

NEWSLETTER OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

WINTER EDITION

Companions:

We have entered our Winter Quarter of the 2018-2019 York Rite Year. I would like to encourage each of you to reflect on the importance of our Chapter Degrees. This quarter my remarks come from the Royal Arch Degree.

In this degree, we learn that the ceremonies of this degree are intended to represent those of the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. It was a time when the Masons were in search of discoveries, more discoveries and even further discoveries in the rubbish of the Temple. Upon strict search they found the most important treasure of all, "The Lost Word". With all of the findings, they began to understand the true meaning of fellowship, harvest, giving thanks to the Lord and worshipping Him. This great edifice that was erected was dedicated to the Service of the Supreme Being. We should never forget the great saying that this degree presents to us on a daily basis: "Holiness To The Lord".

It is one of the great duties, as a Royal Arch Master, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason; to build upon the teachings of the "Great Light of Masonry" and I need not remind you of the impossibility of complying with the obligation without possessing an accurate acquaintance of the full meaning of this degree. So as the Temple was completed, Winter represents the completion of the Harvest from the Fields, a beautiful change in the plant growth as it gets ready for a dormant period so that new life will begin later, so are we. As we go through the "Seasons of Life", we mature each day and grow stronger in many aspect of our Masonic world and our personal life. Life begins in youth, grows to adult and matures, reaches maturity with wisdom, to then enter a full state of rest when the work is done. But rest assured, if you will practice the teachings of that "GREAT LIGHT," you will be respected by all men; it will never mislead or deceive you, but a strict observance of its holy precepts will fit and prepare you for usefulness in this life and for a gloriOus inheritance in that which is to come.

Always remember this: "HOLINESS TO THE LORD!"

In closing, Let us all work together in Brotherly Love and Fellowship for the up building of Royal Arch Masonry in our local Chapters and in the Great State of South Carolina.

Sincerely submitted,

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