee, No. 254 – Brother Newton

Panmure, Arbroath, No. 299 – Brother Milne.

Lour, Forfar, No. 309 – Brother Strachan.

Camperdown, Dundee, No.317 – Brother Wears.



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The following Lodges also joined the brethren in the course of the day viz.

Scone and Perth No. 3 – Brother Duncan
St. John, Cupar of Fife, No. 19 – Brother Hood
St. Andrews No. 25, St. Andrews – Brother Milton.
St. Andrews at Craill No. 85 – Brother Anderson.
Operative, Coupar Angus, No. 105 – Brother Angus.
Lindores, Newburgh, No. 106 – Brother Lundie.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in the Royal Hotel, Dundee

The Right Worshipful Grand Master in terms of the recommendation contained in the preceding minute and with the convenience of the brethren ordered an assessment of two pounds to be levied on each Lodge in the Province to meet the expenses moved by the Provincial Grand Lodge since the installation in 1854 or which may hereafter be moved and the Provincial Grand Treasurer was instructed to obtain payment of the same from the various Lodges and liquidate all debts due on account of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge then marched up to the High School where the rest of the Brethren, Governors of the Hospital and Municipal bodies were assembled, when a procession was formed of the parties, which went from thence through Panmure Street, Cowgate, King Street, Princes Street, and Albert Street to the site of the building where the stone was laid in proper order by the Right Worshipful Grand Master Mason. The following is a copy of the inscription on the plate deposited in the cavity in the foundation stone.

“The Morgan Hospital

The Foundation Stone of this building was laid on the 30th day of July 1863

By

The Right Honourable The Earl of Dalhousie K.T. G.C.B., Lord Lieutenant of the County of Forfar

And

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire

The Funds for the erection and endowment of the Hospital were bequested by
John Morgan esquire

A native of Dundee who died at Edinburgh on the 25th of August 1850

The object of the institution is to educate and maintain One Hundred boys, the sons of
Tradesmen, Mechanics and persons of the working class.

Born in the towns of Dundee, Forfar, Arbroath and Montrose.

Architects – Peddie & Kinnear, Edinburgh

The R.W. Grand Master then addressed the assembly in suitable terms to which Provost Parker replied on behalf of the Governor of the Hospital and the Magistrates and Town Council of Dundee.



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The procession thereafter returned in reverse order by Albert Street, Princes Street, King Street, St. Andrews Street, Dock Street, Castle Street and High Street, where the public bodies left and the Provincial Grand Lodge returned to the Royal Hotel, when the R.W. Grand Master instructed the Grand Secretary to write to the Masters of the Lodges attending the ceremony, thanking them and their brethren cordially for their attendance on the occasion and thereafter the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due order and regularity.

Transcribed from the Minutes by Iain D. McIntosh