

thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries, and have joined our assemblies. As a mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duty you owe to God, to your neighbour and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support, to your neighbour, by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you would wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well as to his glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act they may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of your native land; ever