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Our hope of a hereafter and our faith in immortality comes as a corollary to the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being which is the corner stone of the structure which we call B. P. O. E. "Faith is the subtle chain which binds us to the Infinite; the voice of a deep life within."

And so it is that in our darkest hour this belief in a Supreme Being, omnipotent, omni present and omniscient, buoys us above the waves of despair and the inspired words of David, Israel's national hero, psalmist and soldier, shepherd and king, well up within our hearts "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil, for thou art with me."

It is well that our perplexity sooner or later gives way to the thought that the mysterious thing we call Death is but a transition.

"Death is another life. We bow our heads.

At going out. We think And straight another golden chamber of the Kings Larger than this we leave and lovelier."

And we have abiding faith that in this larger, lovelier golden chamber of the kings we will realize the fruition of the longing that is within our hearts when we sigh for the touch of a voice that is still.

How fitting, how appropriate that the day set apart by the laws of our mighty clan for services in memoriam should fall upon the first Sabbath of that blessed month which gave to humanity the purest, whitest light, the strongest incentive for unselfishness, the most unflinching strength of faith and hope, in short the greatest blessing the world has ever known, in the joyous birth of the lowly Nazarene, our Savior.

And the wonderful thoughts of humility, peace on earth, good will toward men, and the golden rule which came as a priceless gift to mankind on that beautiful morn when the Three Wise Men of the East followed the brilliant star across the highlands of Judah to Bethlehem, are the most potent for good citizenship in America and for good membership in this mighty brotherhood called together today in more than a thousand cities of our fair, broad land to bow in humility before the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Universe, to hold brief communion with the spirits of our dead, and to utter a prayer for their souls.

The quarter million members of this order are virile, active busy American men, with red blood circulating in their veins, recruited from well nigh every walk in life (save those to which some shame may attach) and constitute a tremendous social factor.

Yet they find time, not alone on occasions such as these but in the daily routine of strenuous living, to pay occasional visits into the Kingdom of Peace, to appreciate the nicer things of life, to garner from the lives of their brothers some example for better, truer manhood and best of all to learn to "lend a hand."

I wish you might know how they care for their own. As has been said "There are no hungry Elks. There are no Elks in Potters field or county shrouds. They live by the way and lend to the Lord for they give to the poor. Their mission is to do good."

It was by reason of the commingling of our life currents and the fraternal and social association in our lodge that we learned the virtues of our brothers, who have answered the eternal roll call.

They were not as ships that pass in the night and speak to each other in passing, with only a signal shown and a distant voice, then darkness again and a silence; but were rather as light ships showing us the dangers of the hidden reef of selfishness or pilot boats ready to place at our helms sure guidance to the safe haven of Brotherly Love.

As our clan and our friends gather today to keep green the memory of those noble Elks whose hearts have been pierced with the arrow of Death we involuntarily gather from that memory many lessons of value. Chiefest of all we learn that many men who never come into the limelight exert a powerful influence for weal or woe, wide reaching in its extent.

It is given to but few men to storm a citadel while all the world applauds. Seldom is it that men win the freedom of a nation or stamp out a mighty revolution. It is rarely given to one to mould by the matchless



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power of oratory the controlling thoughts of a republic and not once in a generation appears a Bonaparte who can change the map of a continent. And yet the plantation which Washington leaves has to be looked after. There are rails to be split when Lincoln lays down the axe. All the eloquence of a Webster never tilled an acre of soil. Some one had to settle down in Corsica.

Peace hath her victories no less than war and it is of the men who lived their humble lives, performed well and truly each daily, monotonous duty, smiled when everything went dead wrong and came finally undishonored to the couch of their everlasting sleep, that I wish to remind you.

The most humble, most unassuming brother of those we mourn had traits of character to be emulated, exerted an influence somewhere, somehow for good, soothed a wound in deepest feeling, gave a little thought or time or means for sweet charity's sake and all in all left the world better for having lived in it.

The main stay of some erring, troubled friend, the support of a loving trusting family, the dispenser of cheery smiles in every day life, the injector of sunshine into dark corners, these are the men who make life worth while, the bulwarks of the nation, the salt of the earth, God's noblemen, and it is of such as these lying out there in God's acre that we are tenderly thinking today.

Van Dyke tells us of the Fourth Wise Man who had heard of the King and started with all his worldly goods to lay them as a tribute at his feet. Pausing day by day to perform gentle, charitable deeds he came too late to see the Saviour until the last dark hour of the crucifixion when his gems were already spent in helping others, but who nevertheless reaped the reward. We need not go back into the days of miracle and mysticism to learn the lesson of reward for simple, right living.

Here is a present day man splendidly endowed by nature with ability to do some mighty deed for the weal of mankind and the desire to leave an immortal name by so doing is strong within him. Long ere the opportunity comes he finds a simple duty of charity to perform. No one is looking. No plaudits will be forthcoming if he does it, no blame will attach if he passes by on the other side of the road.

What will he do? Draw upon his storehouse so full of material for his spectacular performance? Take of the time needed to do his mighty deed? Delay his progress toward the field of his great prospective victory?

Little he knows he is at the parting of the way but if he passes by this first opportunity he is on the road which leads to crabid selfishness. If he stops for each simple duty his life will perhaps round out with the great deed unperformed. And yet at the end will come the sweet words from the Master.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

This sort of religion, this sort of charity, simple, secret unostentatious is what the tenets of our order would instill in us.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

And as we go out into the sunshine this afternoon if these ceremonies have instilled in us a desire for that sort of Charity, have given us a realization that Justice, exact justice is due not alone to Elks but to all the world,

have reminded us that Brotherly Love means we are our brothers keepers, then it is as they would have it be whose last sand has twinkled in the glass, who have topped the fall divide, have crossed the dark still waters and await us in the great beyond to give us greeting in that sweet bye and bye. So

"Turn back the clock to the hour of Eleven That we may think of those on earth and in Heaven And bow in reverence to Sisters, Wives and Mothers And kneel in silence for Absent Brothers.

Legal Notice.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR RICHARDSON COUNTY, STATE OF NEBRASKA.
It is the matter of the estate of Cornelius Reagan, deceased.
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY LICENSE TO SELL REAL ESTATE SHALL NOT BE GRANTED.
To all persons interested in the estate of Cornelius Reagan, deceased:
It having been made to appear to me by petition of the executor of the estate of Cornelius Reagan, deceased, that there is not sufficient personal estate in his hands to pay the debts outstanding against the deceased and the expenses of administration and that it is necessary to sell the whole or some portion of the real estate belonging to said estate for the payment of such debts:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in said estate to appear before me at my chambers in Pawnee City, in Pawnee County, Nebraska, the same being within the First Judicial District of the said state, on January 11, 1908, at 1:30 p. m. of said day, and show cause, if any you have, why a license shall not be granted to said executor to sell the following described property, or so much thereof as in the judgment of the court is necessary to be sold for the purposes aforesaid, to-wit:

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Of this you will take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly. It is further ordered that this notice be published in the Falls City Tribune, a newspaper published in Richardson County and of general circulation therein, for the period of six weeks, commencing on the 20th day of November, 1907.

JOHN B. RAVER, Judge.
REAVIS & REAVIS, Attorneys for Executor. 01-71

Legal Notice.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR RICHARDSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA:
Burton I. Reavis, Grace G. Reavis, and Myrtle A. Reavis, Plaintiffs,
vs.
The Unknown Heirs of Anna Heard, deceased, The Farmers State Bank of Shubert, Nebraska, John Evans and Wilson Elze, Defendants

To the Unknown Heirs of Anna Heard, Deceased You will take notice that on the 27th day of November, 1907, the above named plaintiffs filed a petition in the District Court against you, The Farmers State Bank of Shubert, Nebraska, John Evans and Wilson Elze, the object and prayer of which is to cause payment of a note of \$110 by Wilson Elze to them instead of to the payee named in said note, to-wit: Anna Heard, said note having been given as part payment for the rent of a certain tract of land, to-wit: The north half of the Northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2, Range 16, in Richardson County, Nebraska, upon which the said Anna Heard held a life estate, which life estate ceased with her death on the 31 day of August, 1907. The rent for which said note was given by the said Elze was for the current year, to-wit: 1907.

You are further notified that a restraining order was allowed by the judge of the district court, restraining said Farmers State Bank of Shubert and said John Evans from disposing of said note or parting with the possession thereof except to deliver it to the clerk of the district court until further ordered, and also restraining the said Wilson Elze from paying said note to the said defendant bank or to the said John Evans or to anybody else, and asking for a money judgment against the said Elze for the amount of said note in default of his paying the amount into court as prayed in plaintiff's petition.

And you are further notified that unless you pray, answer or demur to said petition on or before the 13th day of January, 1908, said petition will be taken as true and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer thereof.

REAVIS & REAVIS, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

Legal Notice
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RICHARDSON COUNTY, STATE OF NEBRASKA.
Maria L. Warren, Plaintiff,
vs.
Ira B. Warren, Defendant.
The defendant above named will take notice that on the 5th day of November, 1907, the plaintiff filed in the District Court aforesaid her petition against him wherein she prays a decree of divorce from said defendant on the grounds of cruel treatment and for desertion and non-support.
And said defendant is further notified that unless he plead, answer or demur to said petition on or before the 23rd day of December, 1907, the same will be taken as true, and a decree as prayed for will be rendered pro confesso.
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