

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC TEMPLE.

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2. The Dedicating Officer accompanied by Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge enter the Temple.
3. The Dedicating Officer will take the Chair and appoint his Officers.
4. The Dedicating Officer will open the Lodge in the 3 Degrees.
5. *Opening Hymn*
6. The D.O. will address the Brethren on the motive for the Meeting as follows:-  
"Men and Brethren here assembled to behold this ceremony; be it known that we - the lawful Masons true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe - are assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to dedicate this building to the Honour and Glory of the Most High, which we pray God may prosper as it may seem good to Him, and trust that those who enter it for ceremonial work may go away raised and uplifted. In ordinary circumstances in consecrating a Lodge, we ask God's blessing on the Founders and the Lodge to-night we ask His blessing on this Temple - not only on the building, for, beautiful as it is, it will in course of time crumble away to dust but upon those who enter here."
10. The D.O. will address the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works or Architect and ask to see the plans.
11. The D.O. will be requested to dedicate the Temple for the purposes of Freemasonry.
12. The D.O. will signify his consent and call upon the Chaplain for  
The Oration.
16. The Invocation (All turn to the East)  
D.O. "May the G.A.O.T.U. look down with favour upon this Temple and its precincts and upon those who meet within its walls. May they be endued with wisdom in all their good endeavours, with strength of mind in all their laudable undertakings, with the beauty of love and harmony in all their communications with one another and with all men".
19. The D.O. will direct that the Lodge Board be uncovered.
20. The D.O. places himself in the East of the Lodge Board facing West, with the S.W. on his right and the J.W. on his left.  
D.C. hands the Cornucopia filled with corn to the D.O., the vessel containing Wine to the S.W., and that containing Oil to the J.W.
23. After the first Circuit the D.O. scatters Corn and repeats:-  
"I scatter Corn on this Lodge as a Symbol of Plenty & Abundance.  
May the Blessings of Morality and Virtue increase under its auspices,  
producing fruit a hundredfold."
24. D.O. "I dedicate this Temple to Freemasonry, to the service of the G.A.O.T.U. to the purpose of that great Brotherhood which seeks by faith in God to promote Goodwill among men, and to inculcate the purest principles of piety and virtue".
28. After the 2nd Circuit the D.O. pours Wine and repeats:-  
"I pour Wine on this Lodge as a Symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.  
May gladness and rejoicing fill the hearts of its members."
29. D.O. "I dedicate this Temple to Virtue. May the symbolism of the Craft, and the Ceremonies which will be carried out within these walls, teach and inspire the practice of every moral and social virtue."
33. After the 3rd Circuit the D.O. pours Oil and repeats:-  
"I pour Oil on this Lodge as a Symbol of Peace and Unanimity.  
May Peace rest and abide with its members always."
34. D.O. "I dedicate this Temple to the cause of Universal Benevolence. May the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth lead those who are taught within these walls to act with kindness towards all living creatures.
36. After the Sanctus the D.O. resumes his Chair.
43. D.O. closes the Lodge in the three degrees.