

The Deputy Grand Master then presented to the Grand Master the vessel of corn, which he strewed on the Stone, saying :

"This Corn is an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon all benevolent undertakings, and may our hearts overflow with gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the manifold blessings and comforts which we enjoy."

Response : "So mote it be."

The Senior Grand Warden then presented the vessel of wine to the Grand Master, which he poured on the Stone, saying :

"This Wine is an emblem of prosperity and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless and prosper our Federal, Provincial and City governments, direct, strengthen and cheer our rulers in the discharge of their duties, and may all nations be united in a bond of Friendship and Brotherly Love that shall endure through all time."

Response : "So mote it be."

The Junior Grand Warden then presented the vessel of oil to the Grand Master, with which he anointed the Stone, saying :

"This Oil is an emblem of joy and peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of Heaven and earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan, shield and defend them from trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrowing and trouble no more."

Response : "So mote it be."

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"May the all bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building; protect the workmen against every accident; long preserve the structure from decay; and grant to us all a supply of the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of refreshment, and the Oil of joy. Amen."

Response : "So mote it be."

The Grand Master having struck the stone three times with the gavel, and public grand honors then given.

The Grand Master then delivered to the Architect the implements of architecture, saying :

MY BROTHER: Having as Grand Master of Masons laid the Foundation Stone of this building, I now return to you these implements of operative Masonry to be deposited in their proper place until they shall again be required for our purposes.

M. W. Grand Master—

W. GRAND MARSHAL: You will now make proclamation that this Foundation Stone has been laid in ample and ancient form.

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