

Church Cornerstone to Be Laid by Masons
Grand Master Robinson Will Officiate To-day at the Rev. East's Request
CEREMONY IS AN UNUSUAL ONE
Universalist Edifice Is to Go Up at the Corner of Madison Street and Stuyvesant Avenue

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the ceremony attending the laying of the corner stone of the new Universalist Church of the Good Tidings [Fourth Universalist Society of Brooklyn], ground for which was first broken at the corner of Madison street and Stuyvesant avenue, on Sunday, April 9 last, will be begun by Masonic and Church authorities and the event will be unusual and interesting.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Charles R. East, who is himself a member of Clinton Lodge No. 453, deemed it appropriate to have Masons lay the cornerstone of his church, because, as he says, "the Masons have fostered architecture from time immemorial. Before the present order was in existence, there were Masonic guilds that were prominent in architecture; furthermore, the best Masons are men that are not only prominent as Masons, but also prominent as church workers. Masonry is built on the idea of religious architecture, being founded on the historic facts of King Solomon building the temple."

The new structure, it is thought, will cost \$60,000. The ceremony this afternoon will be conducted by the Grand Master Frank Hurd Robinson, the highest Masonic dignitary in this state.

Only once before, it is recalled, has the laying of a church cornerstone in this borough been in charge of the Masonic fraternity, and that was about seven years ago, in the case of the edifice of the Reformed Church in Borough Park.

The Letter Carriers Band will furnish the music. The programme will be as follows:

Procession from Anthon Lodge, Gates and Reid avenues, to the church site, escorting the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge in carriages; at the church, overture by the Letter Carriers Band; prayer by the Rev. L. Ward Brigham, pastor of All Souls' Universalist Church; reading by District Deputy Grand Master William H. Friday; address by the pastor and the presentation of the archives for deposit in the stone; cornerstone hymn, led by the band; Masonic ceremony of laying the cornerstone conducted by M. W. Frank Hurd Robertson, assisted by R. W. Townsend Scudder, Deputy Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Charles Smith, Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Frederick P. Morris, Grand Treasurer; M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary; R. W. Robert J. Kenworthy, Grand Marshal, and supported by members of the Grand Lodge; occasional oration by M. W. F. H. Robinson; band selection; doxology and benediction by the pastor.

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