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Almighty God, Our Creator, we thank Thee for all Thy favors with which Thou hath blessed us. May we remember Thee as the source of all things. Bless our Honored Guests. Bless this food as we take it for our use; may it strengthen our hearts and minds that we may truly please Thee as we perform our daily tasks. Amen!

Great Architect of the Universe, source of all knowledge; we thank Thee for all the -blessings bestowed upon us. Bless this Study Group and give us the will and the courage to conquer all temptations; to practice Thy teachings and to entrust ourselves to Thy love and care. Bless this food as we take it for use; may it strengthen our bodies that we may perform our duties with Thy approval. In Thy Holy Name, we ask it all. Amen!

Infinite Spirit, who filleth immensity and eternity with Thy presence, we adore Thee as the Master and Ruler of all things. Thanks for the guardianship under which our Order has flourished. Bless these Past Masters who have contributed their time to Masonry; also their wives and families who have in turn supported them. Thanks for the good our Masonic Institutions have done. Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we may do, we desire to do all in obedience to Thy laws; and therefore, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. We pray, O Lord, that the spirit in which we shall receive this food may be such as shall sanctify it to our good. Amen!

Great Architect of the Universe, whose designs fill and constitute the Universe, permit us, O God, to so execute our designs and conduct ourselves that whatever we may do here on earth will be pleasing to Thee and to our Brethren; and when our journey ends, may we reside in that Celestial Lodge over which Thou presides. Bless this food and may its use be for Thy service. We ask it all in Thy Great and Holy Name. Amen!

Dear Heavenly Father, Watchman of all Mankind, we thank Thee for all Thy considerations; for Thy numerous blessings, for this School of Instruction, and for this fellowship with our brethren. Bless this food and sanctify it to our use. We ask it all in Thy Great and Holy Name. Amen!

O God, and Father of all Mankind, we bow with our gratitude and humbly thank Thee for all Thy blessings bestowed on us in all our undertakings. May Thy presence be with us on this occasion. Give us, we pray, Thy leadership that we may faithfully serve Thee. Bless our Past Masters for the great good they have rendered to Masonry. Bless this food, may it serve the purpose for which it is intended. In Thy Great and Holy Name, we ask it. Amen!

Almighty God, Thou who art the Giver and Creator of life with all its blessings; we thank Thee for the life Thou has given us and all the worthwhile things we have to live for, and now as we fellowship and break bread together, may we be reminded of life Eternal, over which Thou presides. In Thy Name's Sake we ask it. Amen!

Great Architect of the Universe and Father of all Mankind; give us, Thy servants, Thy protection and guidance that we may develop our plans and build our designs for the good of our fellowmen and to the honor of Thy Holy Name. Bless this food that has been prepared for our use and may we be deserving of every morsel. In Thy Holy Name we ask it. Amen!

Almighty and Everlasting God, source of every good; give us, we pray, Thy sense of goodness that our hearts may be thankful and our lives devoted to Thee. May Thy Holy Spirit so aid and guide us that in all we do, we may do to the Honor and Glory of Thy Holy Name. Bless this food; may its use help us to accomplish our daily tasks. In Thy Great and Holy Name we ask it. Amen!

Dear Heavenly Father, Supreme Rule of the World; accept our thanks for the many gifts Thou has blessed us with, and keep us faithful to Thy Holy principles. Bless those in Heaven and on Earth who are responsible for this centennial. Bless the food of which we are about to partake and may we remember it as the source of energy which enables us to do Thy will. For Thy Name's sake, we pray. Amen!

O God, Our Father, we are grateful to Thee for Thy presence; help us to turn to Thee for guidance. Thou has made us for fellowship with Thyself and with one another. Teach us to love Thee with an undivided heart and do Thy will in all things. Bless this food; may its use be for Thy cause. In Thy Holy Name we ask it. Amen!

Almighty and Everlasting God, who has created man in the image of Thyself, who has furnished him with the powers and capacities of communion with his fellowmen, shower down upon us Thy Blessings. Bless this food as we take it to strengthen our bodies. All this we ask in Thy Great and Holy Name. Amen!

Dear Heavenly Father, Master of all, and Eternal Friend of every soul, our Final Judge; mercifully guide us, Thy servants in preparing ourselves for Thy judgment. Grant us the wisdom, the strength, the courage, and the desire to avoid all irregularities and to perform our duties according to Thy will. Bless this food that it may serve all purposes for which it is intended. In Thy Name we ask it all. Amen!

O Thou Divine Architect of the Universe, whom we all love and obey, we acknowledge Thee, our trust is in Thee; and our faith is well founded. Bless, we pray, our Great Masonic Fraternity and all the true Masonic Virtues. Help us that we may not err or fail Thee, and may we be deserving of Eternal Life. Now bless this food that we may prosper to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen!

Dear Father in Heaven, Our Great Creator, who has created men with a desire to build and to worship; wilt Thou give us the strength and wisdom to so build our Temples of Life that they may be a part of that Spiritual Temple -- that house not made with hands -- eternal in the Heavens. Bless this food, may it provide the strength needed in our Spiritual Building. Amen!

Supreme Master of the Universe, Author of all things; we seek Thy blessing on the Festivities of this annual occasion. May every thought of our minds, and every emotion of our hearts be in accordance with Thy truth and love. Bless our Past Masters and may they be worthy of Thy divine favor as they continue to serve Masonry and Thee. We ask Thee to bless this food for the sake of our necessity and in the Name of Thy goodness. Amen!

Most Glorious God, Author of all good and Giver of every mercy; pour down Thy Blessing upon us and strengthen all our solemn engagements with the ties of fraternal affection. Bless our Great Fraternity, and may we so conduct ourselves that Masonry may be held in great respect and high esteem by all mankind. Bless this food, may its use help us to make ourselves worthy of Thy Divine Blessing. Amen!

O Lord, Our God, source of all wisdom and knowledge; teach us to know that every discovery of truth is a discovery of Thee, and that the more we learn of Thy laws and ways among men, the more we are brought to an understanding of Thy Divine Being, and of Thy presence Universally and Eternally. Bless this food, may it strengthen us that we may be of greater service to Thee. In the Glory of Thy Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

O God, Our Father, Thou Searcher of men's hearts; we praise Thee and thank Thee for the opportunities that Thou has given us to serve Thee, for this School and this great fellowship. Bless, we pray, this food, and may it furnish us with the power to do good for Thyself and Thy people. With glory to Thee we ask it. Amen!

Great Architect of the Universe, Thou Searcher of men's hearts; grant us the power to understand Thee, the diligence to seek Thee, the wisdom to find Thee and the faithfulness to embrace Thee. We thank Thee for this Regional School and those who have made it possible. Bless those who have taken part and may they realize the importance of these schools. We thank Thee for this food and those who have prepared it; and may we be worthy of Thy sacrifices. These things we ask in Thy Name. Amen!

Almighty and Eternal God, Our Father, source of all light and life; we pray Thee to send Thy blessings down upon this gathering. Grant that we may ever remember Thee and seek Thy wisdom and strength in all our undertakings that whatever we do may be pleasing to Thee and to the glory of Thy Name. We ask Thee to bless this food which has been prepared for us that we might better serve Thee. In Thy Name's Sake. Amen!

Great Architect of the Universe, who ruleth the day, as well as the night; we thank Thee for this beautiful day and may Thy blessings be upon those gathered here to pay our respects to our departed Friend and Brother. In Thy Name we have assembled, and in Thy Name, we desire to proceed in all our doings. Grant that the sublime principles of Freemasonry may subdue every discordant passion within us, so harmonize and enrich our hearts with Thine own love and goodness that the Lodge may at this time humbly reflect that order and beauty, which reign forever before Thy Throne. Amen!

Eternal God, Our Father, who has formed all hearts to love Thee; we pray Thy blessing upon those gathered here to dine and fellowship together before taking up our labors. Help us to work diligently with united hearts and minds that we may humbly serve Thee, our Master. Teach us the principles of doing that which is righteous and by so doing gain a greater respect of our brethren and of all mankind. Sanctify this food to our use and us to Thy Service. In Thy Name's Sake. Amen!

O Lord, Our God and Counselor; we thank Thee for guidance given to those who have passed on, as well as those present, who have made it possible for this Celebration. Give us strength and wisdom that we may carry on our duties for the benefit of this lodge, and to the approval of Thee. And now may the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen!

Almighty Father of the Universe; we thank Thee for all Thy tender mercies and for all the courtesies extended to us this evening. Bless this Study Group and may we be so inspired with Thy teachings that we may perform our duties according to Thy will. And now may the blessing of Heaven...Etc...Amen!

It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect. Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the strength which Thou hath given us, the opportunity to meet and fellowship together, to honor our Brother and to share in the activities of the evening. May we follow Thy way toward that state of perfection which Thou would have us all seek. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

50-YEAR MEMBER -- Dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the riches which Thou hast bestowed upon us; for our Great Masonic Fraternity; for our freedoms, and for the rich years this 50-Year Mason has enjoyed. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

NEWLY ADMITTED BROTHER -- O Eternal Lord, Our God, whom we love to worship, to adore and to imitate; take us, we beseech Thee, into Thy Sacred keeping and protection now and in the time to come. We thank Thee for the privileges of the evening. Bless our Honored Guests, our newly admitted Brother, our Fraternity and each of its members. May this meeting inspire us to deed of greater usefulness and with greater love for Thee. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

50-YEAR MASON -- O Thou Infinite Overseer, whose laws it is our duty to obey, and whom we are privileged to serve; may we recognize our need of Thy Spirit in our hearts, Thy guidance in our minds and Thy presence with us at all times. We thank Thee for the privilege of meeting together and to listen to our speaker's fine message. And now may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

O God, Our Father, we praise Thee and Thank Thee for the opportunity of meeting here with our brethren; this fellowship and our speaker's fine message. May we be conscious of our supreme need for Thy presence and approval in all endeavors. Help us that we may more faithfully serve Thee. And now may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

PAST MASTERS – Great Architect of the Universe, Spirit of all truth; mercifully guide Thy servants in preparing their plans for Thy Holy Temple. Grant us the wisdom to design, the strength to execute and the beauty to adorn Thy Sanctuary. We thank Thee for the privileges of the evening. Bless our speaker, this fellowship, and the Past Masters. And now may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

CENTENNIAL --Great Architect of the Universe, source of all power, Thou has made us for fellowship with Thyself and with one another. We thank Thee for the delicious and plentiful dinner, for our speaker and this fellowship. Bless all on earth and in Heaven who had a part in this Centennial Celebration, and look with favor on those who are to guide the future of this lodge. Bless the 50-Year Masons, and may they have many more years of happy and useful life. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

PAST MASTERS -- O Lord, Our God, may Thy Spirit and Thy Wisdom be with us that we act wisely by hearts and mind and that everything that we do be for the good of the Fraternity and to Thy honor and glory. We thank Thee for this generous dinner, this fellowship, and our labors. Bless these Past Masters and may they continue to serve Thee and Masonry. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

NEWLY ADMITTED BROTHER -- Dear Heavenly Father, whom we all love and obey; we Thank Thee for the evening's festivities and the privilege of laboring for the interests of Masonry. Guide us with Thy wisdom and Thy counsel that all we do may be for the common Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Bless our newly admitted Brother, and may he have much to offer Masonry; as we know Masonry has much to offer him, if he so desires. And now may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

NEWLY ADMITTED BROTHER -- Dear Heavenly Father, again in Thy presence we invoke Thy blessing upon us. With gratitude in our hearts we thank Thee for the strengthening of old and the forming of new friendships. Wilt Thou help us to prove ourselves worthy of Thee? We thank Thee for the courtesies of the evening. Bless our newly admitted Brother, and as he increases in knowledge may he have much to give Masonry as we know Masonry will have much for him. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

50-YEAR MASON -- Great Architect of the Universe and Father of every blessing. We humbly thank Thee for all Thy blessings bestowed upon us this evening; for the many courtesies and honors extended to us. May we avoid that which is evil and strive for all that is good. Bless our 50-Year Mason and may he have many years to enjoy Masonry and the beauties of life. Bless our newly Raised Brother. May he become a true and faithful brother among us, and labor for the interests of Masonry. And now, may the blessing...Etc...Amen!

NEW YEAR -- Great Architect of the Universe, we have closed the pages of our service for the year just past, and are beginning another year of service and of fellowship. We give Thee praise for our successful accomplishments, and we ask Thy continued leading and watch-care for the year ahead. May we serve Thee faithfully as we work here together, and may the friendship and love we have for each other grow and bear worthy deeds in the coming year. This we pray. Amen!

Dear Heavenly Father, our gratitude for our many countless blessings fills our hearts and makes us want to work together faithfully for the principles of our Order. We meet here to give praise to You, our Father, and to ask for help in doing our work. We know that Your blessings upon us will strengthen and bless not only us, but all who know of our work. With grateful hearts for all past blessings, we give thanks. Amen!

We give thanks today, O Great Architect of the Universe, that we may come to Thee in faith, believing that our petition will be heard and answered. We praise Thee for Thy compassion and Thy love, for Thy willingness to hear our prayers. Renew our strength as we labor together. Let us realize more fully that in unity there is power. Cover us with Thy protection and give us peace. This, we ask. Amen!

FLAG DAY -- O Great Architect of the Universe, we bow our heads at this time in gratitude for all the blessings we have received from Thee. We are an honored nation in a great company of nations. Our Flag stands for all that is noble and true in word and in deed. May we be stirred with pride as we gaze upon its beautiful colors of red, white and blue, and may our love for our Flag grow with each year of our lives. May Flag Day to us mean a closer walk with Thee and with each other. Amen!

FLAG & COUNTRY--Great Architect of the Universe, today we come honoring Thee with a pledge anew for service to God and home and native land. Our Flag of the Free is a gift of our faith. It is an answer to our prayers for a God-fearing land. Direct our lives, help us to do the right as found in Thy precepts. Grace and strength is a gift from Thee and, knowing this, we cannot be afraid. Bless and keep us, we pray. Amen!

INDEPENDENCE DAY-JULY -- Lord God of all, this is the month we give thanks for brave men and women who more than two hundred years ago were willing to give their lives to make our nation a nation of free men and women. We thank Thee for our great heritage of freedom and we pray now for freedom for all nations and all people. May our actions, our deeds, and our words show to others that a true spirit of freedom prevails only from Thy grace by unselfish service according to Thy ways. Give us grace and strength as we work for Thee and for each other. May our Flag of Freedom be in our hearts, now and forever. Amen!

O Great Architect of the Universe, we realize that to be called upon to serve in any place is an honor and a privilege. We also know that work half done is a shame that falls upon us all. Help us to give our best service to the smallest duty as well as to the larger task. With Thy help we can work and not grow weary. We pray for the strength of Thy arm to lean upon. Amen!

HARVEST -- Heavenly Father, we approach the harvest of our sowing knowing that some of the seed we have sown has not produced the benefits we had hoped for, but we pray for courage to weed out the mistakes. Show us the way to plow deeper and till the ground of service more thoroughly. We meet here as workers in a common cause trying to live daily the things we strive to teach. May our efforts result in stronger friendships and closer ties to each other. Amen!

HARVEST -- O Great Architect of the Universe, we praise Thee for the many blessings which have been given to us. Our harvest of grain throughout our nation will be more than we need. We thank Thee for the opportunity of sharing our bounty with those who have little. May the love which You have given to our people help us to show love to those who need it. And give us grace to do Thy will. Amen!

THANKSGIVING -- Our Loving Father, we thank Thee for life and health and strength, for work to do and the will to do it, for the friendships we have found in our association with each other, for the kindness and genuine goodness we recognized as we worked together. We thank Thee for all these blessings, and for each one who has become a dedicated channel for Thy love. Bless each one, we pray. Amen!

THANKSGIVING -- Great Architect of the Universe, Who knows our actions and the intentions of our heart, we come to bring humble thanks for this Thanksgiving Season. We have had a prosperous year. We have been divinely blest. Keep us close to Thee, Father, and give us a realization of our blessings. Our nation is at peace. We are the benefactor of hungry people. For all these blessings we praise Thee, our Father, Ruler of the Heavens and of the Earth. Amen!

THANKSGIVING -- O Great Architect of the Universe, with thanksgiving we approach Thy throne. Remembering the early pilgrims of our land who gave thanks for Thy protection during their first days alone in a strange land, we give thanks for their courage, their faith in safety under Thy protection and care. Give us that faith as we look into another year which will soon be here. Thy blessings we ask in all we do. Amen!

FRATERNAL BONDS -- O Great Architect of the Universe, we give thanks for each person belonging to our fraternal order who recognizes that our work is founded upon Thy everlasting word. This kinship has become a mighty force for good, reflecting Thy holiness, giving beauty and truth wherever found, and showing Thy purpose for mankind's advancement. As we serve Thee through the teachings of the Holy Word, may our own lives reflect the beauty of Thy grace. Amen!

INSTALLATION -- O Great Architect of the Universe, we come into Thy presence at this hour, asking Thy blessings upon our plans and activities during the coming year. We are looking forward to increased enthusiasm, faithfulness and loyalty to our obligations, our duties, and to each other. With Thy help we shall accomplish much for the benefit of our fraternal order and our community. We thank Thee for blessings which have been given to us in past years of our service. We ask Thy help in all we do and say, for the uplifting of faith and love in the year we are now entering. Help us to make our obligations sacred to Thee and to each member. Bring us together in a spirit of love always. Amen!

INSTALLATION -- O Great Architect of the Universe, Creator and Guardian of mankind, we ask Thy favor and Thy blessing. We have pledged ourselves to do a certain work for our organization and for Thee. In the days ahead we may lack wisdom to do this work for Thy glory. We pray for enlightenment to perform in a trustworthy way and we ask for patience and fortitude as we go about our several tasks. Help us and keep us, we pray. Amen!

JOINT INSTALLATION -- Our Heavenly Father, Creator and Ruler of our lives, we have come tonight, members and officers of our two organizations, to pledge ourselves for another year's work. We thank Thee for the opportunity given us to work together for the betterment of our membership, our community, and our great nation. We thank Thee for the meaning of our pledge, our obligations, our cooperation in work that is our part of fraternal service during the coming year. We work together in gladness, mindful of the strength that working together brings. May we each feel the responsibility of our work, and may the fact that we serve each other make us better servants for every good cause we sponsor. We ask Thy watch-care as we go forward. Amen!

JOINT INSTALLATION -- O Great Architect of the Universe, tonight we have met for a special purpose. We are here to pledge ourselves for another year's work in Thy name, and for the advancement of every fraternal enterprise our two great organizations strive to do. It is good for us to hold this joint session. It makes us mindful of the fact that by working together, we increase our strength, our faith in our work, and our happiness in our fine cooperation. We know that under Thy guidance we can find added blessings. Help us to give our best service to the things our orders teach. Together, we can lift many a load, together we can find happiness and peace. As we pledge ourselves, may we feel Thy loving presence. Amen!

FINAL MEETING OF YEAR -- Great Architect of the Universe, our refuge and our support in times of need, we bring our year's work to a close and ask Thy blessings on the things we have tried to do. We ask that we be given another chance to finish that which we have left undone. May the coming year reflect our humility of spirit and loving service, that must be found in all acceptable work. Give us grace and strength. Give us courage to face the future with a grateful heart and a willing mind. Enfold us in Thy love, cover us with Thy protecting care. Amen!

FLAG AND NATION -- Heavenly Father, today we honor the Flag of our beloved land. We bow in prayer to thank You for its meaning, its beauty, its inspiration to us, a free people. Its blue field of honor reminds us that we give to You honor and praise in everything we do. Its bright stars mean loyalty to our land and to You, the Guardian and Protector of our great nation. You have given to us the ability and the desire to live honorably and to loyally serve our unfortunate brothers. Our Flag's white bars of purity and the red of her blood, give us courage and faith. Bless our beloved Flag and keep our country safe, forever, we pray. Amen!

SORROW-BEREAVEMENT -- Dear Father, Giver of all good gifts, Healer of broken hearts, we ask Thy comforting love now, when we have come to pay a last tribute to a beloved one. Give us the consolation to know that death is not the end, but that after the Spirit has discarded the garment used on earth, the glorified robes of eternity will be given to our beloved and that we, too, shall wear such garments when we have laid down this mortal body. Give us a hope and an assurance that we shall meet where there is no parting; no sickness; and no sorrow. Bless us, keep us, and Thine be the glory forever. Amen!

Great Architect of the Universe, Father of us all, bring into this room, now, the realization of our many blessings. May we recognize that what we have done has been to promote fellowship and a better understanding of people and places. Bless our efforts to serve; forgive anything we have failed to do. And be our shield and our strength, we pray. Amen.!