

The W. Grand Marshal—

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island I now proclaim the Foundation Stone of the City Building, to be laid in ample and ancient form, according to the customs and usages of Free and Accepted Masons. This proclamation I make once, twice, thrice, in the South, in the West, and in the East.

The M. W. Grand Master then ascended the platform and the following ode was sung:

TUNE. - "Duke Street."

O, Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes in Christian lands
To dwell in temples made with hands.

Grant that we who here to-day,
Rejoicing, this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on the precious Corner-stone.

Endue Thy creatures with Thy grace
That shall adorn Thy dwelling-place;
The beauty of the oak and pine,
The gold and silver, make them Thine,

To Thee they all pertain; to Thee,
The treasures of the earth and sea;
And when we bring them to Thy throne
We but present Thee with Thine own.

The heads that guide endue with skill,
The hands that work preserve from ill,
That we who these foundations lay
May raise the topstone in its day.

The Grand Master then addressed the assembly as follows:

"Men and Brethren here assembled: Be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged, by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of the world, secrets which have never been found out, but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honor to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, Masonry would not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day, as Masons, to build a