

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

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Companions:

We have just returned from another uplifted Annual Conclave in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I would like to encourage each of you to reflect on the importance of our Chapter Degrees. This quarter my remarks come from the Mark Master Degree.

In this degree, we learn the importance of “good work, true work and square work”. The chisel morally demonstrates the advantages of discipline and education. The mind, like the diamond in its original state, is rude and unpolished, but as the effect of the chisel on the external coat soon presents to view the latent beauties of the diamond, so education discovers the latent virtues of the mind and draws them forth to range the large field of matter and space, to display the summit of human knowledge, our duty to God and to man.

The mallet morally teaches us to correct irregularities, and reduce man to a proper level; so that by quiet deportment, he may in the school of discipline, learn to be content. What the mallet is to the workman enlightened reason is to the passions: it curbs ambition; it depresses envy; it moderates anger, and it encourages good dispositions; whence arises among good Masons that comely order: “Which nothing earthly gives, or can destroy, the soul’s calm sunshine and the heartfelt joy.”

As we work at our daily vocations and earn our “days wages of a penny” we leave our “mark on all that we do. Our “mark” is noticed by all who are around us. The mark is therefore a passport among any or all Mark Master, whether they met before or not. We are to shun all manner of impositions. We are to build upon a solid foundation in our transaction with all mankind but more especially Brother Masons.

Remember, as we are traveling on that level of time, our daily actions are displayed before the world and our brothers the life we live. Masonry teaches us to be just in our dealings, courtesy to all and above all display “Faith, Hope and Charity” to our brothers, worthy distress Masons and families. Oh, then my Brother, consider what an incentive you have to so live up to the tenets of your profession that when you are summoned to present your life’s work for inspection of the Supreme Architect and Overseer of the Universe, it may be pronounced good work, true work, square work and you may hear the blessed words, “You are entitled to your wages.”

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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