

D. G. M.—I scatter the Corn as an emblem of Plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may the G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. S. W.—I pour this Wine as an emblem of Joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe, bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

G. J. W.—I pour this Oil as an emblem of Peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events, cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth, and good will among men,—give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved, provide for and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor; and bestow upon us all the consolations of His grace in all the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. M.—May the All-bounteous Author of Nature, bless the people of this place with an abundance of the *necessaries*, *conveniences* and *comforts* of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen from accident, long preserve the structure from decay and ruin, and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the *Corn* of nourishment, the *Wine* of refreshment, and the *Oil* of joy.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The public grand honors were given.

G. M.—Brother Architect: The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I return to you with my approval, the plan of the superstructure. I also present to you the implements of your profession, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that this edifice may rise in order and harmony, and being perfected in strength and beauty may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and to the honor of those who have selected you.

Grand Sec.—I now declare this corner stone duly laid according to our ancient customs, by Most Worshipful Bro. John Hamilton Graham,