

past reputation, but must be up and doing, keeping abreast of the times. We must not let it remain stationary unless we are ready to be relegated to the rear. Under the leadership of such Supreme Chancellors and Pythians as Read, of New Jersey; Berry, of Illinois; Davis, of New Hampshire; Woodruff, of Georgia; Lindsay, of Maryland; Linton, of Pennsylvania; Van Valkenburg, of Iowa; Douglass, of Ohio; Ward, of New Jersey; Shaw, of Wisconsin; Blackwell, of Kentucky; Richie, of Ohio, and Colgrove, of Michigan, we have constantly moved forward to victories, and the onward progress must not cease. On the contrary, when we look upon this monument let us resolve that nothing be said or done by any member of this great fraternity that shall take from Pythian teachings the honor due the pioneers of our Order. Let us from now on re-dedicate ourselves to the principles that come to us in their purity from the pen of Justus H. Rathbone, so that we can hand down to our children an institution that not alone teaches love for one another, but gives strong enunciation to that sentiment so potent in the heart of every manly man—loyalty to friends, obedience to law, and fealty to the flag and country wherever the subordinate Lodge may be established. Let us all resolve here, in this presence, to be true to the manhood which should always characterize the earnest Pythian.

Speak words of encouragement and cheer to those who are associated with you in our work; assist in drying the tears of the widow and orphan; do not permit an opportunity to go by of contributing to the comfort and pleasure of others. Do not wait until you look upon the face of your friend lying cold in death ere you give utterance to expressions commending his worth and goodness. Speak to him while he is alive the words that will meet with his appreciation and be to him an incentive to higher achievements. Scatter at his feet your bouquets of kindness while he treads earth's stony pathway, and you will find their blossoming fragrance will go far towards making life's journey smoother and more pleasant. Cast around and about you rays of sunshine and thus give a practical illustration of the teachings of an Order whose mission is one of love. If we are faithful and true in the discharge of our duties to the living, we will gather from the pages of life's history infinite happiness for ourselves in the thought that we have done our utmost to spread abroad the sentiment of fraternity that binds us together; and, as citizens of Christian countries, may we ever be found carrying alongside of the national flags and our tri-colored banner, the standard of the Prince of Peace, and stand firmly for the truth as we find it recorded in that Book of all Books.

Now, my brethren, the probabilities are that some are here into whose eyes I shall never again look after we shall have separated to go to our respective homes. One after another will drop from the roster of the subordinate lodges to pass to the other side of the invisible river, and, I hope, to take their places in that greater lodge which covers the hills and fills the valleys of that bright land of which it is written, "And there shall be no night there, and

they need no candle, neither the light of the sun, for the Lord giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever." May we then receive on every side the greeting and welcome of the loved ones awaiting us, and marching up before the Supreme Chancellor of us all, the Captain of the World's salvation, may it be ours to see His smile and hear His divine plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Now, therefore, in the name of the Supreme Lodge of this Order, I dedicate this beautiful monument to the memory of Justus Henry Rathbone, founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias. I dedicate it to that which is noble in human nature—to the cause of the universal brotherhood of man; and to a faith in the grandeur and success of this Order that never faltered in the hour of its adversity. I dedicate it with all the reverence of a frail and erring heart, to the merciful and ever-living God Whose protecting hand has so continually overshadowed our beloved Order and, with infinite trust in His wisdom, commend to Him the curtailed future of this fraternity. I do not seek to know what untold blessings lie in the hollow of His hand, to guide to a higher and nobler destiny, the Order of Knights of Pythias, believing that

"His plans like lilies pure and white unfold;
We must not tear the close shut leaves apart.
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold."

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal Knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for Knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

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"Yes," said the lady from Boston, speaking of her favorite lecturer, "he is one whom the laity would designate as a biscuit john."

"Beg pardon?" said the member of the laity.

"Or, to be explicit, a crackerjack."—Indianaapolis "Journal."