

mysteries of Masonry are safely lodged in the sacred repository of faithful breasts. Tools and implements of architecture are selected by the fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths; and thus, through successive ages, are transmitted pure and unimpaired the excellent tenets of our institution.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have existed for so many centuries; nor should we see to-day, as in all time past, so many distinguished and illustrious brethren throughout the civilized world sanctioning our proceedings and contributing to our prosperity.

We have assembled, at your request, to lay the corner stone of your new Court House, in accordance with the rites of our fraternity. We pray the Almighty and supreme Architect to bless all who are engaged in this work, and to enable them to erect a building here, in which the scales of justice may ever be held in equal poise, blind to every consideration except the real merits of the matters at issue. May those entrusted with the administration of public justice here, be endowed with learning and wisdom, to enable them to decide all questions that may arise on principles of Truth and Equity, and in accordance with the impartial spirit of British law, under which we have the happiness to live, and under which every subject of Her Majesty enjoys equal protection and security without regard to civil, social, or religious distinctions or differences. Thus will our courts and judges not only best promote in the community, a respect for law and order, but will also prove themselves to be "a terror to evil doers, and a praise and protection to them that do well." And thus God grant it may ever be within this edifice, the foundation stone of which we are now about to lay with Masonic ceremonies. Amen.

Response—Amen. So mote it be.

W. Bro, the Rev. C. B. Pettit, Acting Grand Chaplain, offered up an appropriate prayer, suitable to the occasion.