

sword bearer—the grand officers and brethren following in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession.

Upon arrival at the platform erected for the occasion, the grand master takes his place in the centre of the same, with the past master bearing the mallet to his left, and the deputy grand master to his right. The other officiating officers take their stations on the platform in the following order :

To the left of the grand master : The grand chaplain, grand treasurer, grand superintendent of works, and the architect or builder.

To the right of the grand master : The grand senior warden, grand junior warden, grand secretary, and grand director of ceremonies.

Near the foundation stone intended to be laid are stationed the three masters of private lodges, bearing respectively the three lights, viz. : the corinthian, doric and ionic ; and also the three masters of private lodges, bearing respectively the cornucopia with corn, the ewer with wine, and the ewer with oil. Other not officiating grand lodge officers and past grand officers take their station in the rear of the officiating officers.

An ode is sung, or music played, as has been previously arranged.

The grand master addresses the assemblage, after which the grand master calls upon the grand chaplain to implore a blessing from heaven on the undertaking.

Grand chaplain's invocation, ending with, "Glory be to God on High."

*Response.*—"As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be."

The grand master calls upon the grand superintendent of works to read the inscription on the plate, and directs him to deposit the plate in the cavity of the stone.

The grand superintendent of works reads the inscription on the plate, and thereupon places the same in the cavity of the stone.