

Coningsby Lodge, No. 6383



"Non nobis Solum, sed toti mundo nati."

A Mason's Charge

MY BROTHER: Upon reflection you will remember that among the first things which you discovered in the Lodge, on being brought to light as a Mason, was a Holy Bible open upon the Altar. You were told that it is our Volume of Sacred Law and the Great Light of the Lodge. Upon it you took your obligations as a Mason, and you were exhorted to make it the rule of your faith and your guide in the practise of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, which are the aims of our ancient order.

At each step in your advancement you were reminded that the Bible is the wisest teacher of man, directing his feet to the Temple of virtue in which alone he can find liberty and peace. Words from the Bible are heard as we enter upon each of the Degrees; its truth adds luster to every tool and symbol of the Lodge; its light is the glory of the Craft. To defend, preserve and obey the Bible is the first duty of every Mason, from the highest officer to the humblest workman.

Wise men of every creed agree that in the Bible are to be found those truths of faith and laws of morality upon which to build an upright character. Since it is the purpose of Masonry to lead men to righteousness, it opens the Bible upon its Altars, with the injunction to all its sons to study it diligently, to learn the whole duty of man upon earth and his hope of a life hereafter; urging each to follow the light he there shall find, and as he there shall find it.

It is the corner-stone of our Faith, and the key-stone of our Hope — keep it as a treasure; live with it as a friend. Its truth are holy, its laws are binding, its spirit is the breath of God. Read it often; follow it honestly; trust it utterly; and learn that the duty of man is to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with his God.

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