

ON THE SQUARE

A simple ceremony to honor Masons.

Props: 4 Brick shaped bouquets of flowers
blue satin ribbon long enough to reach from one corner of square to next.
(4 lengths/square should be 24 inches on each side)

Officers needed: W.A.

Soloist/choir (optional)
8 Girls (or 4 if each wants to do 2 parts)

W.A.: One of our happiest duties and privileges is saying a few words of welcome to members of the Masonic Fraternity when they visit us in our Assembly. Of all the groups associated with the Order, this is the most significant to us..for we enjoy our heritage through you. We know that the Square and the Compass have a deep significance to each of you. When you look at your square, however, it is not the one we are used to seeing, with four corners and four sides. But perhaps, our sort of square has a meaning for you, too. So through our own square, we will honor you tonight.

(Have a soloist/choir sing a song, if desired. After song is finished, two girls enter thru the southwest door and march due east. One girl carries a corner stone of flowers, the other holds a length of blue ribbon.)

1st Girl: Everything of worth is built upon a good foundation. Every foundation has created, originates first in thought, I will say..."In thought-we have truth." its corner stone. Ours tonight will be a little different, having four cornerstones. I will place the first one. As all foundations or anything

2nd Girl: I am that which goes forward into the future, when thoughts are pure and strong. In fidelity, I will do my share to create a perfect square. *(She steps forward 2 steps and attaches her length of ribbon and steps to side.)* *(Second couple enters in same manner.)*

3rd Girl: The second corner stone will represent our word. So, let our words be wisdom. This will strengthen and add value to our foundation. 3rd

4th Girl: And I go forward from wisdom, in understanding and unity. So, we will firmly build together. *(Steps forward, attaches ribbon)* *(Third couple marches forward in like manner and third cornerstone is laid)*

5th Girl: For a perfect foundation upon which to build our future, we must have more than thoughts and words. We must have deeds and these must be deeds of courage.

6th Girl: I am the promise of the future for I go forward from courage. In forgetfulness of self, we will earn victory and have a joyous triumph, as last. *(Steps forward, attaches ribbon)*

7th Girl: This fourth cornerstone must represent our life --- and stands for service. In obedience and enthusiasm our service will multiply all good.

8th Girl: From service, I go forward in love. We unite, always faithful, living, building and smiling together always "on the square". *(Attaches her ribbon to the first cornerstone and the square is complete.)*

All eight Girls remain standing at their corners while soloist/choir sings to the tune "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" the words:

**On the square we honor you tonight,
Everywhere you serve in ways so right,
For you are on the square, and now to our delight,
We sing a love song to each one tonight.**

**Come again, you add both joy and light,
Come again and add to our delight.
Because you're on the square, our meeting is more bright.
And we sing love songs to each one tonight.**

Retiring march, if desired.

If performed at a Masonic function, we usually exemplify the Charity lecture, so the Masons can see a part of the real Rainbow Ritual.

Also, if desired, a presentation of small flowers may be made to all Masons or a token to the Master from the Assembly.

NOTE: *Prior to starting the ceremony, we have the presiding officer explain about Rainbow, its history, a little about the Assembly and Colorado Rainbow. This gives an overview to the Masons, many of whom are unfamiliar with Rainbow.*