

Irregularity and intemperance must be forever avoided; they will disgrace the society, destroy the peace of your families, impair your constitutions, and make you incapable of pursuing your necessary business.

Constantly observe, and enforce these rules, and always practice those duties, which, in the Lodge, have been so forcibly and pleasingly recommended to you. Industriously cultivate brotherly love, the foundation and cap-stone, the glory, and firm cement of our fraternity. Avoid disputes and quarrels; speak as well of a Brother in his absence as in his presence, and let slander be unknown to you. Suffer no one unreprieved to calumniate your honest Brethren, but zealously defend their characters, and do them every friendly office. Hence, the beneficial influence of your order will be diffused far around, and the admiring world will be witnesses of the happy effects it produces.

#### CHARITY PROLONGS LIFE.

The universe is the Mason's nativity; nothing that is man's is strange to him. All men then ought to be brethren. Like thee they have a soul—immortal organ, the same need of love, the same desire to be useful. Every suffering being has sacred claims on thee. Wait not until the piercing cry of distress solicits thee. Forewarn and reassure the timid unfortunate. Poison not by ostentations of thy affability the tides of life whence the unfortunate must quench his thirst. Search not for the price of goodness in vain applause, but in the calm suffering of thy conscience. Freemasonry ought to see in all men its brethren, no matter what the strangeness or the barbarity of their manners. They are men; thou must love them if they are savage, the civ-

ilized if they are ignorant, the learned if they are unscrupulous, the conquered by force and moderation, and by the example of thy virtue.

Forget not that nature is the nurse, and humanity the true mother; she is the mother of all mothers; she is the visible providence of all children, of all men: for the myriads that populate the universe are all members of one family, because there is only one vital essence, one nature of souls, and but one divine breath.

Be affable, obliging toward every one; love thy neighbor, share the felicity of others, and never allow envy to rise one instant in thy heart. Let morals, chaste and severe, be thy inseparable company. That thy soul be pure, right, and true, let modesty be thy law. Use the trowel to hide the faults of thy brethren. A wise man said, weigh not thy equals in a single basin; and if the one of evil outweighs the one of good, take off what human weakness put on, and complete the weight of good; thus thou wilt rejoice in the author of all goodness.

If the brother is in error, far from alienating thyself and damning him, come to him with the light of sentiment, of reason and of conviction. If he is exposed to the shaft of calumny, fear not, but avow thyself his friend; be his defender to the public, and thou wilt probably bring back the strayed in opinion. It is noble, it is holy to recall to virtue he who wavers, to raise him that falls; but it is almost godly to be the protector of innocence unknown.

O humanity! thy celestial voice cries from one end of the universe to the other: men, you have but one and the same Father, you are all brothers, and you have all a heart to love each other; love each other always, be united and happy; it is the cry of nature.—Bro. Pollak.

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