

England, St George, Roast Beef and Scotland!

Written by Graham Riche
Friday, 06 July 2012 09:25 -



In a hushed temple the Installing Master and his wardens presented their swords to the naked breast of the candidate who knelt before them. This was but one of the memorable moments of a Scottish Initiation demonstration performed by The Trades House of Glasgow Lodge N ° 1241, on 15 April at a meeting of the Radcliffe Lodge at Welbeck Road, Nottingham.

England, St George, Roast Beef and Scotland!

Written by Graham Riche
Friday, 06 July 2012 09:25 -

The Brethren from Scotland had travelled south at the invitation of David James who is an affiliate member of their Lodge. The demonstration took place whilst the Lodge was Called Off and was witnessed by over 100 brethren - some of whom had travelled from Hertfordshire, Northampton and Sheffield, as well as from all parts of the Province of Nottinghamshire.

The demonstration was well received by all and there was much discussion in the bar afterwards about the differences in the ritual and the richness of the Masonic message in its various forms. The Worshipful Master of Radcliffe Lodge, Jonathan Harris, expressed the views of all when thanking the Installing Master, Rt. W. Brother Hamilton Purdie, and all the Scottish contingent for the superb delivery of the demonstration; and especially for treating the volunteer candidate from Radcliffe Lodge, Albert Bradbury, 'gently'!

The Festive Board, planned by Graham Riche, was given over to a celebration of St. George and England. The dining room was hung with flags and the meal was themed to reflect the colours of the flag of England, the St George's Cross. The WM entered the packed dining room to the music of the Royal Marine Band playing '*Hearts of Oak*' and the enthusiastic, rhythmic, clapping of the assembled Brethren.

When the tables were cleared in readiness for the second course the room was darkened, the herald (Nigel Morley of Galway Lodge) played a fanfare as the Roast Beef of Olde England was escorted in by a knight (Wayne Harris also of Galway Lodge) carrying before him a jewelled sword. The beef was presented to each Warden's table and then the Worshipful Master carved the magnificent joint before it was held aloft by the chef, Darren Griffiths, as Nick Hallam (Bramcote Lodge) recited '*The Ode to Roast Beef*'. The assembled throng, including our Scottish guests, then raised their glasses and enthusiastically declared the toast, '*Roast Beef and Liberty*'.

England, St George, Roast Beef and Scotland!

Written by Graham Riche
Friday, 06 July 2012 09:25 -



~~Copyright © 2012 by Graham Riche. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without the prior written permission of the author.~~