

Address to the New Inspector

My Brother, As we have powerful enemies to contend with, we must endeavor so to regulate our conduct, that we may not give just cause of offense to any one; that our wisdom may preserve us from the machinations of the wicked, and our virtue and urbanity subdue the Malice and envy of the Ignorant.

To effect these purposes, you must constantly wear upon your Lips, the guard of Secrecy and cherish in your heart the principles of virtue and honor.

Let us respect the whole human race, and even your enemies, for they are Men, and the same God created us all, and the same Providence provides for them as for us. If your duty should call you into the field, bravely and honorably contend with them, and should you prove victorious, wither not the victors laurels, by meanly insulting a fallen foes. Prove to them by the magnanimity of your conduct, that justice requires not the cowardly aid of an assassins hands, but that Virtue will be its own reward. Convince them of the Villainy of their Conduct, by the uprightness of yours, and of their Injustice, by your mercy. In whatever Country Capricious fortune may throw you, be faithful and obedient to its government and laws, for a Mason who is capable of sacrificing the interests of the Country in which he lives is equally as capable of sacrificing the interests of his order. Venerate the beings who brought you into existence, be a tender husband to the partner of your bosom, and an affectionate parent, to the offspring of your Loins; rear them up in the paths of Religion and Virtue and teach them to love their Country and to obey its Laws and set them the example of industry and care, and bring up your sons in the Masonic Order. Be true to your friend and your Brethren bear patiently with their failings, and make allowances for the frailties of human nature. Be a living example virtue and benevolence to all around you. Aid the poor and the distressed, whether they are Masons or not, with such assistance as they may want and you can conveniently spare and above all, offer up unceasingly prayers and Thanksgivings to that Great and Eternal God, for the many signal instances of his Divine Mercy, which you have unworthily received at his hands, and ardently seek for the attainment of Bliss, in the Mansions not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Amen.