

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

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Companions:

We have entered our Second Quarter of the 2018 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 Past Master Degree.

In this degree, we learn that we should never forget our duties and obligations as a Mason; but by just, upright, amiable, discreet, and virtuous conduct, convince the world of the goodness of our institution; so that when you are known to be a Mason, that is to be your best recommendation. Never turn away from a burdened heart as it pours out its sorrow; pity the distressed, poor, weak, and fallen; let your hand be guided by justice, and let your heart be expanded by benevolence. If your duties to the world are not thoroughly understood, a daily recourse to that Holy Bible, the Light of Divine Truth, will set you aright. As a Mason, let your travels through which you have passed make a deep and a long lasting impression upon your mind. Never in future life accept any Masonic office unless you make up your mind not to be a drone in this, the grandest earthly institution; and qualify yourself to fill that office perfectly and creditably, and merit the honors the Brethren have conferred upon you; for if you do not, you will fully betray the Masonic trust reposed in you, and some of the Brethren may not feel proud that you have come among them. 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.

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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