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Advice to the Freemason

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Forget not that, more than three thousand years ago, Zoroaster said: *“Be good, be kind, be humane, and charitable; love your fellows; console the afflicted; pardon those who have done you wrong.”* Nor that more than two thousand three hundred years ago Confucius repeated, also quoting the language of those who had lived before himself: *“Love thy neighbor as thyself; Do not to others what thou wouldst not wish should be done to thyself; Forgive injuries. Forgive your enemy, be reconciled to him, give him assistance , invoke God in his behalf!”*

Let not the morality of your Lodge be inferior to that of the Persian or the Chinese Philosopher.

Urge upon your Brethren the teaching and the unostentatious practice of the morality of the Lodge, without regard to times, places, religions, or peoples.

Urge them to love one another, to be devoted to one another, to be faithful to the country, the government, and the laws; for to serve the country is to pay a dear and sacred debt:

To respect all forms of worship, to tolerate all political and religious opinions; not to blame, and still less to condemn the religion of

others: not to seek to make converts; but to be content if they have the religion of Socrates; a veneration of the Creator, the religion of good works, and grateful acknowledgement of God's blessings:

To fraternize with all men; to assist all who are unfortunate; and to cheerfully postpone their own interests to that of the Order:

To make it the constant rule of their lives, to think well, to speak well, and to act well:

To place the sage above the soldier; the noble, or the prince; to take the wise and good as their models;

To see that their professions and practice, their teachings and conduct, do always agree:

To make this also their motto: Do that which thou oughtest to do; let the result be what it will.

Such, my Brother, are some of the duties of that office which you have sought to be qualified to exercise. May you perform them well; and in so doing, gain honor for yourself, and advance the great cause of Masonry, Humanity, and Progress.

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