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# District Grand Council Of Kent

*Banner Dedication Ceremony*

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*The Worshipful Master opens the Council*

*Tyler gives knocks and announces DistGDC requests admission. DistGDC is admitted and stands in the West.*

**DistGDC**      **Worshipful Master, the Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect, accompanied by the DepDGP, District Grand Wardens and Officers of District Grand Council, is without, and he demands admission.**

**WM**            **We shall receive the Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect with pleasure.**

*DistGDC retire and form a procession in order of seniority. They enter the Lodge and the brethren are called to Order.*

**DistGDC**      **To Order Brethren, to receive the Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect.**

*Once the DGP and DepDGP have taken their seats the DistGSwdB and DistGStdB set the Sword and the Standard, stand at their seats. The other remaining District Officers assisting the DGP remain standing until the DGP appoints them by name ie. DistGSW, DistGJW DistGChap, DistGDC and DistGIG. The rest go their seats afterwards, court bow by DistGDC.*

**DistGDC**      **To Order Brethren, to receive the Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect.**

**DistGDC**      **Brethren, be seated (*DistGDC moves to his place and remains standing*).**

**DistGDC**      **Brethren, to Order.**

**Brethren we are honoured by the presence of the District Grand Prefect for Kent, Right Worshipful Brother Brian Alan Ward, and I call upon you to greet him with seven taking the time with me.**

**Brethren, be seated.**

*The DGP acknowledges salutation, sits and explains purpose of the meeting. He will then invite the WM, Wardens, Banner Bearer, Deacons DC and ADC to form a procession to escort the new Banner into the Lodge.*

*DistGDC will then proceed to the West and form up the following Brethren for the recession:*

**WM**  
**Wardens**  
**Banner Bearer**  
**Deacons**  
**DC   ADC**



**DistGDC**      **Forward Brethren.**

*The incoming procession will be assembled outside the Lodge in the following order:*

ADC		DC
Junior Deacon		Senior Deacon
	Banner Bearer	
Junior Warden		Senior Warden
	Master	
	DistGDC	

*Tyler knocks; DistGIG reports to the DistGJW, after which he will go to the door of the Lodge take the report about turn, salute the District Grand Prefect and say:*

**DistGIG** Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect, the Worshipful Master of **'Insert Council Name'**, accompanied by his Wardens and Officers, and escorting the new Lodge Banner, seek admission.

**DGP** Let them be admitted.

*The Lodge door is opened and the Lodge DC calls the brethren to order for the Hymn and the procession enters the Lodge with the Banner Bearer carrying the veiled Banner in the centre. The procession opens out as it enters the Lodge. The DC and ADC move wide to permit the Banner Bearer to pass slowly through, the Deacons move alongside the ADC and the DC ensuring they leave enough room for the following Officers to pass through the middle, allowing the Wardens to pass on each side. The WM will pass up the right of the column followed by the DistGDC and will take up a position two or three paces short of the Pedestal and just to the right of the Banner Bearer who has taken post immediately in front of the DGP.*

	PEDESTAL			
	Banner Bearer	WM	DistGDC	
	Junior Warden		Senior Warden	
ADC	Junior Deacon	Senior Deacon		DC

**WM** Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect, I have the honour to request that you may be pleased to receive the Banner of "Insert Council Name", to unveil it, and cause it to be Dedicated to the service of the Great Disposer of All, as the perpetual Symbol of the Council.

**DGP** I will receive it with pleasure.

*The Banner is immediately carried to a position at the near LEFT of the DGP where the Banner Bearer halts, the front facing the DGP; close enough for him to touch. The DGP accepts the Banner and unveils it.*

**DGP** I accept and unveil this Banner that it may be dedicated.

*The DistGDC instructs the Banner Bearer to place the Banner in the holder provided and resumes his position in the escort.*

DGP I now call on the District Grand Chaplain for the benefit of Prayer *(sign of Rev)*.

DistGChap Eternal Lord God, Great Disposer of all, who in Thy wisdom did command Thine early people to set up their ensigns as a token of Thy Love and Protecting Care, we humbly beseech Thee to Bless and Sanctify us as we now solemnly proceed to dedicate this Banner in Thy Name for the service of this the '*Insert Council Name*'. May it ever remind us of our unity one with another and of our loyalty to those who rule over us. Strengthen our faith in Thine eternal purpose and grant that we may lift up our eyes and behold, beyond the things which are seen and temporal, the things that are unseen and eternal. SMIB *(Drop sign of Rev)*.

DistGDC Brethren of the Banner Escort resume your places *(wait until they are in position)*  
Brethren, be seated.

DGP I now call upon the District Grand Chaplain to give an Oration *(max 10 mins)*.

*(Chaplain finishes Oration and sits)*

DGP Let the Banner be paraded around the Lodge

DistGDC To order, Brethren

*DistGDC re-forms the Banner Escort (Banner Bearer and WM only).*

*Banner Bearer followed by the Master, accompanied by the DistGDC march slowly via the North East, South West and North to re-form in the East close to the WM's Pedestal.*

DistGDC The Banner will be advanced

*The Banner Bearer steps forward towards the WM's Pedestal, clear of the Escort, and lowers the Banner in front of the DGP.*

*The DGP takes hold of the corner of the Banner with his left hand, whilst the Chaplain takes hold of the Banner with his left hand and delivers the Prayer of Dedication.*

DistGChap O Lord our Heavenly Father, Great Disposer of all, who doest from Thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth, we beseech Thee to Bless and Hallow this Banner which we here consecrate as a symbol of our Masonic fellowship, and to the Honour and Glory of Thy Most Holy Name. Grant to all who gather beneath its shadow, wisdom to teach, humility to learn, and grace to fulfil their obligations. Pour down upon them and upon all members of our Fraternity the continual dew of Thy Blessing that we may daily increase in love of Thee and of one another. And when earth's fitful day is past grant unto us a happy passing and a glorious entry into Thy Heavenly Temple, where, amid the company of Thy faithful people, we may shine like stars for ever and ever. SMIB.

*The DGP invites the WM to receive the new Lodge Banner. DistGDC court bows to the WM. DGP again takes hold of the corner of the Banner and the WM takes the other corner.*

**DGP** On behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas Firth Jackson, and in the name of the Great Disposer of all, I now dedicate and set apart this Council Banner, that it may always be to the brethren of this “Insert Council Name”, a sign of loyalty and unity. May it always serve to inspire them to even greater service to God, to the Order, and to each other.

**DGP** Worshipful Master, I deliver into your hands this Banner, which we have Dedicated in the name of the Great Disposer of all, to the service of this ‘**Insert Council Name**’.

*The Worshipful Master replies:*

**WM** Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect, on behalf of the brethren of ‘**Insert Council Name**’, I receive this Banner with pleasure.

*The Banner is replaced in the holder by the Banner Bearer.*

**DistGDC** Brethren of the Escort, resume your places.

**ALL REMAIN STANDING**

**DGP** I call upon the District Grand Chaplain for the Patriarchal Benediction.

**DistGChap** 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. SMIB.

**DistGDC** Brethren, be seated.

*The DGP invites the WM to resume his Chair. The DistGDC will escort the WM to the right of the Pedestal where he will receive the gavel from the DGP and the DistGDC will then escort the DGP to his seat on the right of the WM.*

*The DistGDC will then see the Lodge SW, JW and IG resume their Chairs and escorts the DistGSW, DistGJW and DistGIG back to their reserved seats.*

*WM thanks DGP and his assisting Officers. Brief response by DGP.*

*WM proceeds with any remaining Lodge business.*

*DGP and his Officers retire before the Risings.*