



Ever wondered what a Masonic Ceremony was like at the height of the Industrial Revolution? Then join Grey Frairs Lodge for its 150th Anniversary celebration and see first hand a recreation by the renowned Black Country Heritage Lodge.

For this special night, we will be receiving the Black Country Demonstration Team into our Lodge and they will perform a light hearted enactment of the ceremony of Initiation as it might have been carried out at the time of the Industrail Revolution. It will be a night of entertainment and intrigue, appealing most to masons who believe ceremonies can be fun, but still retain dignity and sincerity.

Picture yourself a member of the Black Country Lodge In the early 1800s: Your Lodge is governed by an over zealous Overseer, who supports the Grand Emulation ritual at the time, but strongly influenced by "Black Country Logic". Our Overseer is a very powerful and formidable figure in the Lodge whom no one will dare challenge. He is strongly supported by his Director of Ceremonies, the local Undertaker, who is also a 'Stickler' for ritual. Between the two of them, they are the real rulers of the Lodge (Do these Lodge roles sound familiar to you?).

The W.M. is a solid Black Country man who graduated from the coalmines to managing the Black Countries excavations of network Canals. He is a dedicated warm-hearted mason but a little lacking in refinement, which causes frequency clashes with the Overseer. His first cermoney did not go too well, so the Overseer has been working on him and is expecting a marked improvement in his performance this evening.

The Candidate for initiation although of worthy character, is considerably down on his luck so don't be surprised to see a poor and distressed candidate emerge through the threshold.

Take note that Black Country masons took ritual very seriously, so to them the penalty of an obligation was a penalty, and nothing less! Consequently they would not have hesitated in applying it, where Circumstances warranted it.

This very special evening of masonic enjoyment will take place on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 1730 for 18:00. at Sindlesham Masonic Centre. Please contact our Secretary for bookings, s1101@berkspgl.org.uk