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## PREFACE.

After the subject of a revision of the Webb-Fenton Monitor had been informally discussed among the brethren for several years, the Grand Lodge, in 1895, placed the matter in the hands of an able committee, who gave much thought and study thereto.

Upon the recommendation of this committee, as the result of their labor and research, it was determined to make some additions to the paragraph upon the lamb skin or white leathern apron, and to make few other changes except verbal ones to correct ungrammatical words or phrases, leaving the general text of the work as we have had it for the last half a century.

The Grand Lodge having formally adopted this work in January, 1897, as recommended by its committee, it now becomes, in truth, "**The Michigan Masonic Monitor**," and by that name it will hereafter be designated.

In arranging it for printing, all those parts heretofore published with the old editions of the Webb-Fenton Monitor that were simply explanatory or historical in character, and those which more properly belong to the "Blue Book," have been eliminated, and we now have in a compact and systematized form, unincumbered with anything of a different nature, the monitorial work as authorized to be used in the Michigan Lodges.

A careful study of this work is commended to the Masters and brethren of this jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

LOU B. WINSOR,  
Grand Secretary.

Reed City, Mich., Dec. 15, A. D., 1904.

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## CHAPTER I.

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### A PRAYER,

*Used at Opening a Lodge.*

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon this meeting, so happily begun. May it be conducted in order and closed in harmony. *Amen.*

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### A PRAYER,

*Used at Closing the Lodge.*

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us, and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us. *Amen.*



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## DECLARATION

*To be assented to by a Candidate, previous to Initiation.*

Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, that unbiased by the solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry? I do.

Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to your fellowmen? I do.

Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, before these gentlemen, that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity? I do.

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## A PRAYER,

*Used at the Initiation of a Candidate.*

VOUCHSAFE thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention; grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to Thy service, and become a true and faithful brother among us. Indue him with a competency of Thy Divine wisdom, that by the pure principles of our fraternity

he may be better enabled to display the beauties of brotherly love, relief, and truth; to the honor of Thy holy name! *Amen.*

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### SCRIPTURE.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments:

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.—*Psalm CXXXIV.*

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### THE LAMB SKIN,

*Or white leathern apron*, is an emblem of innocence, and the badge of a Mason: more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order that can be conferred upon you at this time, or at any future period, by king, prince, potentate or any other person, except he be a Mason; it is hoped you will wear it with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

It may be, my Brother, that, in the years to come, upon your brow will rest the laurel leaves of victory; from your breast hang jewels

fit to grace the costliest diadem. Nay, more; with light added to the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame within our mystic circle, and even the purple of our fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders. But never again from mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall any honor so distinguished, so emblematic of purity, and all perfection, be bestowed upon you as this which I confer to-night.

It is yours, my Brother, yours to wear through an honorable life, and at your death—for we are all born to die—if you are then a Master Mason in good standing, it may be laid upon the coffin which encloses your lifeless remains, and with them laid beneath the silent clods of the valley. May its pure and spotless surface be to you a constant reminder of unblemished purity of life and rectitude of conduct; a never ending argument for higher thoughts, for nobler deeds, for purer actions. And when at last your weary feet shall have reached the end of their toilsome journey, and from your nerveless grasp shall forever drop the working tools of life, may the record of your life and conduct be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem which I now place within your hand.

And when your soul shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne, may it be your lot, my Brother, to hear from Him who sitteth there as Judge Supreme, the welcome words,