

upon me. I have indeed seen many years, and many solemn scenes have passed before me. A wise man has said, I have been young but now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread. I would impress this upon your mind, and will add another maxim which I pray you heed and be wise. It is this—that in the practice, Friendship, Love and Truth will be found the best safeguards against the ills of life. Forget it not; forget it not. Brother Conductor, you will now introduce our friend to the Vice Grand.

The Conductor takes the Candidate blinded to the Vice Grand's chair, and says to him: You are now at the chair of our worthy Vice Grand.

VICE GRAND'S CHARGE.

Stranger, having entered within these walls, you are never to make known the secrets of this Order, or to make any discovery to any person or persons upon any pretense or for any purpose. Will you comply with these rules?

Ans. I will.

Restore him to light and liberty. Stranger, it is my duty to administer to you a solemn and binding obligation—one which we have all taken, but which will not conflict with any of those exalted duties you owe to your God, your country or yourself.

With this assurance, are you willing to take such an obligation?

Ans. I am.