

PRAYERS.

OPENING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God ! we adore Thee as the God of all worlds, and the righteous Governor of all beings, upon whom we are dependent for life and its blessings, and without whose favor no human enterprise can permanently prosper. Lift upon us, we pray Thee, O Lord ! the light of Thy countenance, and bless us while we are together this evening. May all things be done in the spirit of charity and brotherly kindness, and may our labors of love be blessed to the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Order. Hear us, O God ! in behalf of the stranger, the sick, the afflicted, the widow, and the orphan—and bless them as Thou seest they may need. Keep us ever in Thy fear and wisdom, and save us all with an everlasting salvation ; and to Thy great name be all the glory, “as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.” Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER.

WE bless Thee, O Lord ! that we have been permitted to enjoy this, another Lodge meeting. Pardon what Thou hast seen amiss in us ; and now, as we are about to depart, let Thy blessing be with us, and with all our brethren throughout the globe. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue adorn our lives, while members of this Lodge below ; and at last may we be admitted to the joys of a better world ; and thine be the power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.