
C H A R G E S.

A CHARGE by the Most Worshipful GRAND MASTER VITRUVIUS.*

A MASON ought to have a soul great and bold, without arrogance, equitable, and faithful ; and, what is very important, entirely free from avarice. For it is utterly impossible ever to do any thing well, or to attain any excellence, without FIDELITY and HONOR. He ought, therefore, to be disinterested ; and to have less in view the acquiring riches, than honor and respectability to the Craft and himself. Never let him act unworthy his *honorable profession*.

This is what true wisdom prescribes. †

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* This celebrated and accomplished Roman, Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, flourished in the time of Augustus, about twenty years before the birth of Christ.

† Not having the original Latin, we are obliged to quote the Italian translation of the learned D. Barbaro, printed at Venice in 1584. “ La filosofia fa l'architetto d'animo grande, senza arroganza, piacevole, giusto, et fedele ; non avaro, ilche è cosa grandissima : La dove senza fede, et castità niuna cosa veramente si puo fare. La filosofia altra di questo non lascia entrare la cupidità, nè permette che l'animo sia occupato in ricever doni, ma fa che con gravità si difenda la propria dignità, et se ne riporti buon nome.” Page 47.

A CHARGE at the OPENING of a LODGE.

[ALTERED from PRESTON.]

THE ways of Science are beautiful. Knowledge is attained by degrees. Wisdom dwells with contemplation. There are we to seek her. Though the passage be difficult, the farther we proceed the easier it will become.

If we are united, our Society must flourish. Let all things give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in the grand design, let us be happy in ourselves, and endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others. Let us promote the useful arts ; and by them mark our superiority and distinction. Let us cultivate the moral virtues ; and improve in all that is good and amiable. Let the genius of Masonry preside over our conduct ; and under its sovereign sway let us act with becoming dignity. Let our recreations be innocent, and pursued with moderation. Never let us expose our character to derision. Thus shall we act in conformity to our precepts, and support the name we have always borne of being a respectable, a regular, and an uniform society.

A CHARGE at the CLOSING of a LODGE.

[ORIGINAL.]

BRETHREN,

YOU are now to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments,

employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember, that around this altar you have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother, who shall need your assistance. Remember, that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation. Vindicate his character, when wrongfully traduced. Suggest in his behalf the most candid and favorable circumstances. Is he justly reprehended?—let the world observe how Masons love one another.

These generous principles are to extend farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. “Do good unto all.” Recommend it more “especially to the household of the FAITHFUL.”

By diligence in the duties of your respective callings, by liberal benevolence and diffusive charity, by constancy and fidelity in your friendships, discover the beneficial and happy effects of this ancient and honorable institution.

Let it not be supposed that you have here “LABORED in vain, and spent your STRENGTH for nought; for your WORK is with the LORD, and your RECOMPENSE with your GOD.”

“Finally, Brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and to bless you!”

A CHARGE at INITIATION into the FIRST DEGREE.

[ABRIDGED from PRESTON.]

BROTHER,

I CONGRATULATE you on being accepted into our ancient and honorable Order. *Ancient*, as having subsisted from time immemorial ; and *honorable*, as tending to render all men so, who will conform to its precepts.

As a Gentleman and a Mason, you are bound to be a strict observer of the moral law, and to regulate your life and actions by its precepts.

In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject. You are never to countenance disloyalty or rebellion ; but yield yourself, and encourage in others, a cheerful conformity to the Government, under which you live.

You are to be particularly careful, in your intercourse with the world, to avoid all censure and reproach.

Let not interest, favor, or prejudice, bias your integrity, or influence you to be guilty of a dishonorable action ; but let your whole conduct be regular and uniform, and suitable to the dignity of this laudable profession.

Be eminent, for the practice of benevolence and charity ; those distinguishing characteristics of this venerable institution.

Study the principles, and be distinguished in the virtues of the Craft.

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A punctual attendance on our assemblies is required. Your improvement and your happiness will be promoted by it. Yet Masonry is not meant to interfere with your necessary vocations ; for these are on no account to be neglected. At your leisure hours, it is expected that you will apply to well informed Brethren, who will be always as ready to give, as you will be to receive, instruction.

If ever, in the circle of your acquaintance, you may find one desirous of being accepted among Masons, you are to be particularly attentive not to recommend him, unless you are convinced he will conform to our rules ; that the honor, glory, and reputation of our institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its benign influence.

Brother, We again bid you welcome to all the pleasures of this affectionate and happy Fraternity.

*The ANCIENT CHARGE to a NEW admitted MASON.**

BROTHER,

YOU are now admitted, by the unanimous consent of our Lodge, a Fellow of our most ancient and honorable Society ; ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial ; and honorable, as tending, in every particular, to render a man so who will be but conformable to its glorious precepts : The greatest and most celebrated characters, in all ages and countries,

* This very old Charge is retained with only one or two verbal alterations. It is in general use in all the Lodges ; and is familiar to every Brother. To alter, would be to weaken its effect.

tries, have been encouragers of the royal art ; and many of them have presided as *Grand Masters* over Masons ; not thinking it any lessening to their dignities, to level themselves with their Brethren in Masonry, and to act as they did.

The World's Great Architect is our Supreme Master ; and the unerring rule he has given us, is that by which we work ; religious disputes are never suffered within the Lodge, for as Masons we only pursue that universal religion, which unites the most different principles in one sacred band, and brings together those who were the most distant from one another.

There are three general heads of duty which Masons ought always to inculcate, viz. to God, our neighbor, and ourselves : To God, in never mentioning his *name* but with that reverential awe which a creature ought to bear to his *Creator*, and to look upon him always as the *Summum Bonum* which we came into the world to enjoy, and according to that view to regulate all our pursuits : To our neighbors, in acting upon the square, or doing as we would be done by : To ourselves, in avoiding all intemperance and excesses, whereby we may be rendered incapable of following our work, or led into behavior unbecoming our laudable profession, and always keeping within due bounds ; and free from all pollution.

In the state, a Mason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful subject, conforming cheerfully to the government under which he lives.

He is to pay a due deference to his superiors ; and from his inferiors he is rather to receive honor with some reluctance, than to extort it : He is to be a man of benevolence and charity,

ty, not sitting down contented, while his fellow creatures, but much more his Brethren, are in want, when it is in his power, without prejudicing himself or family, to relieve them.

In the Lodge, he is to behave with all due decorum, lest the beauty and harmony thereof should be disturbed or broken : He is to be obedient to the Master and the presiding officers, and to apply himself closely to the business of Masonry, that he may the sooner become a proficient therein, both for his own credit and for that of the Lodge.

He is not to neglect his own necessary avocations for the sake of Masonry, nor to involve himself in quarrels with those who, through ignorance, may speak evil of, or ridicule, it.

He is to be a lover of the arts and sciences, and is to take all opportunities to improve himself therein.

If he recommends a friend to be made a Mason, he must vouch him to be such as he really believes will conform to the aforesaid duties, lest, by his misconduct at any time, the Lodge should pass under some evil imputations.

Nothing can prove more shocking to all faithful Masons, than to see any of their Brethren profane, or break through the sacred rules of their order ; and such as can do it, they wish had never been admitted.

A CHARGE at INITIATION into the SEÇOND DEGREE.

[PRESTON.]

BROTHER,

BEING now advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment.

Your past behavior and regular deportment has merited the additional honor which we have now conferred ; and, in this new character, it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of Masonry, but steadily persevere in the practice of every commendable virtue.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behavior in our regular assemblies ; to preserve the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity sacred and inviolable ; and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

Our laws and regulations you are to support and maintain ; and be ever ready to assist in seeing them duly executed. You are to judge with candor, to admonish with friendship, and to reprehend with justice.

In our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are agreeable to the tenets of Masonry. By the exertion of this privilege, you may improve your rational and intellectual powers ; qualify yourself
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to become an useful member of society ; and endeavor to excel in every thing that is good and great.

*Every regular sign or summons, given and received, you are duly to honor, and punctually to obey. You are cheerfully to relieve the necessities of your Brethren. On no account are you to injure a Brother, or to see him injured ; but you are to apprise him of all approaching dangers, and consider his interest as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your present engagements ; and to these duties you are now bound by the most sacred ties.

A CHARGE at INITIATION into the THIRD DEGREE.

[PRESTON.]

BROTHER,

YOUR zeal for our institution, the progress you have made, and your steadfast conformity to our useful regulations, have pointed you out as a proper object for this peculiar mark of our favor.

Duty, honor, and gratitude, now bind you to be faithful to every trust ; to support the dignity of your character on all occasions. Exemplary conduct on your part will convince the world, that merit is the just title to our privileges, and that on you our favors are not undeservedly bestowed.

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* This and the following paragraph are to be omitted, if previously used in the course of the ceremony.

To preserve unfulfilled the reputation of the Fraternity, ought to be your constant care ; and therefore it becomes your province to caution the inexperienced. To your inferiors, you are to recommend obedience and submission ; to your equals, courtesy and affability ; to your superiors, kindness and condescension. Universal benevolence, you are zealously to inculcate ; and, by the regularity of your own conduct, to remove every aspersion against this venerable institution. Our ancient landmarks, you are carefully to preserve ; and not suffer, on any pretence, a deviation from our established usages and customs.

Your virtue, honor, and reputation, are concerned, in supporting, with dignity, the character you now bear. Be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have this evening represented. Thus you will render yourself deserving of the honor which we have conferred, and worthy of the confidence that we have reposed.

CHARGE to a MASTER, at his INSTALLATION.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

YOU have been of too long standing, and are too good a member of our community, now to require any information in the duty of your office. What you have seen praiseworthy in others, we doubt not but you will imitate ; and what you have seen defective, you will in yourself amend.

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We have therefore the greatest reason to expect that you will be constant and regular in your attendance on the Lodge, faithful and diligent in the discharge of your duty : And that you will make the honor of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and the good of the Craft, chief objects of your regard.

While we are confident that you will pay punctual attention to the laws and regulations of this Society, as more particularly becoming your present station, we trust that you will at the same time require a due obedience to all of them, from every member, well knowing that without this the best laws are useless.

For a pattern of imitation, consider the great luminary of nature, which, rising in the *east*, regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its circle. In like manner it is your province to spread and communicate light and instruction to the Brethren of the Lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Masonry : Seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practise *out* of the Lodge, those duties which they have been taught *in* it ; and, by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of the institution. So that when any one is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burthened heart may pour out its sorrows ; to whom distress may prefer its suit ; whom bigotry has never prevented from being the friend of virtuous men of all professions ; whose hand is guided by justice, and heart expanded by benevolence ; who listens to the admonitions of temperance, and the modest voice of humility : In a word,

word, one whose life demonstrates his love of God, and regard for men. Tell them that whatever eloquence they may exert in speaking of the excellence of their Order, it is their example only which can recommend and do service to it.*

From the knowledge, Right Worshipful, we already have of your zeal and abilities, we rest assured that you will discharge the duties of your important station, in such a manner as will greatly redound to the honor of yourself, as well as of those members over whom you are elected to preside..

CHARGE *to a* GRAND MASTER, *at his* INSTALLATION.

[Rev. and R. W. WILLIAM WALTER, D. D. of BOSTON.]

LET me congratulate you, Most Worshipful, on the honor of being raised from the level of equality, to the high station of presiding over all the Lodges of this state and jurisdiction. May the Father of Lights invest you with his choicest gifts—may heavenly wisdom illuminate your mind—may heavenly power give strength to your exertions—may heavenly goodness fill and enlarge your breast—may your feet rest upon the rock of justice—from your hands, may streams of beneficence continually issue : And round your head may there bend a circle made splendid by the rays of honor : And late, very late in life, may you be transmitted from the fading honors of an earthly Lodge, to the mansions prepared for the faithful in a better world.

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Let me congratulate you, Right Worshipful Grand Officers and other Brethren, on the election of our venerable Grand Master—as it is *his*, agreeably to the rules of our institution, to command, so it is *ours* with readiness to obey. Look to the Sun, and behold worlds revolving around him, in continual order, with the happiest effect, and learn to imitate their regularity, in hope of obtaining from the chair of Solomon the light of wisdom and the warmth of love.

Let us learn to rise in our affection to the Great Father of all, and thence descending, expand the heart from Brother to Brother, and to all mankind—of them let us learn never to be weary in the ways of well doing, but to “mourn with them that mourn, and to rejoice with them that do rejoice,” until, having finished our work on earth, we shall be admitted to the temple above, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

THE GRAND MASTER'S CHARGE,

To the MASTER, OFFICERS, MEMBERS, and BRETHREN of
a NEWLY CONSTITUTED LODGE.

[From the ARCHIVES of the GRAND LODGE of MASSACHUSETTS.]

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL,

AS you have been installed Master of this Lodge, it is incumbent on you diligently to study, and carefully to perform, the great duties now devolved upon you. Upon every proper occasion, inquire into the knowlege of your fellows,
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and provide them daily employment, that the art they profess may neither be neglected nor forgotten.

You must avoid partiality ; giving praise where it is due, and employing those in the most honorable part of the building, who have made the greatest advancement, for the encouragement of the art. You must preserve union ; and judge in all causes amicably and mildly ; preferring peace.

That the society may prosper, you must preserve the dignity of your office ; requiring submission from the perverse and refractory.

To the best of your power attend upon your Lodge : That you may see how your work flourishes, and your instructions are observed. Take care that neither your words nor your actions render your authority less regarded : But that your prudent and careful behavior may give an example of goodness and wisdom, and a sanction to your authority. And, as brotherly love is the soul of our society, so cherish and encourage it, that the Brethren may cheerfully obey when you command.

And the OFFICERS of this worshipful Lodge must assist the Master in the discharge and execution of his trust : Diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all the fellows under their care ; keeping the Brethren in just order ; that nothing may disturb the peace or obstruct the harmony of the Lodge. And, that these may be the better preserved, you must carefully inquire into the character of all candidates for this society, and recommend no one to the Master who, in your opinion, is unworthy of the privileges of Free Masonry : Rejecting those who would dishonor our cause, and disturb our peace.

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Encourage the Brethren to work cheerily ; giving them refreshment in their fatigue, and reward for their merit ; that none, when dismissed, may go away dissatisfied.

And the MEMBERS and BRETHREN of this worshipful Lodge, should learn to follow the advice and instructions of their officers ; submitting readily to their decisions, and laying aside all resentments and prejudices against each other. Let your chief care be the advancement of the Society of which you have the honor to be members. Let there be a modest and friendly emulation amongst you in doing good to each other. Let complacency and benevolence distinguish all your communications ; that we may be BRETHREN, not only in name, but in the full import and extent of so endearing an appellation.

Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, in which we greatly rejoice, so may it continue. Then the genuine principles of Free Masonry will be cultivated and supported, and your Lodge will flourish and be truly respectable : You will bring credit to the Craft, and do good to mankind. With this pleasing prospect, I rest assured of your steady perseverance ; and conclude with wishing you, my Brethren, joy in your Master, Wardens, and other Officers, and in your establishment and union.

A CHARGE *at* CONSTITUTING.

Which, with occasional Abridgments, may be used, at the
VISITATION of LODGES.

[By the M. W. JOSIAH BARTLETT, Esq.]

THE attainment of happiness, in some form or other, has been the constant pursuit of Man. But while wealth, honor, and pleasure, have been prevailing objects of attention, the Philanthropist has employed his talents, in various means, to sweeten the bitter cup of adversity, and extend the blessings of Friendship and universal Charity.

Among these, the Institution of FREE MASONRY sustains a distinguished rank ; and although we cannot, on this occasion, delineate its origin or history, we are well assured that its principles and influence have existed from the earliest ages, continued in different nations, and been diffused in a degree proportionate to the rise and progress of Learning, Arts, Freedom and Religion. Nor have the beneficial effects of its doctrines and precepts been wrapt in the veil of secrecy ; for we might look back to the times of the Patriarchs and Prophets, and find the names of those who were justly venerated for their Wisdom, Prudence and Liberality ; and in every generation, from the days of Solomon to the present period, we might trace the Virtue, Benevolence, and Patriotism of those who have strenuously advocated the interests of this ancient Fraternity.

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It is by a frequent recurrence to the nature and design of our Society, that we are enabled to illustrate its usefulness ; and at this time it is peculiarly proper to consider the general method of preserving inviolate, and transmitting to posterity, its important privileges.

The qualifications of *Candidates for Initiation*, first claim our attention ; and is a subject in which the honor and happiness of the Craft are so deeply interested, that it is the indispensable duty of every good Mason to consider it. Natural Benevolence, Industry, Temperance and Economy, are the characteristic marks of an honest mind ; and, if united, will lead to usefulness and public influence. But when, from personal motives, or merely to benefit the funds of the Lodge, we admit a person of a doubtful character, we not only violate our trust, but defeat our own purposes ; for, says an illustrious Grand Master of old, “ *In the house of the righteous is much treasure ; but in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.* ”

The next object of consequence, is the appropriation of a suitable time for the instruction of ENTERED APPRENTICES and FELLOW CRAFTS. It frequently happens, and for reasons which at the time may appear plausible, that the Brethren are admitted MASTER MASONS, in a manner injurious to themselves, and derogatory to the Lodge ; for, having suddenly attained this privilege, they have fewer inducements for improvement, and are seldom qualified to dignify the important offices.

A punctual attendance at the stated meetings, when our necessary avocations will allow, is essential to the prosperity of the Lodge, and conducive to our own improvement. It dis-

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covers a respect for the institution ; and, by detaching us from ordinary pursuits, enlivens our fraternal union, reminds us of our engagements to each other, and cherishes those friendly sentiments, which are the strength and ornament of our profession.

In a country like this, where every member of the community is versed in the rights of society, and taught from the cradle, that distinctions and preferment are the reward of merit only, it is scarcely proper to mention *the necessity of prudence and circumspection in the choice of OFFICERS*. Those who are honored with the suffrages of the Brethren, should always remember that their dignity consists in an entire conformity to the laws and regulations under which they are appointed ; and the Members should consider, on their part, that a due submission to the constitutional commands of those who are appointed to govern, is but a just compliment to themselves.

A regular intercourse with the GRAND LODGE, either by the Master and Wardens, or a discreet and well instructed Representative, is of the highest consequence ; for it promotes that harmony which is the cement of our Society ; and is the easiest way of communicating with those, who are alike prepared to sympathize in all our sorrows, and participate in all our joys.

By a *frequent and attentive perusal of the BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS*, and other publications of a similar nature, we shall be acquainted with the duties of our calling, and may be qualified, not only to preserve the ancient *land marks* of our Fathers, but to sustain and honor the most exalted offices among the Brethren.

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The flourishing state of Masonry in our own country, has contributed to enlarge the boundaries of social happiness ; and a general knowledge of its principles and ceremonies through this jurisdiction, has, with the enjoyment of civil and religious freedom, extended the blessings of *Philanthropy* among every class of our fellow citizens.

We now, *my beloved Brethren*, congratulate you, on the establishment and prosperous situation of this respectable Lodge, solemnly constituted for the promotion of Morality and Virtue ; and we offer our fervent wishes for your personal and public felicity. By a careful observance of the precepts which have been repeated, you may eradicate any prejudices from the minds of those who are candid and well informed ; and will discover that, although you possess secrets for your immediate benefit, your benevolence and good wishes are imparted to the great family of Man.

And, while the *Fair and most amiable part of the creation*, are not admitted to the Lodge, let your constant endeavors to *respect, defend*, and render them happy, remove every suspicion of a want of confidence ; and convince them, that their importance is not diminished, by that universal custom, which prevents their connection with this, and many other societies, whose laws and regulations are not adapted to their dispositions and habits.

Long may you enjoy every satisfaction and delight, which disinterested Friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as Men and as Masons. Within your peaceful walls, may your children's children celebrate with gratitude the transactions of this au-
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spicious solemnity. And may future generations, animated by the recollection of your exertions, transmit a benediction to their successors, like this ancient and expressive language, "GOD ALMIGHTY *bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee ; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger ; and thou shalt spread abroad to the West and to the East, to the North and to the South : And in thee, and in thy seed, shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*"

A D D R E S S E S.

TO BE ADDED TO THE USUAL CHARGES.

An ADDRESS to a GRAND MASTER, at his INSTAL- *LATION.*

[By Brother C—, Master of Union Lodge in Exeter, Greatbritain.]

I AM desired, Most Worshipful, to instal you into your high office, as Grand Master of Masons.

Give me leave to seat you in this CHAIR, and to invest you with this BADGE of your office. This will silently admonish you always to do justice to the cause of Masonry ; to consult, as the exalted rank you now hold demands of you, its real interests. It will instruct you to infuse into the many Lodges, of which you are now the head, the true spirit of our Order. It will direct you to make wise regulations for the good government of the Fraternity ; to give due commendation to the worthy members of it ; and to rebuke those who act contrary to its laws.

I next deliver this EMBLEM OF THAT POWER with which you are now invested. Always make use of it for the good of our benevolent institution.

To you are committed, also, those SACRED WRITINGS in which are to be found the sublime parts of our ancient mystery. In them are, likewise, most strongly inculcated the so-
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cial and moral duties, without which no man can be a Mason. You will direct your Lodges to read, to study, and obey them.

Receive *these* TOOLS of OPERATIVE MASONRY, which are to each of us the most expressive symbols. These will assist you, Most Worshipful, to reduce all rude matter into proper form ; to bring to due subjection irregular passions, and to circumscribe them by harmony, order, and duty.

And lastly, I present to you the BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, in which are contained the *rules* and *orders* made for the good government of the Society ; and the *Charges*, which shew its nature, its wisdom, and its utility. With this book, Most Worshipful, you will direct your Lodges to make themselves well acquainted—a work, in all its parts, worthy the attention of men the most enlightened and judicious.

You are now, Most Worshipful, at the head of an Order which is calculated to unite men by true friendship ; to extend benevolence, and to promote virtue. And, give me leave to say, that the honor with which you are invested is not unworthy of a man of the highest rank, or most distinguished abilities. Permit me, also, to remind you, that your faithful attention to the duties of your office, and acceptable discharge of them, will render you of great benefit to one of the most liberal institutions upon earth.

May you do honor to your exalted station ; and long enjoy the highest respect and best wishes of all the Fraternity !

*An ADDRESS of the GRAND MASTER on VISITING a
LODGE.*

[By the M. W. MOSES MICHAEL HAYES, Esq.* From the ARCHIVES of the
GRAND LODGE.]

BRETHREN,

IT is the duty of the Grand Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge annually to inspect and visit the Lodges under their jurisdiction, either by themselves or proxies. And the present interview has alike contributed to our satisfaction and to your honor.

We are much gratified in perceiving the harmony and decorum of the Lodge. Continue to maintain them, and you will reflect great honor on yourselves and on the Society.

We are pleased to find your *records* so perfect ; and that they display such proofs of zeal in the great objects of our institution.

Permit me, my dear Brethren, (that Masonry may not suffer from the imprudent, unfaithful and unworthy) most seriously to recommend to you great caution and care in the choice of the persons whom you address with the affectionate appellation of *Brother*.

WORSHIPFUL

* An opulent and learned Jew ; possessed of the most intimate and extensive acquaintance with the mysteries of Free Masonry, in all its exalted grades.

For several years he was at the head of the *Master's Lodge* in Boston ; and, from 5788 to 5792, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons in the state of Massachusetts.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER *and* WARDENS,

We leave this Lodge to your care and patronage ; and do not doubt that, under your protection and instruction, it will improve until it become perfect, and shine at last with the brightness of the highest heavens.

In conformity to our Constitution and Regulations, you will remember to direct your Secretary that he transcribe from your book an exact list of the names of your Officers and Members, as also the names of those you have initiated in the course of the year : And, when it is completed, you will transmit it to the Grand Lodge at their next Quarterly Communication, that the same may be registered.

We take our leave of you, assuring you of our best wishes for the prosperity of your Lodge.

ADDRESS *at* INITIATION *of* a CLERGYMAN.

[TREWMAN.]

YOU, Brother, are a preacher of that religion, which inculcates universal benevolence and unbounded charity. You must, therefore, be fond of the order, and zealous for the interests of FREE MASONRY, which, in the strongest manner, inculcates the same charity and benevolence, and which, like that religion, encourages every moral and social virtue ; which introduces peace and good will among mankind. So that whoever is warmed with the spirit of Christianity, must esteem, must love FREE MASONRY.

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Here virtue, the grand object in view, luminous as the meridian sun, shines refulgent on the mind ; enlivens the heart, and warms with sympathy and affection.

Though every man, who carefully listens to the dictates of reason, may arrive at a clear persuasion of the beauty and necessity of virtue, both private and public, yet it is a full recommendation of a society, to have these pursuits continually in view, as the sole objects of their association : And these are the laudable bonds which unite us in one indissoluble Fraternity.

ADDRESS *at* INITIATION *of a* FOREIGNER.

[TREWMAN.]

YOU, Brother, the native and subject of another nation, by entering into our Order, have connected yourself, by sacred and affectionate ties, with thousands of Masons in this and other countries. Ever recollect that the Order you have entered into, bids you always to look upon the world as ONE GREAT REPUBLIC, of which every nation is a family, and every particular person a child. When, therefore, you return and settle in your own country, take care that the progress of friendship be not confined to the narrow circle of national connections, or particular religions ; but let it be *universal*, and extend to every branch of the human race. At the same time remember that, besides the common ties of humanity, you have at this time entered into obligations, which engage you to kind and friendly actions to your Brother Masons, of whatever station, country, or religion.

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ADDRESS *at* INITIATION *of a* SOLDIER,

OUR institution breathes a spirit of general philanthropy. Its benefits, considered in a social view, are extensive. It unites all mankind. It in every nation opens an asylum to virtue in distress, and grants hospitality to the necessitous and unfortunate. The sublime principles of universal goodness, and love to all mankind, which are essential to it, cannot be lost in national distinctions, prejudices, and animosities. The rage of contest it has abated, and substituted in its stead the milder emotions of humanity. It has even taught the pride of victory to give way to the dictates of an honorable connection.

Should your country demand your services in foreign wars, and captivity should be your portion, may you find affectionate Brethren where others would only find enemies.

In whatever nation you travel, when you meet a Mason, you will find a Brother and a friend, who will do all in his power to serve you ; and who will relieve you, should you be poor or in distress, to the utmost of his ability, and with ready cheerfulness.

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P R A Y E R S.

The ANCIENT PRAYER, *at* MAKING *or* OPENING.

MOST holy and glorious **LORD GOD**, the great Architect of the Universe ; the giver of all good gifts and graces : Thou hast promised, that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt be in the midst of them. In thy name we assemble, most humbly beseeching thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve thee aright, and that all our actions may tend to thy glory, and to our advancement in knowledge and virtue.

And we beseech thee, **O LORD GOD**, to bless this our present assembling ; and grant that this our new Brother may prove true and faithful. Endue him with a competency of thy divine wisdom, that he may, with the secrets of Free Masonry, be able to unfold the mysteries of godliness. And may he and we walk in the light of thy countenance ; and when the trials of our probationary state are over, be admitted into the Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens !—**AMEN.**

PRAYER

PRAYER *at the* MAKING *of a* MASON.

THOU Supreme ! Author of peace and lover of concord—
 blest us in the exercise of those kind and social affections thou
 hast given us. May we cherish and display them as our hon-
 or and our joy. May this our friend, who is now to become
 our Brother, devote his life to thy service, and consider aright
 the true principles of his engagements. May he be endow-
 ed with Wisdom to direct him in all his ways ; Strength to
 support him in all his difficulties ; and Beauty to adorn his
 moral conduct. And may we jointly and individually walk
 within compass, and square our actions by the dictates of
 conscience and virtue, and the example of the wise and good.
 —AMEN.

A N O T H E R.

O GOD, the author of every good and perfect gift ; we,
 thy servants, approach thy Divine Majesty with the most ex-
 alted ideas of thy character, and the highest reverence for thy
 perfections ; with gratitude for thy goodness, and submission
 to thine authority.

We beseech thee to bless us : Give our Brother the spirit of
 wisdom to avoid the evil and choose the good ; the spirit of
 meekness and forbearance, of brotherly love and charity : And
 grant that we may not abuse our freedom ; but in all our
 thoughts, words, and actions, so live within the compass of
 thy commands, as to secure thy love.—AMEN.

ANOTHER.

A N O T H E R.

Composed for the Use of the MORNING STAR LODGE.

[ORIGINAL.]

GREAT Architect in Heaven! Maker and Ruler of Worlds unnumbered! deign, from thy Celestial Temple, to look down on us, the work of thine hands. As we are now about to enlighten a fellow mortal in Masonry, wilt thou enlighten us in the knowledge of divine Truths. Enable us to live within the compass of thy Commands, and to square our actions to thy divine will; and bless us, even us, Father Almighty! Thou hast planted reason in the human heart; may it expand, until it reaches the footstool of thy throne; and when our spirits shall be called to part from this Lodge of Clay, may they be permitted to join the all perfect Lodge in Heaven, there to receive never ending refreshment, in the regions of bliss and immortality.

AMEN!—So mote it be!—AMEN!

A N O T H E R.

[ORIGINAL.]

GRAND Architect! Behold us aspiring towards thee. Thy works fill us with rapture. Heaven's gates stand open to welcome thy sons to glory!

Behold

Behold our friend, and soon to be our Brother ! entering upon the threshold, which is before this apartment in thy works. May love burst the silence around him, and salute him welcome at the first step. May joy triumph in his heart, and friendship guide him as he ascends. May his countenance be cheered by the light, and confidence increase as he passes on. May he behold the emblems of his labor, and his heart reply in ready obedience. May the cheerfulness inspired by the dawning light, attend him through the day : And when a long day is complete, may he find his lot with the faithful, in the immortal glory of the Temple, which is pure with the light of God, and eternal in the Heavens !

ANOTHER. *Drawn from the EMBLEMS of LIGHT.*

[ORIGINAL.]

O THOU, whose Temple we are ! On the mountain of thy truth, let our sublime edifice display its glory. Let the eye of the Master meet the Son of Light as he enters. Let the greater lights, by the help of the less, illuminate the whole scene of his duty and of his pleasure. Behold us with thy brightness, at this hour, leading a young son into thy Temple. Like the Temple, let him be beautiful without, and all glorious within. Let his soul be capacious as thy truth, and his affections pure as the serene heavens, when the silent Moon gives her light. Let him obey as the Sun, who labors until perfect day, with increasing strength ; and let all the purposes of his heart be as the Stars which tell of worlds unknown,

unknown, and are notices of boundless benevolence. Let him move like the heavenly orbs in harmony ; and should he stretch across the Universe, may he disturb no soul in his course. Within this Temple may he be sacred as the altar, sweet as the incense, and pure as the most holy place. Among thy ministering servants, may he be ready as an angel of God, and faithful as a beloved Son. And when his service is finished, may his memory be celebrated by love, on the durable monuments of eternity ; and his reward, in the silent solemn joy of Heaven, be sure from the hand of God, the Grand Master of us all.

A GENERAL PRAYER, in a LODGE.

[ORIGINAL.]

GREAT Architect ! in whose work all life is employed. The whole is harmony in thee, each part has its place, and all is perfect.

Behold us, who form this apartment in thy works, small indeed in itself, but vast enough for our full employment. From hence we behold thy magnificent displays of power and wisdom, and here we enjoy thy goodness. Regard our work, begun in thy presence, and by thy laws. On the equal base of truth let our building stand ! May its entrance be illuminated with hope, and may great and good actions give it glory ! With our master may our labor be sweet, and our reward sure. May

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the skilful inspire a laudable ambition, and each soul be filled with light.

When we extend our hands to a friend, and introduce him to our joys, let truth guide our lips, and love dwell in our hearts. May we add merit to our friendship, and a sincere heart to our pleasures. May the entrance be a sweet recollection to him. May each visit improve his hopes and enlarge his virtues. May our virtues shine together with brighter light, and the everlasting glory of God be upon us.—AMEN !

ANOTHER. *From the EMBLEMS of a GARDEN.*

[ORIGINAL.]

O THOU who art every where present, but art known only to those who love thee ! to whom nation or kindred are not the first ties ; for he that loveth dwelleth in God, and God in him. Mankind have felt after thee, every where ! They who love thee, have found thee ! To establish our highest virtue, we enter here. May living streams give us fertility, that our green leaves may smile and be flourishing. In this garden may we sit under the shadow of our beloved, and find his fruit sweet to our taste. May they who are set for strength and beauty, be upright, and flourish as the palm, while they who minister are an hedge about us on every side. May our store be plentiful, that every Brother may come and partake of its refreshment. May our fruit be chosen, that wise men may search it out. In ample growth, may we spread with comeliness. In blessed order, well arranged,
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may we be as the trees of God, full of fruit. May we continue fair and flourishing. Under our branches may every virtue find protection, and may the passenger taste the fruit and find it pleasant. May a goodly spring bring a summer of delight, and a full autumn render our stores abundant. May health make us cheerful, and friendship be immortal. May our virtues unite us, and may we love the name of Brethren, because it blesses us.

PRAYER, *at the* CONSTITUTING *of a* LODGE.

[By the R. W. JOHN WATKINS, L. L. D.]

GREAT, Adorable and Supreme Being ! We praise thee for all thy mercies, and especially for giving us desires to enjoy, and powers of enjoying, the delights of society. The affections which thou hast implanted in us, and which we cannot destroy without violence to our nature, are among the chief blessings which thy benign wisdom hath bestowed upon us : Help us duly to improve all our powers to the promotion of thy glory in the world, and the good of our fellow creatures.

May we be active under thy divine light, and dwell in thy truth.

Extend thy favor to us who are now entering into a fraternal compact under peculiar obligations. Enable us to be faithful to thee, faithful in our callings in life, faithful Masons in
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all the duties of the Craft, and faithful to each other as members of this society. Take us under the shadow of thy protection ; and to thy service and glory may we consecrate our hearts. May we always put *faith* in thee, have *hope* in salvation, and be in *charity* with all mankind !—AMEN.

A N O T H E R.

[By the Rev. Dr. W. DODD, Grand Chaplain.]

TO thee we lift up our hearts, Great Nature's adorable and wonderful Architect, Almighty Parent of the world, wise Former of man ! imploring on this, and on all our other laudable undertakings, thy favor, thy blessing, thy aid ; without which, vain and fruitless are all the efforts of feeble man.

It is from thee that we have received the *heart* to feel, the *hand* to labor, the *eye* to behold, the *ear* to hear, the *tongue* to proclaim ; and all the faculties which make us partakers of natural and susceptible of moral good ! Teach us, then, to delight in them, to improve them, as thy blessing : And, through the beauty, order, and excellence of created things, to view, contemplate and adore thy uncreated excellence and beauty.

Formed as thy *Temple*, and enriched with thy wisdom, we look up to thee to inspire us with understanding, with science, with virtue, with all that can dignify, refine, and exalt our nature, and render the temple at least not wholly unworthy of its sacred inhabitant.

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Enable us to perform every duty with exactness and honor ; and, by our attention to all the sweet and blessed offices, the endearing charities of social life in particular, teach us to win those who unite in those tender offices with us : And as fathers, husbands, friends—as worthy *men* and worthy *Masons*—to distinguish and exalt the profession we boast.

And while, through thy bounty, rich Dispenser of every blessing ! our cups overflow with plenteousness, and *wine*, and *corn*, and *oil*, delight and cheer our boards—oh may our full hearts never be wanting in gratitude, and in the voice of thanksgiving to thee ; in liberal sentiments towards every laudable undertaking ; in the quickest sensibility and readiest relief we can give to the woes and distresses of our fellow creatures—of *all mankind*—of every being, universal Lord, who bears thy image, and looks up to thy providence, who is fed by thy hand, hopes for thy future and all comprehending mercy—and can and will triumphantly unite with us—with the general voice of Masons and of men, earnestly and emphatically saying,

Glory be to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good will towards men !

PRAYER, to be used at the CONSTITUTING, and OPENING of GRAND LODGE.

[From the ARCHIVES of the GRAND LODGE of MASSACHUSETTS.]

O MOST glorious and eternal God, the infinitely wise Architect of the Universe ; we, thy servants, assembled in solemn Grand Lodge, would extol thy power and wisdom.

Thou

Thou saidst, Let there be light, and there was light. The heavens opened and declared thy glory ; and the firmament spangled with thy handy work. The sun, who rules the day, gave light to the moon, who rules the night surrounded with the stars. So that there is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and one star differs from another star in glory ; and all, by most wonderful signs and tokens, without voice, sound, or language, solemnly proclaim divine mysteries.

We adore thee for our creation ; for the breath of life ; for the light of reason and conscience ; and for all the noble and useful faculties of our souls ; which give us so exalted a rank in the order of being. Enable us to live answerably to our exalted privileges and happy destination.

We beseech thee to give us, thy servants, at this, and at all times, wisdom in all our doings ; strength of mind in our difficulties ; and the beauty of harmony in all our communications with one another.

Grant, that thy servant, now to be solemnly invested with authority and rule over these Lodges, may be endued with knowledge and wisdom ; and may we, and all our Brethren under his jurisdiction, understand, learn, and keep all the statutes and commandments of the LORD, pure and undefiled. May brotherly love and charity always abound among us. And when we have finished our work here below, let our transition be from this earthly tabernacle to the heavenly temple above ; there, among thy jewels, may we appear in thy glory forever and ever.

Bless and prosper, we pray thee, every branch and member of this Fraternity, throughout the habitable earth. May thy
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kingdom of peace, love, and harmony, come. May thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; and the whole world be filled with thy glory.—AMEN.

A B E N E D I C T I O N.

Pronounced by the REV. GRAND CHAPLAIN, after the INSTALMENT of the GRAND MASTER.

[From the ARCHIVES of the GRAND LODGE of MASSACHUSETTS.]

MAY the Supreme Architect of the Universe shed his blessings abundantly upon this Society : Enable his servant, now raised to the office of Grand Master over our Lodges, to discharge the duties of his important trust, to the honor of his holy name, and to the credit of this happy Fraternity !

AMEN !—So mote it be !—AMEN !

PART

T O A S T S.

1. **OUR** Right worshipful Brother, George Washington ; and the Craft. With the honors of Masonry.

2. The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

3. All the Grand Officers throughout this Globe—May they square their lives by the strictest rules of rectitude ; may their characters be raised by the Plumbline of Equity ; that when they are levelled with the dust, their tombstones may say,
“ Here lies a good man.”

4. All regularly constituted Lodges throughout the globe.

5. All the Fraternity round the globe.

6. All charitable Masons.

7. May virtue and honor ever distinguish the Craft.

8. Speedy relief to all worthy Brethren, either oppressed or distressed, throughout the globe.

9. To all true Masons and upright,
 Who saw the East where shone the light.

10. The heart that conceals,
 And the tongue which never reveals.

11. The widow's son.

12. The memory of him who first planted the vine.

13. May

13. May *wisdom* contrive our happiness ; *Strength* support our virtuous resolutions ; and *beauty* adorn our beds.

14. May the tongue of every Free and Accepted Mason be the key of his heart ; may it hang in just equilibrium ; and never be suffered to lie to the injury of a Brother.

15. May every Mason's heart have the freedom of *chalk*, the fervency of *charcoal*, the zeal of friendship ; but not the hardness of marble, when a distressed Brother makes his demand.

16. May the *square* form our conduct through life ; the *level* and *plumb line* remind us of our condition ; and teach us to walk perpendicularly, and act uprightly.

17. May our wisdom be as conspicuous to our sisters, as the wisdom of our Grand Master Solomon was to the Queen of Sheba.

18. The American Fair. With the honors of Masonry.

19. May we enter Apprentices to *Virtue* ; be Fellow Crafts with *Charity* ; and be always Masters of our passions.

20. May the *Bible* rule and guide us through life ; the *square* square our actions ; and the *compass* circumscribe the bounds we are to keep with all mankind, especially with a Brother.

21. May the breast of every free and accepted Mason, be an ark for charity, from whence shall flow assistance to the widows and orphans of their deceased Brothers.

22. May the conduct of every Mason, through life, be such, that his Brethren may hear him when he makes his demand ;

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see and recognise him at a distance, and, by the strongest ties, feel, and know him in the dark.

23. May the rays of celestial light dart from the *east*, illuminate the *west*, and pierce through the veil of ignorance; and may perseverance remove the key stone that covers truth.

24. May the fragrance of a good report, like a *sprig of cassia*, bloom over the head of every departed Brother.

25. May every Free and Accepted Mason, rise in the East, find refreshment in the South, and when he rests in the West, may he enjoy the fellowship, and receive the same reward, that our patron, the good St. John, received, that of being the disciple, whom the Saviour of mankind loved.

26. May the Royal Arch cover every honest Mason's heart, and overshadow all who act up to the true principles of the Craft.

27. The secret and silent.

28. Every Mason who stands plumb to his principles, yet level to his Brethren.

29. May Masonry flourish till nature expire,
And its glories ne'er fade till the world is on fire.

30. May we be more ready to correct our own faults than to publish the errors of our Brethren.

31. May all the contention 'mongst Masons still be,
Who better can work, and who better agree.

32. Secrecy, good fellowship, and morality.

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33. The Craft, Philanthropy its foundation : May wisdom erect the pillars—Strength support the arch—Beauty finish the building—and may Charity ever find a habitation there.

34. The memory of our departed Brother, Joseph Warren, who, on the heights of *Charlestown*, gave his life for his country.

35. Our *Sisters*—May we ever regard them with the *Eye* of affection—may their virtues ever meet our kind and tender embraces ; and may we deserve from them that best of characters—*affectionate Brothers*.

36. The increase of perpetual friendship and brotherly love.

37. May Masonry flourish and vice decay.

38. May the two great parallels be our guide to the Grand Lodge above.

39. May Masonry stand unrivalled till time shall be no more.

40. ALL MANKIND.

