

The following poem, written by a Kentucky Knight will show how the hon. brother is appreciated at home. No better estimate can be formed than the following:

TO SUPREME CHANCELLOR BLACKWELL.

A poem in blank verse, by G. A. Lafayette, P. C.

Stalwart Knight, brilliant intellect surpassing,
In many ways the occult occupation
Of men who grapple with the statesman's charge
And study, as we're apt to calculate,
The people and their true relation to
One another in the walks of life,
Of whom it is expected they will do
All that in all is calculated to
Augment the happiness of all mankind,
Nor falter because opposition comes—
Thy labors have established great landmarks
For all men in the future to observe,
And that will aid them more to emulate
The great precepts of our Brotherhood,
For as a king was oft expected to,
In antique days of knightly chivalry,
You have assumed the van and done
A thing not done as heretofore at all
By predecessor or associate in being
The beacon light to noble knightly labor.
In the realms supreme of our Order,
Except with rare exception thou hast been,
And thy footprints are so plainly marked
As to leave naught for doubt to aftertime,
That thy great force and practicability
Of character and of well-finished thought
Have left a marked impression for to follow
And to lead men to paths of pleasantness.
Thy oratory and thy common sense
Have set the landmarks for honor's defence
And made it possible for men to see
The duty that one owes to thee and me
And caused the thoughtful to observe a way
For them to master all nice measures fine,
And to uplift the fold with honor's push,
Not thinking mean that knightly touch
Should be applied to any friend or neighbor.
A courtesy extending to good labor
Esteeming it a favor to bestow
On man outside a chance to cultivate
The great Pythian lessons found within
The folds of our noble knightly Order.
Thus is it seen that you appreciate
The fact that God is love to man
And that his higher duty is to do
All that the sense of reason can dictate
To bring his fellow man to cultivate
The noble, higher traits of character
Set forth in "Love thy neighbor as thyself."
When thy labors are performed and done
Then will thy greatness be observed of men,
And thy illustrious character shall shine
On future ages of noble mankind
As does the name of Washington
To every true American.
So far as it may touch the Pythian knight
And its lustre ever growing bright,
Be augmented to a finished hue
Made nobler for all men to view,
Not less because you are a knight,
Nor yet because your cause is right

But more because the cause so bright,
Was no less seen in thy true character
Than in the noble ends will after.
Peace be thy lot, prosperity thy gain,
On earth good will and love to fellow man,
Has been thy aim, and labor, too.
As thy true course brings full to view
And to the good that you have done
The most fastidious must succumb;
For it was done in a manly way,
And none of selfishness was in its sway,
Nor aught that greed considers pay,
But it has ever its largess so bestowed
That e'en the fleshless and cadaverous palm
Dare not the kiss of gratitude afright,
And the record of your life is such
That one is bound, though otherwise a spleen,
To say, and say it with a telling theme,
He lived to serve his fellow man;
Not as the common sort may claim it,
Nor as the selfish one esteems it,
But as the noble knight abounds,
And thy manly efforts aptly crown
The advocacy of that noble claim,
He lived to bless mankind!

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