

APPENDIX.

The following are exact copies of the oaths, obligations, and penalties of the first three degrees in Masonry,—the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and the Master Mason,—extracted from the old manuscript mentioned in Colonel William L. Stone's Letters on Masonry and Antimasonry, Letter 7, page 67; and in the Appendix, p. 3, where it is said that while Morgan was at Rochester, these papers were there, and already written to his hands. For the more recent forms of oaths, see Bernard's work.

ENTERED APPRENTICE'S OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., do, of my own free will and accord, in the presence of God, and of this right worshipful Lodge, erected to God, and dedicated to holy St. John, hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear.

That I will always hail, forever conceal, and never reveal, any of the secret or secrets of Masons or Masonry, which at this time, or at any time hereafter, shall be communicated to me as such, except it be to a true and lawful brother, or within the body of a just and regular Lodge, him or them whom I shall thus find to be, after strict trial and due examination.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not write them, print them, stamp them, stain them, cut them, carve them, mark them, work or engrave them, nor cause them so to be done, upon anything movable or immovable under the canopy of heaven, capable of bearing the least visible sign, mark, character, or letter, whereby the mysteries of Masonry may be illegally obtained.

All this I solemnly and sincerely swear, with a full and hearty resolution to perform the same, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation, under no less penalty than to have my throat cut across from ear to ear, my tongue plucked out by the roots, and buried in the rough sands of the sea, a cable's length from shore, where the tide ebbs and flows twice in twenty-four hours. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in this my obligation of an Entered Apprentice. K. once—(kiss the Bible once).

FELLOWCRAFT'S OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., do, of my own free will and accord, in the presence of God, and this right worshipful Lodge, erected to God, and dedicated to holy St. John, hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that I will always hail, forever conceal, and never reveal, any of the secret part or parts, mystery or mysteries, of a Fellowcraft to an Entered Apprentice; nor the part of an Entered Apprentice, or either of them, to any other person in the world, except it be to those to whom the same shall justly and legally belong.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will relieve all poor and indigent brethren, as far as their necessities require, and my ability will permit.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will obey all true signs, tokens, and summonses, sent me by the hand of a Fellowcraft, or from the door of a just and regular Fellowcraft's Lodge, if within the length of my cable-tow.

All this I solemnly and sincerely swear, with a full and hearty resolution to perform the same, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation, under no less penalty than to have my heart taken from under my naked left breast, and carried to the valley of Jehosaphat, there to be thrown into the fields to become a prey to the wolves of the desert, and the vultures of the air. So help me God, &c. Kiss (the Bible) twice.

MASTER MASON'S OBLIGATION.

I, A. B., do, of my own free will and accord, in the presence of God, and of this right worshipful Lodge, erected to God, and dedicated to holy St. John, hereby and hereon most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, that I will always hail, forever conceal, and never reveal, the secret part or parts, mystery or mysteries, of a Master Mason to a Fellowcraft, or those of a Fellowcraft to an Entered Apprentice, or them or either of them to any other person in the world, except it be to those to whom the same shall justly and legally belong.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not be present at the making of a Mason of a woman, of a madman, or of a fool; that I will not defraud a brother knowingly or willingly; that I will not give the Master's words above breath, nor then except within the five points of fellowship;—that I will not violate the chastity of a Mason's wife or daughter, knowing them to be such.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will attend a brother barefoot, if necessity requires, to warn him of approaching danger; that on my knees I will remember him in my prayers; that I will take him by the right hand and support him with the left in all his just and lawful undertakings; that I will keep his secrets as safely deposited in my breast as they are in his own, treason and murder only excepted, and those at my option; that I will obey all true signs, tokens, and summonses, sent me by the hand of a Master Mason, or from the door of a just and regular Master Mason's Lodge, if within the length of my cable-tow.

All this I most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear with a full and hearty resolution to perform the same, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation, under no less penalty than to have my body cut across, my bowels taken out and burnt to ashes, and those ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven; to have my body dissected into four equal parts, and those parts hung on the cardinal points of the compass, there to hang and remain as a terror to all those who shall presume to violate the sacred obligation of a Master Mason. Kiss (the Bible) thrice.

These three penalties, the Master of the Lodge, immediately after administering this oath to the recipient Master Mason, declares to him, were *executed* upon the three Tyrian fellowcrafts, at the building of Solomon's temple, and have ever since remained the standing penalties in the first three degrees of Masonry.

The following form of the Royal Arch Oath, and that of the Knights Templar, are taken from the Boston edition of Avery Allyn's Ritual of Freemasonry, printed in 1831, pp. 143, 236.

ROYAL ARCH OATH.

I, A. B., of my own free will and accord, in presence of Almighty God, and this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, erected to God and dedicated to Zerubbabel, do hereby and hereon, most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, in addition to my former obligations, that I will not reveal the secrets of this degree to any of an inferior degree, nor to any being in the known world, except it be to a true and lawful companion Royal Arch Mason, or within the body of a just and legally constituted Chapter of such; and never unto him, or them, whom I shall hear so to be, but unto him and them only whom I shall find so to be, after strict trial and due examination, or lawful information given.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not wrong this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or a companion of this degree, out of the value of anything, myself, or suffer it to be done by others, if in my power to prevent it.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not reveal the key to the ineffable characters of this degree, nor retain it in my possession, but will destroy it whenever it comes to my sight.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not speak the grand omnific Royal Arch word, which I shall hereafter receive, in any manner, except in that in which I shall receive it, which will be in the presence of three companion Royal Arch Masons, myself making one of the number; and then by *three times three*, under a living arch, and at low breath.

I furthermore promise and swear that I will not be at the exaltation of candidates in a clandestine Chapter, nor converse upon the secrets of this degree with a clandestine made Mason, or with one who has been expelled or suspended, while under that sentence.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not assist, or be present at the exaltation of a candidate to this degree, who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not be at the exaltation of *more or less than three* candidates, at one and the same time.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not be at the forming or opening of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons, myself making one of that number.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not speak evil of a companion Royal Arch Mason, behind his back, nor before his face, but will apprise him of all approaching danger, if in my power.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will support the constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America; together with that of the General Grand Chapter of this State, under which this Chapter is holden; that I will stand to, and abide by all the by-laws, rules, and regulations of this Chapter, or of any other Chapter of which I may hereafter become a member.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will answer and obey all due signs and summons, handed, sent, or thrown to me from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or from a companion Royal Arch Mason, if within the length of my cable-tow.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will not strike a companion Royal Arch Mason, so as to draw his blood in anger.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will employ a companion Royal Arch Mason, in preference to any other person of equal qualifications.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will assist a companion Royal Arch Mason, when I see him engaged in any difficulty, and will espouse his cause so far as to extricate him from the same whether he be *RIGHT* or *WRONG*.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will keep *all* the secrets of a companion Royal Arch Mason (when communicated to me as such, or I knowing them to be such,) without exceptions.

I furthermore promise and swear, that I will be aiding and assisting all poor and indigent companion Royal Arch Masons, their widows and orphans, *wheresoever dispersed around the globe*; they making application to me as such, and I finding them *worthy*, and can do it without *any material injury* to myself or family. To all which I do most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, with a firm and steadfast resolution to keep and perform the same without any equivocation, mental reservation, or self-evasion of mind in me whatever; binding myself under no less penalty, than to have my *skull smote off*, and my *brains exposed to the scorching rays of the meridian sun*, should I knowingly or willfully violate, or transgress *any* part of this my solemn oath or obligation of a Royal Arch Mason. So help me God, and keep me steadfast in the due performance of the same. (Kissing the book seven times.)

KNIGHT TEMPLAR'S OATH.

I, A. B., of my own free will and accord, in the presence of Almighty God, and this Encampment of Knights Templars, do hereby and hereon most solemnly promise and swear that I will always hail, forever conceal, and never reveal, any of the secret arts, parts or points appertaining to the mysteries of this Order of Knights Templars, unless it be to a true and lawful companion Sir Knight, or within the body of a just and lawful Encampment of such; and not unto him, or them, until by due trial, strict examination, or lawful information, I find him or them lawfully entitled to receive the same.

Furthermore do I promise and swear, that I will answer and obey all due signs and regular summons which shall be given or sent to me from a regular encampment of Knights Templars, if within the distance of forty miles, natural infirmities and unavoidable accidents only excusing me.

Furthermore do I promise and swear, that I will help, aid, and assist with my counsel, my purse, and my sword, all poor and indigent Knights-Templars, their widows and orphans, they making application to me as such, and I finding them worthy, so far as I can do it without material injury to myself, and so far as truth, honor, and justice may warrant.

Furthermore do I promise and swear, that I will not assist, or be present, at the forming and opening of an Encampment of Knights Templars, unless there be present seven Knights of the Order, or the representatives of three different Encampments, acting under the sanction of a legal warrant.

Furthermore do I promise and swear, that I will go to the distance of forty miles, even barefoot and on frosty ground, to save the life, and relieve the necessities of a worthy Knight, should I know that his necessities require it, and my abilities permit.

Furthermore do I promise and swear, that *I will wield my sword in the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans, and the Christian religion.*

Furthermore do I promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the by-laws of the Encampment of which I may hereafter become a member, the edicts and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, so far as the same shall come to my knowledge; to all this I most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, with a firm and steady resolution to perform and keep the same, without any hesitation, equivocation, mental reservation, or self-evasion of mind in me whatever; binding myself under no less penalty than to have my head struck off and placed on the highest spire in Christendom, should I knowingly or willingly violate any part of this my solemn obligation of a Knight Templar. So help me God, and keep me steadfast to perform and keep the same. (He kisses the book.)

FIFTH LIBATION

This part of the ceremony attending the creation of the Knight Templar, is deemed interesting in connection with the obligation.

Address of the Master.

Pilgrim, the fifth libation is taken in a very solemn way. It is emblematical of the bitter cup of death, of which we must all, sooner or later, taste; and even the Savior of the world was not exempted, notwithstanding his repeated prayers and solicitations. It is taken of pure wine, and from this cup. Exhibiting a human skull, he pours wine into it, and says: To show you that we here practice no imposition, I give you this pledge. (Drinks from the skull.) He then pours more wine into the skull, and presents it to the candidate, telling him that the *fifth libation* is called the sealed obligation, as it is to seal all his former engagements in Masonry.

If the candidate consents to proceed, he takes the skull in his hand, and repeats after the Most Eminent, as follows:

This pure wine I take from this cup, in testimony of my belief of the mortality of the body, and the immortality of the soul; and as the sins of the whole world were laid upon the head of our Savior, so may the sins of the person whose skull this once was, be heaped upon my head, in addition to my own; and may they appear in judgment against me, both here and hereafter, should I violate or transgress any obligation in Masonry, or the Orders of Knighthood which I have heretofore taken, take at this time, or may hereafter be instructed in. So help me God. (Drinks of the wine.)

The following extracts are referred to in Mr. Adams's fourth letter to Mr. Livingston, page 202.

Extracts from the Report made to the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana on the Plan of a Penal Code for the said State. By Edward Livingston.

"Legislators, in all ages and in every country, have at times endangered the lives, the liberties, and fortunes of the people by inconsistent provisions, CRUEL OR DISPROPORTIONATE PUNISHMENTS, and a legislation weak and wavering."

"Executions (in England) for some crimes were attended with BUTCHERY THAT WOULD DISGUST A SAVAGE."

"Acknowledged truths in politics and jurisprudence can never be too often repeated."

"Publicity is an object of such importance in free governments, that it not only ought to be permitted, but must be secured by a species of compulsion."

"If he (the culprit) be guilty, the state has an interest in his conviction; and whether guilty or innocent, it has a higher interest that the fact should be fairly canvassed before JUDGES INACCESSIBLE TO INFLUENCE AND UNBIASED BY ANY FALSE VIEWS OF OFFICIAL DUTY."

"It is not true, therefore, to say that the laws do enough, when they give the choice (even suppose it could be made with deliberation) between a fair and impartial trial and one that is liable to the strongest objections. They must do more; they must restrict that choice, so as not to suffer an ill-advised individual to degrade them into instruments of ruin, though it should be voluntarily inflicted, or of death, though that death should be suicide."

"The English mangle the remains of the dead (by suicide). The inanimate body feels neither the ignominy nor pains. The mind of the innocent survivor alone is lacerated by THIS USELESS AND SAVAGE BUTCHERY, and the disgrace of the execution is felt exclusively by him, although it ought to fall on the laws which inflict it."

"The law punishes, not to avenge, but to prevent crimes. No punishments, greater than are necessary to effect this work of prevention, let us remember, ought to be inflicted."

"Although the dislocation of joints is no longer considered as the best mode of ascertaining innocence or discovering guilt; although offenses against the Deity are no longer expiated by the burning fagot; or those against the majesty of kings, avenged by the hot pincers and the rack and the wheel; still many other modes of punishment have their advocates, which, if not equally cruel, are quite as inconsistent with the true maxims of penal law."

"As to the authority of great names, it loses much of its force; since the mass of the people have begun to think for themselves."

"Where laws are so directly at war with the feelings of the people whom they govern, as this, and many other instances prove them to be, these laws can never be wise or operative, AND THEY OUGHT TO BE ABOLISHED."

Extracts from detached parts of the projected Code.

"No act of legislation can be, or ought to be, immutable.

"Vengeance is unknown to the laws. The only object of punishment is to prevent the commission of offenses."

"Penal laws should be written in plain language, clearly and unequivocally expressed, that they may neither be misunderstood nor perverted."

"The law never should command more than it can enforce. Therefore, whenever, from public opinion or any other cause, a penal law can not be carried into execution, it should be repealed."

"The legislature alone has a right to declare what shall constitute an offense."