



Tips For Heralds

The presence of the Herald at Lodge installations and other significant occasions adds considerable lustre to the ceremony. For those using their musical talents here a few tips to assist you in your role:

Brass instruments (e.g. cornets, trumpets, trombones etc.) are the most suitable for this function although, in the absence of such, recorded items or the organ are acceptable substitutes.

During installations, the music for each of the three occasions should not be too long – around 10 to 15 bars is sufficient. Selection of pieces need not be restricted to fanfare type items as more melodic tunes can be included. On other occasions, such as heralding the entry of the Grand Master and other high ranking officers, a longer piece such as "See the Conquering Hero Comes" would be suitable. If a new Herald has problems with selecting appropriate music, he should contact one of the existing Heralds in the Division for suggestions.

Heralding to an acceptable standard requires practice so Brethren performing this function should be prepared to put in the time required to reach a good standard so that they are able to contribute positively to the ceremony.

Close coordination with the Director of Ceremonies conducting proceedings is required so that the Herald is aware of the timing and positioning the DC wants. The Herald should also liaise with the Lodge DC to ensure that appropriate seating is available for him at the right of the Junior Warden.

