

The Senior Grand Warden then presents the vessel of wine.

G. M.: "This Wine is an emblem of prosperity and gladness. [*Pours out the wine.*] 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 presents the vessel of oil.

G. M.: "This Oil is an emblem of joy and peace. [*Pours out the oil.*] 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."

The Grand Master, standing in front of all, and extending his hands, makes the following

INVOCATION.

"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 this 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 strikes the stone three times with the gavel, and public grand honors are given.

The Grand Master then delivers 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.