CHARGE FC

My Brother – Being advance to the second degree of Freemasonry, I congratulate you on your preferment.

Masonry is progressive moral science, divided into different degree; and, at its principles and mystic ceremonies are regularly developed and illustrated, it is intended and hoped that they will make a deep and lasting impression upon your mind.

It is unnecessary to recapitulate the duties which, as a Fellow Craft, you are bound to discharge. Your general good reputation affords satisfactory assurance that you will not suffer any consideration to induce you to act in a manner unworthy of the respectable character which you now sustain; but that, on the country, you will ever display the discretion, the virtue, and the dignity which become a worthy and exemplary Mason.

Our law and regulations you are strenuously to support, and be always ready to assist in seeing them duly executed. You are not to palliate nor aggravate the offenses of your brethren; but, in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with condor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice.

The impressive ceremonies of this degree are calculated to inculcate in the mind of the novitiate the importance of the study of the liberal arts and sciences, especially of the noble science of Geometry, which forms the basis of Freemasonry, and which, being of divine and moral nature, is enriched with the most useful knowledge; for, while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truth of morality. To the study of Geometry, therefore, your attention is especially directed.

Your past regular deportment and up-right conduct have merited the honor which we have conferred. In your present character it is expected that, at all our assemblies, you will observe the solemnities of our ceremonies; that you will preserve the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity sacred and inviolate; and thus, by your example, induce others also to hold them in due veneration.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Fellow Craft, and to a due observance of them you are bound by the strongest ties of fidelity and honor.