

nection with this Degree we would more especially cite your admiration and imitation is the yet nobler instance of Friendship, because acting on a much larger scale, as exhibited in the life of the great Law Giver of the Jews. Moses, though brought up amidst all the delights of court, not only loved better than honor, or fortune, or pleasure, his own humble paternal household, but chose rather to share the wretchedness of despised countrymen than to enjoy the utmost favor of the master who opposed them. Though the adopted child of Pharaoh's daughter, though bred in all the learning and admitted to all the confidence which Egypt could confer upon him only, of all his injured race, yet he forgot not that he was an Israelite; nay, remembered it the more because, of all his numerous kinsmen and countrymen, he alone was fortunate. And, therefore, inspired of heaven, and yielding to his affections for his enslaved countrymen, he hazarded all his brilliant prospects of an easy personal eminence to deliver them from their bondage. So faithful and tender in him was the large brotherhood that bound him to his race. And here, Brother, we conclude the Degree of the Royal Blue, and by the authority of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, I declare you entitled to all its privileges.