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#### GRAND MA: ONIC JUBILEE.

### CORNER-STONE LAID.

THE PROCESSION.

Imposing Ceremonies.

Oration of Grand Master Vaux.

#### SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

St. John's Day, 1868, will long be remembered by the Masonic Fraternity of Philadelphia. On this day the corner-stone of what promises to be the most splendid Masonic Temple in the Union was laid, and the occasion was marked by considerable popular enthusiasm and by the observance of the peculiar rites of the Order.

The procession was imposing in respect to numbers and in regard to the respectability and standing of those who took part in it; but the uniformity of the dress of all the participants and the almost entire absence of insignia, made it monotonous, and after one or two lodges had passed along, the looker-on, unless a confirmed and eager sight-seer, became tired of the display, and abandoned the ground. About the time the line was being formed rain began to fall, and there were light showers during the entire progrees of the procession; but the brethren bore the infliction bravely, and the ranks were not thinned by the watery visitation.

# The Procession. The various lodges met at an early hour this morning, and by seven o'clock some of them were on the musch for Broad street, the place appointed for the formation of the parade. By

eight o'clock all had arrived on the ground. The Feight o'clock all had arrived on the ground. The procession was then formed in divisions by Grand Marshal G. W. Wood, as follows:

First Division.

Wm. A. Leech, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodge No. 2, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York, Lodge from Vineland, New Jersey, and Lodges Nos. 3 and 9.

Second Division.

Wm. C. Harris, Assistant Grand Marshal.

Wm. C. Harris, Assistant Grand Marshal. Lodges Nos. 19, 21 and 25.

Third Division.

David P. Weaver and Joseph Megary, Assistant Grand Marshals. Lodges Nos. 43, 51, 52, 59 and 62.

Fourth Division.

Robt. W. Downing, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodges Nos. 67 and 71.

Edwin A. Landell, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodges Nos. 72, 75, 81, 91 and 114.
Sixth Division.
Atwood Smith, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodges Nos. 115 and 121.
Seventh Division.

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James H. Cornell, Assistant Grand Marshal. Lodges Nos. 25, 126, 130 and 131.

Eighth Division.

Samuel F. Butler, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodges Nos. 131, 135, 148 and 152.

Ninth Division.

Joseph H. Hedges, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodges Nos. 155. 156 and 158. Wm. M. Greiner, Assistant Grand Marshal.

Lodge No. 186.

Eleventh Division.

George F. Dellaker and Horace W. Paul, Assist

ant Grand Marshals.

Lodges Nos. 187, 190, 197, 211, 226 and 227.

Twelfth Division.

James C. Wray. Assistant Grand Marshal.

Lodges Nos. 230, 236 and 243.

Thirteenth Division.

John H. Shaw, Aselstant Grand Marshal. Lodges Nos. 246, 254, 260, 271, 273 and 274. Fourteenth Division. Jesish T. Bossert, Assistant Grand Marshal. Lodges Nos. 281, 283, 284 and 286.

Fifteenth Division.
Wm. C. Ward, Assistant Grand Marshal.
Lodges Nos. 289, 292, 295 and 296. Sixteenth Division. James Wattson, Jr., Assistant Grand Marshal Lodges Nos. 298, 302, 309, 315 and 322.

Seventeenth Division.
George W. Briggs and Geo. W. Wharton, Jr.
Assistant Grand Marshals.
Lodges No. 333, 343, 352, 353, 357, 359, 364, 367
368, 369, Nos. 14 of Washington, D. C., and Cam
den Lodge, No. 15, of Camden, N. J.
Eighteenth Division.
S. Kingston McKay, Assistant Grand Marshal. Seventeenth Division

Lodges Nos. 376 and 380.

Nuettenth Division.

James Gwyn, Assistant Grand Marshal.

Lodges No. 381, 383, 384, 385, 386, 391, 393 and

Manhattan, No. 62, of New York. Twentieth Division.
J. W. Hoffman, Assistant Grand Marshal.

Lodges No. 398, 400, 402, 410 and 419. At half-past eight o'clock the line moved At half-past eight o'clock the line moved according to programme. The procession was led off by thirty of the Reserve corps of police, under Sergeant Cront. Grand Marshal Wood and two Assistants came next, and then followed the Lodge, the Junior Lodge occupying the right. When the procession reached the Hallon Chestrate that the Change of the Caral Lodge. nut street, the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Committees and invited guests, preceded by a band, joined in the following order:

Band. Grand Tyler. Building Committee.
Architect.
Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions. Past Grand Officers.
District Deputy Grand Masters.
Grand Porsulvant. Grand Stewards.

Grand Deacons. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. Grand Wardens.

Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer.

The participants in the parade were all dressed in black, with high hats, and wore a plain white leather apron. The officers of the Grand Lodge wore their

full dress regalls and their jewels.

There were numerous bands of music in the line, and all the members were dressed in dark

## Scenes along the Route.

The procession passed over the route prescribed, viz.: down Chestnut to Seventh, thence to Arch, thence to Broad, and then countermarched north as far as Columbia avenue. The sidewalks on these thoroughfares were pretty well crowded with people. Many houses were decorated, and flags were displayed in various In front of the Masonic Hall on Chestnut

street was a figure of Silence, under a canopy of blue satin. The decoration was done by Mr. I

E. Walrayen.
In front of the office of The Morning Post, on Seventh street, a very pretty triumphal arch was thrown across the street.
There were about eight thousand Masons in the line, and the procession occupied an hour and a counter in passing. a quarter in passing.
On Broad street there was a large crowd of people, but Chief Ruggles had detailed an ample

police force, and the spectators were kept at a distance from the stands sufficient to allow all

the Masons an opportunity of witnessing the

ceremonits. The Stands crected for the accommodation of those who were to officiate at the ceremonies, have already been described in the Bulletin. A very large chorus composed of members of the Mendelssohn Society, Hendel and Haydn Society, Young Münnerchor and Süngerbund, and several of our church choirs, occupied positions on the stands. Beck's Band, Liberty Silver Cornet stands, Beck's Band, Liberty Silver Cornet Band, Philadelphia Fire Zouave Band, Frank-lin Cornet Band, Liberty Military Band, Mechanics' Band, and the Satterlee Band, which had been employed by the Grand Lodge, retired from the line when the procession reached Broad and Arch streets, and took post on the platform erected for their use. The musical part of the ceremonies was under the direction of Brother William P. Cunnington.

The officers of the Grand Lodge after counter-marching through the opened ranks, took position on the main stand.

The following are the present officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

R. W. Grand Master—Brother Richard Vaux.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master—Brother Robert

Lamberton R. W. Senior Grand Warden-Brother Samuel C. Perkins.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden—Brother Alfred

R. W. Grand Treasurer-Brother Peter William-R. W. Grand Secretary-Brother John Thom-

Grand Chaplains—Rev. Brothers John Chambers, William Suddards, R. H. Pattison, John P. Lundy, Philadelphia; Rev. Brother W. H. Dinsmore, Schnylkill county; Rev. Brother A. J. G. Dubs, Lehigh county; Rev. Brother G. W. Maclaughhn, Berks county; Rev. Brother J. J. McIlyon, Charles Walther, Pittsburgh; Rev. Brother Thomas J. Johnson, Lebanon county; Rev. Brother T. Dougherty, Carlisle.

Senior Grand Deacon—Brother Harmanus Neff,

Senior Grand Deacon—Brother Harmonus Neff, Senior Grand Deacon—Brother Harmanus Neil, Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia. Junior Grand Deacon—Brother Joseph N. Peir-sol, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia. Grand Stewards—Brother William Noble, Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh; Brother Charles N. Carnman,

Lodge No. 190, Norristown.

Grand Marehal—Brother George W. Wood,
Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia.

Grand Sword Bearer—Brother Frederick S. Grand Sword Bester—Brother Frederick S.
Boss, Lodge No. 62, Resding.
Grand Pursulvant—Brother Joseph H.Boswell,
Lcdge No. 186, Philadelphia.
Grand Tyler—Brother Charles Schneider, Lodge
No. 71, Philadelphia.

Among the distinguished members of the Order in other States present were the following:
H. R. Cannon, M. W. Grand Master of New

Jersey. Wm. S. Whitehead, Past Grand Master of New Jersey. S. C. Coffinburry, M. W. Grand Master of S. C. Commun., Michigan. John Coates, M. W. Grand Master of Mary-

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W. W. Balless, P. G. M. of Indiana.
J. B. Anthony, M. W. Dep. Grand Master of New York.
R. D. Holmes, P. G. M. of New York.
A. T. Metcalf, M. W. Deputy Grand Master of Michlen

Michigan. Jas. M. Austin, M. D., M. W. Grand Secretary Geo. W. Herring, R. W. Grand Secretary of

N. H. Gould, M. W. S. G. W. of Rhode Island. Winslow Lewis, M. D., P. G. M. of Massachus-F. Woodworth, R. W. Grand Secretary of Mary-

land. F. H. Gourley, R. W. Grand Secretary of Mis-The Ceremonies at Broad and Filbert

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Streets,
When the procession arrived at Broad and
Arch streets, moving south, it halted. The Grand
Lodge and Grand Officers then passed through,
the line being in open order, and the Brethren,
by the regulation, uncovered. The Grand Lodge
and the Grand Officers took the positions assigned
them, the Grand Officers at their stations and
places. Rev. John Chambers, R. W. Grand Chaplain

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OPENING PRAYER.

We come before Thee, Thou Great and Eternal
God and Father, maker of worlds and ruler of
men, to offer to Thee our adoration and praise,
our prayers and thanksgiving. We pray Thee
to bless the work now begun, with the corn of
strength, the wine of refreshment, and the oll of
joy. We implore Thee to bless the great brotherhood of Free Masonry here, and everywhere, and
give to it, unity, harmony and prosperity. We
ask Thee of Thy great mercy to preserve and give to it, unity, harmony and prosperity. We ask Thee of Thy great mercy to preserve and protect us, and have compassion for those who suffer, and be the God of the widow and the fatherless of our Brethren. Be pleased to teach us our work, that we may ever revere Thy holy name, and obey Thy divine laws, so that in all our labors we may have respect to those in authority over us, as they and we, are accountable to Thee, the only wise God, bleased forever. Look down from heaven, Thy dwelling place, O Thou who created the earth and the sea, the sun, moon and stars, and pour out upon this fraternity of men like bleasings which, aforetime, Thou didst upon, our fathers. O Thou omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God, hear us, be with us, and grant us Thy salvation. And when we shall have ended our labors on earth, may Thou, O Father of light and love, Who art plenteous in mercy, guide us and love, Who art plenteous in mercy, guide us up to Thy throne, that we may, with those, who in white raiment and crowns of glory, with harps in their hands, sing the sengs of joy and deliverence and redemption, throughout the end-less ages of eternity. Amen.

Written for the occasion; music composed and arranged by Brother W. P. Cunnington, was then sung. It is as follows:

In every clime, from age to age, Masons performed their mystic rite, Craftsmen, scholar, poet, sage, Met, and beheld Masonic light.

In every clime, in every nation,
Masons their Temple built in peace. From corner-stone to dedication No discord caused their work to cease.

Apprentice, Craft, and Master Mason, Each his allotted task performed, And in whatever place or station, Devoted faith his work adorned.

Strong in this faith, in bonds united, Which hostile men essay to sever, Our solemn vows to each are plighted, To be a Brotherhood forever.

Masons here lay a sure foundation, Amid their prayers and joyous lays, On which to build a habitation,

Now, as it was in ancient days. Then ask of God his choicest blessing.

That Masons' work may perfect be And Masonry, each heart possessing, The Craft may dwell in unity. ADDRESS OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then addresse the Grand Master:—

Right Worshipful Sir:—"The Grand Lodge of Right Worshipful Sir:—"The Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging," having unanimously resolved, at Grand Quarterly Communications, held December 18th, A. L. 5865, December 17th, A. L. 5866, and June 5th, A. L. 5867, to build on this site a new Masonic Temple, the members and brethren are now here assembled for the surpress of witnessing the impression. bled for the purpose of witnessing the impressive ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Edifice. The Grand Lodge, at a Grand Quarterly Communication, held December 27th, A. L. 5867, requested you, Worshipful Sir, to perform this work. The necessary arrangements have

been made by the Committee of the Grand Lodge numerical with their preparation, and I have now the pleasure to present to you the Chairman of

R. W. S. G. Warden, Bro. Saml. C. Perkins, the Chairman of the Building Committee, then said to the R. W. Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Sir: The Committee charged with the duty of preparing the corner-stone, and making the arrangements for its being laid, have completed their labors. It is now ready, Right Worshipful Sir, to be made the Foundation Stone of this new Temple.

Was then delivered by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Was then delivered by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Suddards, as follows:
Supreme Architect of heaven and earth, we render Thee our thanksgiving and praise for the Masonic Order, its establishment and its prosperity, and as members of which we are now assembled to praise Thee and magnify Thy holy name. Teach us, we pray Thee, to feel and know our dependence on Thee always, that by all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may give Thee glory, for Thou art Jehovah, our Father, and our God. And O, as Thou didst aforetime appear unto thy servant Moses, in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle we beseech Thee in our hearts a flame of true devotion and reverence for Thee. bush, engine we besech intended in heast of the fame of true devotion and reverence for Thee, brotherly kindness to each other, and of charity to all mankind. And now to Thee King Eternal, the only wise God, be both honor and giory from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

Response by the brethren. Amen, so mote it

CONTENTS OF THE CORNER-STONE.

The R. W. Grand Master then directed the R W. Grand Treasurer to place the articles, coins, and other valuable gifts in the corner-stone.

The following is a list of the articles deposited

the corner-stone: Copy of Holy Bible. of Ahiman Rezon.

Copy of last Annual Publication of the Grand Copy of Resolutions of the Grand Lodge in re-

Copy of Resolutions of the Grand Lodge in reference to the Bullding.
Copy of Masonic Register for A. L. 5868.
List of Lodges in this Jurisdiction.
Coins of the United States.
Washington penny of 1791.
Franklin penny of 1787.
Piece of wood, cut from one of the cedars of Mount Lebonon.

Piece of marble, part of the Golden Gate of Temple of King Solomon.

Fragment of a foundation-stone of Solomon's

Temple.

Another piece of stone from the foundation of the same Temple.
Gold Masonic medal, "Keystone." Gold Masonic medal, "Circle." Silver medal of P. G. M. Bro. Williamson.

Copper medal struck in commemoration of the election of the Prince of Wales, as G. M., 24th of of November, 1790.
A splendid set of silver jewels and working tools of a Master Mason's Lodge.
Biography of Bro. Stephen Girard.
Newspapers of the day.
The copy of the Holy Bible was presented by Brother Wm. B. Hackenburg, P. M. Lodge No.

246. The Washington and Franklin pennics were The Walmigton and Flankin periods were presented by Brother Christian Sulger.

The Lebanon Cedar, piece of marble and piece of stone from the Temple of Jerusalem, were presented by Brother Thomas C. Stellwagon, Lodge No. 121.

The Gold Masonic Medal was presented by

The Gold Mason Enedat was presented by Brother John S. Thackary.

The Silver Medal of Brother Williamson, by Williamson Lodge, No. 369.

The Prince of Wales Copper Medal, by Brother F. L. Levering, P. M., Lodge No. 71.

The fragment of foundation stone of Solomon's Temple by Brother J. Hyatt Smith, of Hyatt

Temple, by Brother J. Hyatt Smith, of Hyatt Lodge, No. 205, N. Y.
The set of working tools, by Horstmann, Bros.

The set of working took, and then, by direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary then, by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, read a list of the articles so deposited, the resolutions of the Grand Lodge in relation to the new Temple, the list of the building Committee, and the list of Lodges and

Written for the occasion, music composed and arranged by Brother W. P. Cunnington, was

then surg.
Sons of the Mystic tie,
Brothers in Free Masonry,
Your voices raise,
In joyous anthem of triumphant praise To the Great Architect of all, On Him we call, For He, 'tis He alone,

Who in our hearts is the foundation stone.
While here to-day
A corner stone we lay Our Temple's symbolry
Of God and Virtue, Science, Masonry,
Faith, Hope, and Charity,
Lights in our Fraternity

Beam as the light above. Then may Jehovah, Father, God, his love. Send to us a dove. To bless us all, To bless us all.

Great Architect! on Thee, on Thee we call, Sons of the Mystic tie, Brothers in Free Masonry, Your voices raise; In this your anthem of triumphant praise.

THE STONE EXAMINED.

The R. W. Grand Master then addressed the R

N. Deputy Grand Master in addressed the K.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master: It is my will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the New Masonic Temple be now laid. You will announce the same to the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, that he may announce it to the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, with directions then to proclaim the Warden, with directions then to proclaim the eame to the Brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then made the announcement to the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, who addressed the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and he notified the brethren of the will

Warden, and he notified the brethren of the winder and pleasure of the Grand Master.

The ceremony of examining the stone was then performed by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden with the Plumb; the R. W. Senior Grand with the Level, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master with the Square. The result of the examination was announced.

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Right Worshipful Brothers, you will proceed to the Stone, while the laborers and bearers are laying it in its proper position, at the northeast angle of the foundation; you will try it with the Plumb, Level and Square, and report to us if it is well and duly prepared.

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The stone was then lowered to its bed, tried by the Grand Officers, who returned to their stations, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master R. W. Grand Master, the corner-stone is placed

due east and west, and is now ready to be laid. THE GRAND HALLELUJAH CHORUS Written, and music arranged by Bro. W. P. Cunnington, was then sung: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become The kingdom of our Lord. And He shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! THE STONE DECLARED LAID.

The Senior and Junior Grand Deacons then went to the stone with the trowel and the gavel The R. W. Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer, then proceeded to the stone, took the trowel from the Junior Grand Deacon, put cement, then took the gavel from the Senior Grand Deacon, struck the orner-stone three times with the gavel, returne to his station, and said :

We, Richard Vaux, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction there-

unto belonging, declare this corner-stone to be plumb, level, and square, and so duly laid according to the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Free Masonry, and may the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generations.

Now the corner-stone is firmly laid, Here shall the Temple stand: The glory of our noble Craft, Let God be praised; He is always gracious

Exait and glorify him evermore; The corner-stone now firmly laid. Let God be praised. Amen, "so mote it be." The ceremony of dropping corn and pouring wine and oil on the stone was then performed by the Grand Officers in accordance with the Masonic

The wine used was presented by Edward C. Graeff, P. M., of Lodge No. 230. The wine was made in the year 1793, and was bottled during the administration of General Washington, who was a prominent member of the Order. From that fact it was considered very appropriate for the

MUSIC. Come, Father of the poor, to earth; Come with Thy gifts of precious worth; Come, light of all of mortal birth!

Whate'er without Thy aid is wrought, Or temple proud, or wisest thought, Is vain without Thy blessing sought.

O grant us, Lord, who trust in Thee. And hold the faith in unity, Thy precious gift of charity.

THE ARCHITECT PRESENTED.

The Chairman of the Building Committee then presented the Architect to the Grand Master, saying:

Right Worshipful Sir: Let me present to you brother Windrim, chosen to be the Architect of the New Temple. He has his Craftsmen ready for the work, and desires you to give him the designs from the tressel-board, and the tools of

the workmen.

The R. W. Grand Master then handed him plans and tools, and intrusted him with the

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest, Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed. I know not. O I know not What social joys are there! What radiancy of glory,

What light beyond compare. They stand, those halls of Zion, Conjubilant with song, And bright with many an angel, And all the martyr throng; The Prince is ever in them, The daylight is serene; The partners of the blessed

Are decked in glorious sheen. There is the throne of David, And there from care released, The shout of them that triumph The song of them that feast, And they who with their Leader,

Have conquered in the fight, Forever and forever, Are clad in robes of white The Grand Marshal then said:

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Brethren: Take notice, that the R. W. Grand
Master, Brother Richard Vaux, Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has this day, at
this place, laid the Corner-stone of the new
Masonic Temple—Wisdom! Strength!! Fraterit\*!!! Hon. Richard Vaux, the R. W. Grand Master, then delivered the following oration:
History points to the year A. M. 2992, more than ten centuries before the Christian era, as the period when Solomon began to build a Temple to be dedicated to the God of Israel. This mar-

to be dedicated to the God of Israel. This mar-vellous work was the creation of men, specially instructed and skilled in wisdom, science and arts, which, to all others, were unknown. Selected from tribes and nations after they had acquired this esoteric knowledge, these men of Tyre, Si-donia and neighboring nationalities, undertook the work which Solomon required for the ac-complishment of his purpose. The site chosen complishment of his purpose. The site chosen was at "Jerusalem in Mount Moriah." The associations, sacred and profane, which cluster around that hallowed eminence, are but the outer covering of facts, mysteries and events,

the outer covering of facts; mysteries and events, which have made impressions on the human mind, and produced consequences on the soul of man, lasting through time, and outreaching into eternity. Nowhere in Christendom can there be found an educated intellect, which has not been wrought up to its highest capacities by the record of the mighty works, stupendous mysteries, and miraculous events which consequently expensely. The descendants of the chosen mysteries, and miraculous events which con-secrate Jerusalem. The descendants of the chosen people who saw Moses, and heard the law and the prophets, look yet with faith, to the time-when the holy city shall be the resting-place of the Ark of their Covenant. The Christian bows his head in devont adoration as he contemplates the memories of Olivet. Even the heathen feel an inexpressible awe at the recital of the histo-ries of the Cæsars and Centurions who then eigned and ruled over Palestine. Philosophers reigned and ruled over Falestine. Fallosophers and scholars have exhausted centuries in a failure to explain, by human reason, the unfaithfulness of the records and revelations which give sanction and sacredness to the scenes of Gethers and the Helm Southers.

sanction and sacredness to the scenes of Gethsemane and the Holy Sepulchre.

Amid this throng who adore doubt, hope, reason
and wonder, the fraternity of Freemasons contemplates Jernsalem, Mount Moriah, and the
Temple of King Solomon, undisturbed by conflicting opinions, and unassailed by perpiexing
misgivings. We read the record with abiding
confidence in its verity. No one stone remains
upon another of the Temple's porch or pinnacle,
yet we acknowledge the testimony they delivered, in establishing the faith we hold, and
the lessons it imparts. The pillars, though overthrown and destroyed, fail not, even now, to impress their strength and beauty on the sincerity
of, our conviction and the steadfastness of our
devotion. We hear to-day the reverberations of dévotion. We hear to-day the reverberations of this proclaimed evidence, as they come down to us through the vaulted gallery, of ages. Those

this proclaimed evidence, as they come down to us through the vaulted gallery of ages. Those who wrought the stone in the quarries, and made the forests of Lebanon resound with the sounds of labor, were Craftsmen of our Order, and their works have now a living tongue among us. We know and recognize the Master "skilful to work in gold, and silver, and brass, and iron, and stone, and timber," and "to grave any manner of graving;" and we also recognize the order of association, which gave to the labor of all employed, unity, harmony and success.

Discarding all individual interpretations of the lessons which were taught in the seven years required to build the Temple; resisting all innovations on the system which the wise men who designed and superintended its erection had established; resting in an abiding confidence that Solomon, and Hiram King of Tyre, and Hiram of Tyre, had immutably impressed on the Craft, the results of their researches into the origin of the fraternity, constituting it, under their government, the expression of the "visiom and knowledge of the earliest of civilizations, the Masonic brotherhood to-day, in all nations, is steadfast, in the property of the property for conditions of the property of the proper brotherhood to-day, in all nations, is steadfast, immovable, united, and powerful for good.

The primal cause of this characteristic of our Craft is found in that continuous devotion to the

ancient landmarks, usages, and customs, which has ever marked its history. In no spirit of valuplory, but with a strict regard to that verity, which is the inner life of history, we can declare, that the perpetulty of Freemasonry, its stead-fastness, its resistance to all innovations, its delity to its original constitution, have been established by the commanding co-operation of unity, obedience, and reverence. Amid the continuity, obedience, and reverence. unity, obedience, and reverence. Amid the con-vulsions which have overturned dynasties, up

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rooted systems, desolated society, and destroyed peoples, convuisions caused by the vigor of an isgonisms, which social organization has per mitted or provoked, our Brotherhood, profoundly impressed by the virtues, teachings and princi-ples by which it originated, has stood in the

grandeur of its equanimity, conscious of an un-abaken adherence to these organic laws. Peaceable in all its works; fearing God; obeying the civil magistrate, Freemasonry obtrudes neither its principles nor its practice on public notice. Retiring from the gaze of the world, seeking nothing from its favor, independent of its power or opinions. Masonry lives by a law unto itself, which for nearly three thousand

its power or opinions. Masonry lives by a law unto itself, which for nearly three thousand years has preserved it to be a light and a lesson to mankind. Hoary in its antiquity, it receives from all enlightened and thinking men the homoge which cultivated intelligence ever freely bestows on the ancient and the honorable. In the performance of its duties, or in the exercise of its rights inherent by length of possession, inherent by immemorial custom and usage, inherent as existing prior to any present form of human government, it comes before the world, challenging a respect and consideration, which not even an untutored savage would deny.

Thus, at this time, the Masonic fraternity is engaged publicly in a most interesting ceremony. Here, in your presence, my brethren, we have laid a Corner atone on which to build a Temple, to be dedicated to its mysteries. Masonry has mysteries and rites which are secret from all who are not qualified to comprehend them. These it has preserved for ages. Is it forbidden to keep in silence that which is only to be made manifest in the all knowing time? To "know thyself" has been a study of the human mind since man was made in the image of his Creator, and what yet is known? The soul, its nature, essence, and out its nature, the relations it holds to Will and Consciousness, its moral attributes, the laws which it obeys, and its energies for good or will are secrets God has reserved. tributes, the laws which it obeys, and its oner gies for good or evil are secrets God has reserved gles for good or evil are secrets God has reserved, not here or now to be divulged. Man beholds the inecrutable, yet to be unsealed. God has not uttered all his knowledge, nor communicated to man all his wisdom. The world around us has its mysteries. From the highest order of created things, through all degrees of the divine workmanship, the unrevealed is found under the seal of Secrecy. Behold the tinlest wild-flower, hiding itself among the rocks on the hill-side, as the first rays of sunlight kiss its dew-wet petals and display its blushing beauties; are these all the secrets hidden in its calyx? Tr will emit its perfume as incense, wave its leaves It will emit its perfume as incense, wave its leaves in sign of worship, bow to the gentle wind in to-ken of obedience, and at sunset, with head do-

ken of obedience, and at sunset, with head de-clining as if in the posture of prayer for protec-tion, will trustingly fold itself up under the canopy of the sky, and beneath the watchful stars, to await in faith the coming morrow; but it has not, the while, revealed those secrets God gave it to keep; and it will not!

Masonry has also secrets which are not to be made manifest till the time for declaring all things. For whetever cause attacked by either things. For whatever cause attacked, by either the ignorant, the wicked, the scoffer, the faith-less or the false, the Brotherhood is pledged to maintain itself now and hereafter, as aforetime We laugh to scorn the futile efforts of men either ignorant or mistaken, "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked," who seek notoriety by their otherwise resultless assaults on this Fraternity. Against all hostilities it is protected by a

nity. Against all hostilities it is protected by a security, consecrated by the centuries.

We have laid this Corner Stone. Our ceremonies are not novelties to dazzle or deceive. They are intended neither to gratify pride nor manifest power. We have not the right to change or alter them. As our Order originally received them, so they have remained unto this present, and so they must go forward into the hereafter. They are the expression of meanings and characteristics which custom, older than our language, permits us thus to communicate. The Temple we propose to erect is to be devoted to Temple we propose to erect is to be devoted to our ceremonial and symbolic rites and mysteries. Guarded by the science of architecture, the wisdom of the ages, the virtue of purity in heart, the unselfishness of charity, the obedience of faith, the allence of reverence, the strength of unity, and the unbroken promises of God, it will stand, as a refuge and a fortress of the Craft, like

a great rock in a weary land. In its hallowed enclosure the light of Masonry will ever illumine those who seek withe and knowledge. The profane, the schlematic, and the agitator, an never defile it, for to them, its doors are barred by those virtues they neither appreciate nor comprehend. Selfishness is so abashed by the sublime rebuke of an unostentations benevolence, that it falls in the arrogance which else would nerve it, to seek an entrance through its

guarded portals.
Within this Temple our successors will assemble to work the same work we have performed, as our fathers before us have done in their day and generation. When this Temple shall have been finished, those who gather together at its dedica-tion will offer up to God the same prayer King Solomon did at Jerusalem when he completed the Solomon did at Jerusalem when he completed the work God first promised King David that he should undertake, but which afterwards He intrusted to King Solomon. On that day, the Brotherhood of Free Masons, in the Temple built on this cornerstone, will with one accord say:

"Oh Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in the heavens nor in the earth.

"Yet have Thou respect to the prayers of Thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prayeth before Thee, to-day.

"That Thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there; that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer

which Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant shall make toward this place. "When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against Thee; if they pray towards this place, and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin, when Thou afflictest them:

est them:
"Then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of Thy people, Israel, that Thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk; and give rain upon Thy land, which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inritance. "If there be in the land famine, if there be

positionce, blasting, mildew, locusts, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague or what-

soever sickness there be:

"Then hear Thon in heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart Thon knowest; for Thon, even Thon, only knowest the hearts of the children of men."

Well your the world wonder, well may the

the hearts of the children of men."

Well may the world wonder, well may the spirit of destruction, which assails the holy, the ancient and the established, falter and grow weary; well may the profane mock, while this great Brotherhood, defying all the enemies of human institutions, advances with Time, leaving its frailties behind. Sinco Greece was the home of those mysterics which have made Eleusis immortal; and Jerusalem the holy repository of or mose mysteries which have made industry of mortal; and Jerusalem the holy repository of those more sublime, supernatural, divine, and eternal, our rites and ceremonies have made in-delible impressions on the mind of mankind.

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Now, in our age of unrest and dissension, we, in unity and harmony, begin the foundation of a structure, dedicated to principles of amity and faith, everissing in their nature, and in their origin antedating all modern institutions. Before the Pyramids were built—before architecture and sculpture had crowned with their trophies the Acropolis of Athens—before the wolf-nursed twins had marked the earliest limits of imperial Rome—whilst Druidical rites were celebrated in the oaken groves of Britain, and the primeval inhabitants roamed over this undiscovered Western world, Masonry existed, and taught its perpetual lessons of virtue, charity and fraternity. and fraternity

With what austere assuredness Freemasons contemplate their history! With what unfaltering faith they foreknew their future! Science, ing faith they foreknew their future! Science, in her explorations now, at Nineveh and Jerusalem, is revealing comulative testimony, covered by the incrustations of ages, in corroboration of our Masonic teachings. Science is thus giving our Masonic teachings. Science is thus giving the Masonic Truth a resurrection. The stone

which Time rolled over her sepulchre, to seal it, has crumbled into dust, and she reclaims her int-

mortality.
Thus, Brethren, we close the labors of to-day.
Let the ceremonies we have performed serve to
revive in us that faith, which our Order professes. revive in us that faith, which our Order professes.

Let us renew here, at the foundation of our Temple, our devotion to the principles which bind the Brotherhood together. May our children's children, in the generations to come, as our fathers did in the generations to come, as our fathers did in the generations that have passed, proclaim, with triumphant praise, "In strength we establish our house!" Let us learn Masonic wiedom from the ages. Voiceful it calls from off the mountains, rising rugged and hoary out of the deeping darkness of the past, till its echoes resound from the impenetrable vasiness of the future. Let us listen, that we may understand what is comprehensible in the present. It is thus God uttereth speech, and showeth knowledge.

Was then sung, as follows:

With one consent let all the earth

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise

Convinced that He is God alone, From whom both we and all proceed.
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that he vouchsafes to feed.

O enter then His temple rate.

Thence to His courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still His name with praises bless. For He's the Lord, supremely good,

His mercy is forever sure; His truth, which always firmly stood, To endless ages shall endure. THE BENEDICTION.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. George McLaughlin, then pronounced the benediction—May the blessings of God Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth, and all words, and they who dwelltherein, be with us all, and re-

main with ns, nwand forever. AMEM.

THE CONCLUSION.

The bands then played the "Grand March," written by Brother Ritter expressly for this occasion, after which the Grand Officers, with their

guests, with the Masonic Music, returned to the Hall. The Marshals of Lodges collected their members and returned to their place of meeting. Thus ended the imposing ceremonies.

The R. W. Grand Master, Hon. Richard Vaux,

has devoted much time and labor to the preparation of the programme for the ceremonies, and he is the author of all the prayers, authoms, invocations, choruses and music, uses at the laying of the corner-stone, as well as the toasts to be drank at the banquet to-night.

The Grand Banquet. The arrangements for the Grand Banquet to be

given at the Academy of Music, this evening, have been made upon the most extensive scale. The parquette is floored over. The whole interior of the house has been very handsomely decorated by Messra. Horstmann, Bros. & Co., and numerous beautiful gas brackets and chandellers have been put up gratuitously by Messra. Cornelius & Baker. There are also very pretty floral decorations, the flowers having been supplied from the Graham Nurseries. from the Graham Nurseries.

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A very pleasant and interesting feature of the banquet will be the presence of the ladies of members of the order. They are to occupy seats in the balcony and will be furnished with refreshments in the Foyer.

The vocal music will be under the direction of Brother A. R. Taylor, who has volunteered, and has also secured the services of Brothers C. M. Schmitz, W. A. Briscoe, J. H. Davis, F. W. Thomas, G. Pearson, H. Nathans, and H. Cochran. Brother Carl Sentz will lead the orchestra, and Brother Carl Sentz will lead the orchestra.

and Brother John Ritter the band:
The programme on the occasion will be as

COLOWS:

GRAND LINTREE "MARCH."

Composed and arranged by Brother B. E. Woolf, and codicated to Bro. George W. Wood. Right Worshipful Grand Marchael. Played by Combined Orchestra, under the direction of the composer.

Selections from Attlia.

Vord. Orchestra

Columbanus Galop.

Serenado.

Festival Overture,
Figurale from Corinth,
Eclipse Polka.

Cornet Ohligato, W. Ewers, Koenig.
Finale from Lohengein,
Scene and Aria from Nabucco.

Callonen Weltzer,
Grand German Quodilitet,
Ly and Down Galop,
Grand Lodge March.—Composed and arranged by Bro.
John Ritter, and dedicated to Richard Vaux.

Esq.: Hight
Worehipful Grand Master.

Engular Toasts.

Friem Masonny—Belonging to no Age, Nation, or Languages: with the free, from the rising to the setting sun, it

day last. The cost of the new hall will be three-fourths of a million dollars, and Mr. J. H. Windrim, the architect, guarantees to have the new temple finished in five years.

THE TEMPLE PHOTOGRAPHED.

The design for the new Temple has been hand-somely photographed by Mr. Gutekunst. We are indebted to Mr. James H. Windrim, the arre indebted to Mr. James H. Windrim, the architect, for a copy of it, neatly framed.

Former Masonic Halls in Philadel—

The first Masonic Hall erected in the city was on the south side of Filbert street, above Eighth. In 1799 and 1800 the Grand Lodge met in a room in the State House. The accommodations were so limited that the lot on Filbert street was secured, and a plain three-storied brick building was erected.

This structure was finished in December, 1802, and was dedicated upon St. John's Day, December 27th, of that year, with appropriate ceremonies. In 1808, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. had fifty Lodges under its jurisdiction. The hall in Filbert street became too small for the pur-pose, and a lot on the north side of Chestnut street, between Seventh and Eighth, was procured for the location of a larger hall. The corner stone of the new structure was laid in Masonic form, but without a public recession on and 17 1000 structure was laid in Masonic form, but without a public procession, on April 17, 1809. In two years the edifice was completed, and it was dedicated on the day of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1811. This hall was destroyed by fire on the evening of Monday, March 9, 1819. The beoks. evening of Monday, March 9, 1819. The beoks and property belonging to the lodges were rescued. On the next day a meeting was held at Washington Hall, and it was decided to rebuild the edifice, and by the first of November, 1820, the hall was restored to its former condition. In 1835 it was decided to sell the Chestout-street property, owing to the depressed condition of the affairs of the Order, in consequence of the Anti-Masonic excitement and the Franklin of the Anti-Masonic excitement and the Franklin Institute became the purchaser, agreeing to pay \$110,530 for the lot and building on Chestaut street. The Masons removed to Washington

Hall, South Third street. For some unknown