

.....S. W.J. W.Treasurer.
Secretary.Deacons.Stewards.
Chaplain.I. G.Tyler."

G. M.: "We will now proceed according to ancient usage to constitute and consecrate this as a regular lodge."

G. D. of C.: "The Grand Wardens and the Grand Deacons will encircle the altar and table, upon which are vessels of gold and silver. The D.G.M. will hold the golden vessel with corn (wheat), the G. S. W. will hold the silver vessel with wine, and the G. J. W. the silver vessel with oil."

(The brethren of the new lodge now take their places in line two and two along the south side of the lodge room. A procession is then formed: the Ark of the Covenant, covered with white linen, representing the lodge, is carried in front of the procession by four Past Masters, followed by the officers and members of Grand Lodge.) The Ark is a small box, casket or chest oblong in form, 39 inches long, 21 inches wide, and 21 inches high. It is styled in Masonic language, "The Lodge," and represents the lodge about to be consecrated. It is in itself an emblem of the Covenant. It is made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold. The Mercy-Seat, supporting the two Cherubims, rested on the end. In it were deposited the tables of stone, the pot of manna and the rod of Aaron.

Before the procession moves, the G. M. says: "The R. W. the Grand Chaplain will now offer prayer."

The M. W. Grand Master (with ...) calls the lodge up.

The Grand Chaplain, standing on the west side of the altar, says: "Great Architect of the Universe! Maker and Ruler of all worlds! Deign from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and all times, wisdom to guide us in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications! And permit us, Thou great Author of light and life! great Source of love and happiness! to erect this our lodge, and solemnly to consecrate the same to Thy honor and glory! Glory be to God on high!"

(Response by the brethren) "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end! So mote it be."

The Grand Chaplain now delivers an oration or may read the 133rd Psalm, if the same be not chanted.

PSALM 133RD.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

"It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down