

the uniform good conduct, amid all the vicissitudes of the Lodge, of those who bore the proud title of a Freemason: to shew to my brother Soldiers how highly we value that title, and to raise in them an emulation to run the same worthy career as our forefathers. Though in the Lodge we all meet on a level, the principles we there learn will teach us, that as a wise Providence has ordained the existence of various grades in life, it is the paramount duty of the Masonic Soldier to act in accordance with those principles. To his Queen and Country he will be loyal and true—the foul, dishonouring crime of Desertion will never disgrace him—to his superior Officers respectful and obedient—to his equals, kind and affectionate—to his inferiors attentive and condescending, and ever ready to assist, faithfully performing the various duties in that station of life to which it has pleased God to call him. His reward will be rich in his own peace of mind—in his knowledge that he is acting up to his profession as a Masonic Soldier, and above all as a Soldier of Christ: for, my brother Soldiers, unless we are all arrayed under His Banner, we never can know real happiness for the present, and we can never possess a hope of it for the future.

In conclusion then my Brethren, I would beg of you never to forget your obligations as Freemasons; let the world see, that the spirit of your Order imbues every act of your life,—that spirit by which Masonry has been enabled to survive, whilst human institutions not based on the Rock of Religion, have been successively swept away.