

S.C.R.—Let the Clerk of the Works attend to the mortar, to the end that the Corner Stone may be properly laid.

(The Clerk of the Works will then spread the required mortar on the Stone, after which the S.S. will hand the Trowel to the S.C.R., who will give the finishing touches to the mortar, and then the Corner Stone will be lowered to its place. The S.S. will next hand the Mallet to the S.C.R., who will then give three taps with it upon the Corner Stone and say:—)

S.C.R.—In the name of the Independent Order of Foresters, I hereby lay the Corner Stone of the —.

(The Architect or Superintendent of Works will then hand the Square to the P.S.C.R. or other person designated to lay the Corner Stone, who will try the Corner Stone with it, and then the Architect or Superintendent of Works will receive from the P.S.C.R. the Square and hand it to him. The Architect or Superintendent of Works will then place it on the Corner Stone for a moment and hand it back to the Architect or Superintendent of Works. The Architect or Superintendent of Works will next hand the Plumb-line Spirit Level to the P.S.C.R., who will likewise try the Stone with it, and return it to the Architect, and then say:—)

P.S.C.R.—I proclaim this Corner Stone well and truly laid by — (giving title in full).

(If a Distinguished Personage has been chosen to lay the Corner Stone, the ceremony will be altered as follows:—When the S.C.R. receives the Trowel from the S.S. he will say as follows:—)

S.C.R.—In the name of the Independent Order of Foresters, I ask that — will do us the honor of laying the Corner Stone of this —.

The S.C.R. will then hand the Trowel to the Distinguished Personage, who will therewith give the finishing touches to the mortar; so also when the S.S. hands the Mallet to the S.C.R., that officer will likewise pass the same to the Distinguished Personage, who will give the required three taps upon the Corner Stone, immediately after saying as follows:—)

Distinguished Personage.—In the name of the Independent Order of Foresters I hereby lay the Corner Stone of the —.