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Order of Proceedings.

W.Bro. W. W. Symons will request W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead to lay the Foundation Stone.

The Stone will be raised.

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead will reply and address the assembly:

"Men and Brethren here assembled to-day to behold this Ceremony, know all of you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our Country, and established of old with peace and honour, in most countries, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the Brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe.

We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of antient times, and have been faithfully transmitted to us, and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honoured with the patronage of so many illustrious men of all ages, who have shewn themselves ready to promote our interests, and to defend us against all adversaries.

We are here assembled to-day, in the presence of you all, to assist in laying, in antient form, the Foundation Stone of this Building as a house for Masonry, which we pray God may deserve to prosper by becoming a place of Concord for good men and for the promotion of Harmony and Brotherly Love throughout the World, until time shall be no more."

Prayer by W.Bro. Rev. W. G. McNiece.

Almighty and Eternal God, Great Architect of the Universe, who dost from Thy Throne behold all dwellers upon Earth, direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy Holy Name.

So mote it be.

W.Bro. F. Ogden Whiteley will place a phial in the cavity after announcing its contents.

W.Bro. H. E. W. Fox will also place a phial in the cavity after announcing its contents.

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead: I will ask W.Bro. H. E. Bower to read the inscription on the Stone.

The cement will be laid on the lower stone, and W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead will adjust the same with a trowel handed to him for the purpose.

The upper stone will then be lowered in three distinct movements, and adjusted by the Architects of the Building.

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead will adjust the Stone on its bed by striking it on the four corners with the heavy maul (*handed to him by W.Bro. W. Wilkinson*) saying:—With Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice let our work be founded.

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—"W.Bro. Ezra Clough, you will apply the Plumb Rule to the Stone."

W.Bro. Ezra Clough (having done so):—"W. Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead, I find the Stone perfect and trustworthy. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—"W.Bro. E. Halliday, you will apply the Level to prove the Stone."

W.Bro. E. Halliday (having done so):—"W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead, I find the Stone to be well founded. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—"W. Bro. W. K. Plunkett, you will apply the Square to prove the Stone."

W.Bro. W. K. Plunkett:—"W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead, I have applied the Square, and find the Stone to be true. The Craftsmen have done their duty."

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—"Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it now remains with me to complete the work. (*Strikes the Stone three times with the Maul handed to him by W.Bro. W. Holroyd.*) "By the power in me vested, and in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, I declare this Stone well and truly laid in accordance with the Antient Rules of Architecture."

The Architect (*presenting the plan*) says:—"W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead, deign to inspect and sanction the whole design."

W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—"I will do so with pleasure" (*inspects the plans and hands them back*). "With the implements of our Craft and these instructions, may you raise a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builders."

The Vessels containing the corn, wine, oil and salt will be carried round the stone once by W.Bros. Herbert Firth, W. M. B. Kermode, J. Russell Rose, Edward Smith, who will halt in the West.

The consecrating vessels are presented successively to W.Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead with the following words:—

(1) *Corn.* "I present to you Corn, the sacred emblem of plenty."

The Chaplain recites:—

"There shall be an handful of Corn in the earth, upon the top of the Mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the City shall flourish like grass of the earth."

— Psalm 27, v. 16.

The Brethren sing:—

"When once of old in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell,
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil."

W. Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—

“I scatter corn on this Stone, the emblem of plenty, and may the all bounteous Creator of the Universe shower down his choicest blessings on the members of this Community and all who shall assemble in this Building to the Glory of the most High, until time shall be no more.”

Response:—Glory be to God on High.

(b) *Wine*: W. Brother, I present to you Wine, the sacred emblem of Joy and Gladness.”

The Chaplain recites:—

“And for a drink offering, thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of Wine, for a sweet Savour unto the Lord.”
Numbers, Chap. 15, v. 7.

The Brethren sing:—

“When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to toil
On threshold and on Corner-Stone,
They poured out Corn and Wine, and Oil.”

W. Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—

“I pour wine on this Stone, the emblem of joy and Gladness, and may He whose Name is Love, grant that we may be all of one heart and mind, and may we ever dwell together in peace and unity.”

Response:—Glory be to God on High.

(c) *Oil*: “W. Brother, I present to you Oil, the sacred emblem of Charity.”

The Chaplain recites:—

“And thou shalt make it an Oil of holy ointment, an ointment compounded after the art of the apothecary, it shall be an Holy anointing Oil. And thou shalt anoint the Tabernacle of the Congregation therewith, and the Ark of the Testimony.”

Exodus, Chap. 30, v. 25 & 26.

The Brethren sing:—

“And we have come fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honour Him with votive hands,
With streams of Corn, and Wine and Oil.”

W. Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—

“I pour Oil on this Stone, the emblem of Charity, and may God give us grateful hearts and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others.”

Response:—Glory be to God on High.

(d) *Salt*: "W. Brother, I present to you Salt, the sacred emblem of Hospitality and Friendship."

The Chaplain recites:—

"And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season
 "with Salt, neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the
 "Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering.
 "With all thine offerings, thou shalt offer Salt."

Leviticus, Chap. 2, v. 13.

The Brethren sing:—

"Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,
 Emblem of Thy conservant power;
 "And may Thy presence Lord we pray
 Preserve and keep this Lodge away.

W. Bro. Sir Henry Whitehead:—

"I sprinkle Salt on this Stone, the emblem of Hospitality and Friendship, and may the all Bounteous Author of Nature bless this District, the Country and Kingdom at large with abundance of Corn, Wine, and Oil, and all the necessaries, comforts and conveniences of life. And may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation with every success."

Response:—Glory be to God on High.

Prayer by the Chaplain:—

"Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men upon earth, and to dwell in the midst of their assemblies. Bless, we beseech Thee, the work we have this day begun in Thy Name. May the edifice about to be erected on this Foundation stone be completed to Thy Honour and Glory, and may those who shall hereafter use this building dedicate and devote their lives to Thy service, and evermore praise and magnify Thy Holy Name."

Response:—So mote it be.

The Chaplain will pronounce the BENEDICTION.

"May the God of our Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the everlasting Covenant, who has redeemed us from evil, the Holy One who sanctifieth us, Bless, Preserve, and keep you evermore."

H. E. BOWER, P.P.G.W.,
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