

GRAND CHAPLAIN.—Let us pray.

Great Architect of the Universe. Maker and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O thou Author of light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building so that hereafter it may be useful for the purposes for which it is intended. Amen.

*The M. W. Grand Master says :*

R. W. Grand Treasurer : It has ever been the custom of the Craft upon occasions like the present, to deposit within a cavity beneath the Foundation Stone certain memorials of the period at which it was erected. Has such a deposit now been prepared?

*Then the R. W. Grand Treasurer shall say :*

It has, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the various articles of which it is composed are here safely enclosed.

*M. W. Grand Master :*

R. W. Grand Secretary : You will read the record of the articles to be deposited.

*Here the R. W. Grand Secretary shall read the list of articles.*

*M. W. Grand Master :*

R. W. Grand Treasurer : You will now deposit these articles in the cavity beneath the Foundation Stone, and may the Great Architect of the Universe, in His wisdom, grant that ages upon ages shall pass away ere they shall again be seen of men.

*During solemn music by the Band the R. W. Grand Treasurer shall make the deposit.*

And the stone let down in its place.

*Then the Master Architect shall present the working tools to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, saying :*

M. W. Grand Master : I present you the working tools of operative Masonry, which are considered by our Ancient Craft, the most valued jewels of the Lodge; symbols of important truths, and teaching lessons of wisdom and morality.