

—OF—
CEREMONIES

—OF—
A. F. & A. M.

ON THE OCCASION OF LAYING THE

CORNER-STONE

—OF THE—

Masonic Hall,

Of Annapolis Lodge No. 89.

AT ANNAPOLIS, MD.,

WEDNESDAY, 29th, A. L. 5872.

The Members of Annapolis Lodge No. 89, will assemble promptly at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the basement of the First Methodist Church. Visiting Brethren from Country Lodges who desire to join in the procession, will assemble at the same place. A procession will be formed under

R. V. CLAYTON, H. M. PINKARD and W. O. BIGELOW,
MARSHALS.

And placed in line, will march to the wharf to meet the Steamer, when they will receive the R. W. Grand Lodge and Visiting Lodges from the City of Baltimore, when the procession will be placed in charge of

R. W. Grand Marshal, CHAS. E. KEMP,
Assisted by Marshals CLAYTON, PINKARD and BIGELOW.

And proceed to the place of laying the Corner-Stone, by the following

ROUTE.

From the Wharf to Green St., to Duke of Gloucester to Conduit, to Main, to West, returning by West to School, to State House Circle, to Cornhill, to Randall, to Prince George's, to site of Masonic Hall.

ORDER OF PROCESSION:

SEVERN LODGE No. 22, I. O. M.
GERMAN AID SOCIETY.
THETA CONCLAVE No. 8, HEPHASTOS, or S. W. M.
FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 8, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
ANNAPOLIS DIVISION No. 10, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.
CHESAPEAKE TRIBE No. 22, I. O. R. M.
METROPOLIS LODGE No. 17, I. O. O. F.
COMMANDERIES KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
VISITING SUBORDINATE LODGES, A. F. & A. M.
ANNAPOLIS LODGE No. 89.
GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.

The different Orders intending to join in the Procession will please form at Market Space at 11 o'clock, A. M., where they will be assigned their positions in the Procession.

CEREMONIES

MUSIC BY THE BAND.

OPENING.

M. W. Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden: The Grand Lodge having been assembled for the purpose of laying the Corner-Stone of the New Masonic Temple here to be erected; it is my order the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge be now opened for the performance of that important ceremony. This my will and pleasure you will communicate to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, and be to the Brethren present, that all having due notice may govern themselves accordingly.

Senior Grand Warden.—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden: It is the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, that this Corner-Stone be now laid with Masonic honors. This, His will and pleasure you will proclaim to all present, that the ceremony may be observed with due order and solemnity.

Junior Grand Warden.—Brethren, and all who are present, take notice, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master will now deposit this Foundation-Stone in Masonic form. You will observe the order and decorum becoming the important and solemn ceremonies in which we are about to engage.

HYMN.—Tune "Austria."

Composed by REV. ANDREW LINDSEY.

Father of love and might,
Send forth thy holy light,
On us to shine;

Be thou our Sovereign Lord,
And may thy Holy Word
Be to us shield and sword,
Master Divine.

Bound in one Brotherhood,
Owning one common blood,
Children of thine;

Fill us with kindness,
Prompt to relieve distress,
Wearing thy true impress,
Master Divine.

With joyful hearts, to-day,
Our Temple's Stones we lay
With Care and Wit;
But do them build up one,
Wrought in the living stone
Of our true hearts above,
Master Divine.

Then when this house shall fall,
Fair front and sculptured wall,
In long decline;

May the True Temple grace
Thy heavenly dwelling-place,
With every stone in place,
Master Divine.

Saviour Omnipotent,
Crown Thou our good intent
With grace of Thine;

Honor this house we rear;
And when Thou shalt appear,
Save us who gather here,
Master Divine.

PRAYER.—By the Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. John McCoy.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Brother Grand Treasurer: You will read the inscriptions on the Corner-Stone, and list of the contents of the Box.

THE GRAND TREASURER WILL HERE READ THE CONTENTS.

Grand Master.—There being no objection, I now order you, Brother Grand Treasurer, to deposit the Box with its contents, in the place prepared for its reception.

The principal Architect then presents the Working Tools to the Grand Master, who directs the Grand Marshal to present them to the Deputy Grand Master, and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

HYMN.—Tune "Old Hundred."

Composed by BLAKE MAYN, Esq.

The Rock—Great Builder of the World—
On which our Temple's base we lay,
Thy base was made of iron strength,
And radiant white as glorious day.

Our Jewels too were formed by Thee,
The Square, the Level and the Plumb;—
These, the Foundation—laws of Life,
From thy own Word eternal come!

Thou freely gavest of the things, with which
To build in Soul, to build with Hand,
And thus, this hallowed stone we lay,
As long as Freedom stands, to stand!

So, on Thy Rock and by Thy Laws,
Let our new fate securely rise—
The home on Earth of love for Man,
The type of that above the Skies!

Hear, —Father, bless our mercy's shrine,—
Faith, Charity, and Hope implore?
Oh! may it shield and succor yield
Till suffering Man shall cease to mourn!

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Past Grand Masters then descend from the platform, the Grand Master taking the Trowel, the Deputy Grand Master the Square, and the Senior Grand Warden the Level, and the Junior Grand Warden the Plumb; the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters standing²⁴

the East of the Stone, his Deputy on his right, the Senior Grand Warden at the West and the Junior Grand Warden at the South side of the Stone. The Grand Master then spreads the cement; after which he orders the Grand Marshal to order the Craftsmen to lower the Stone. This is done by three motions, viz:—1st, by lowering a few inches and stopping, when the public Grand Honors are given; 2d, again lowering a few inches, and giving Grand Honors; 3d, setting the Stone down in its place and giving the Grand Honors as before. The Square, Level and Plumb are then applied to the Stone by the proper Officers.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master: What is the proper level of your office?

Deputy Grand Master.—The Square.

Grand Master.—Have you applied the Square to those parts of the Stone that should be Square?

Deputy Grand Master.—I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden: What is the proper level of your office?

Senior Grand Warden.—The Level.

Grand Master.—Have you applied the Level to the Stone?

Senior Grand Warden.—I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master.—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden: What is the proper level of your office?

Junior Grand Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Master.—Have you applied the Plumb to the several edges of the Stone?

Junior Grand Warden.—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

Grand Master.—Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters: See if the Foundation-Stone is well formed, true and trusty.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.—We find this Foundation-Stone well formed, true and trusty, and say this undertaking be conducted and completed by the Craftsmen according to the grand plan, in Peace, Love and Harmony.

Grand Master.—Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it remains with me now to finish the work.

The Grand Master then gives three knocks upon the Stone, saying—

"Know all of you who hear me. We proclaim ourselves free and lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, professing to fear God, and to confer benefits on mankind. We practice universal beneficence towards all. We have secrets concealed from the eyes of men which may not be revealed to any but Masons, and which no woman has yet discovered; they are, however, lawful and honorable. Unless our Craft was good and our calling honest, these secrets would not have existed for so many generations, nor should we have had so many illustrious personages as Brethren of our Order, always ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our welfare. We are assembled in the broad face of open day, under the canopy of Heaven, to build a Temple for Masonry. May God prosper our undertakings and shall most please Him. May this Temple become a place wherein just and upright Masons may practice benevolence, promote harmony, and cultivate brotherly love, until they shall all assemble in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns forever."

ANTHEM.

PRAYER BY THE CHAPLAIN OF ANNAPOLIS LODGE, REV. BRO. W. B. EDWARDS.

The Deputy Grand Master then receives from the Grand Marshal the Cornucopia containing Corn, and spreads the corn upon the Stone, saying:—

"May the health of the workmen employed in this undertaking be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Grand Architect bless and prosper their labors."

When each of aid, in Israel,
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessings on them fell
In showers of COAL and WINE and OIL.

The Grand Marshal then presents the Senior Grand Warden the cup of Wine, who pours it upon the Stone, saying:—

"May plenty be showered down upon the people of this city, and may the blessings of the Bounteous Giver of All Things attend all their philanthropic undertakings."

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to fill,
On threshold and on corner-stone
They poured out COAL and WINE and OIL.

The Grand Marshal presents the cup of Oil to the Junior Grand Warden, who pours it upon the Stone, saying:

"May the Supreme Ruler of the World preserve this people in Peace, and vouchsafe to them the enjoyment of every blessing,

And we have come, fraternal hands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honor Him by votive hands,
With streams of COAL and WINE and OIL.

Grand Master.—May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world; and may the blessing of Almighty God be upon this undertaking, and may the structure here to be erected be preserved to the latest ages, in order that it may promote the humane purposes for which it is designed.

The Grand Master then presents the Implements to the Architect saying:—

"To you, Brother Architect, are committed the Implements of operative Masonry, with the fullest confidence that by your skill and taste, a fabric shall arise, which shall add new lustre to our honored State. May it endure for many ages, a monument of the liberality and benevolence of its founders."

MUSIC. BY THE BAND

ORATION.

BY BRO. JAS. H. HODGES.

ANTHEM.

The Ceremonies being concluded, the Grand Lodge will return to the Masonic Hall.