



THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

**NEWS FOR THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS IN INDIANA
AUGUST, 2015**

A MESSAGE ON MEMBERSHIP

Excellent Companion Sean Jones
Grand Master of the Second Veil

We as Royal Arch Masons have something to offer, and we need to make sure that the “Blue Lodge Mason” knows about it!

There are several tools out there for us to use in recruiting new York Rite Masons. There’s the “Three Minute Drill”, the “Monitor for Royal Arch Masonry”, “Visiting Blue Lodges as Royal Arch Masons”, “Table Chapters”, “Blue Lodge Night at your Chapter”, “Going to Blue Lodge Degrees as a Chapter”.

The first thing we must do is make sure that the Non-York Rite Mason knows we are out there. We are the continuation of Ancient Craft Masonry, and they NEED the knowledge we have to better understand Craft Masonry.

It has been said that a person doesn’t read half a book, puts it down and says they understand what the author was trying to say in the story. York Rite is the other half of the story they have been told. Explain this to the Blue Lodge Mason that has been around for a while, and I am sure this will at least cause more questions to be asked. As for the newly made Master Mason, they are already interested in receiving “Light”, and a more full explanation is waiting for them in the Degrees of the York Rite.

For your Chapter, Council, and Commandery to grow, each one of you needs to do just a few things.

First, be proud that you are a York Rite Mason, show that pride by being active within your York Rite bodies and your local Blue Lodge. Second, talk about York Rite Masonry to your Brothers. Third, sign two petitions, one to replace you and one to grow your York Rite. If everyone just signed two petitions, our York Rite would flourish.

If you need help or suggestions with membership, don’t hesitate to contact me or the other Grand Officers, we are here to assist you in any way possible.



**THE MISSION OF INDIANA
ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IS:**

**TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF KING
SOLOMON THAT FUTURE AGES
WOULD FIND OUT THE RIGHT.**

**TO PRESERVE THE COMPLETE
TRADITION OF THE CRAFT.**

**TO FURTHER THE INTIMATE
CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BLUE
LODGE AND THE ROYAL ARCH.**

**TO SPREAD MASONIC
ENLIGHTENMENT AND
FELLOWSHIP AMONG ALL
BRETHREN.**

Indiana Royal Arch Masonry promotes these Essential Standards as keys to a complete understanding of the Masonic tradition and the perfection of the Royal Arch system.

- Extraordinary Masonic education and enlightenment of our craft in sublime and practical ways.
- Fellowship at its finest; in the chapters and in furthering our intimate connection with the Blue Lodge.
- Exceptional ritual development and delivery... always!... Thus preserving the time honored Masonic traditions of “the royal art.”
- Effectiveness and value in Royal Arch organizational processes, communications and finances.
- Continuous advancement of our charitable endeavors.

These Standards are the measuring sticks of our Mission’s progress!

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MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!! - 6:00 PM

WESTSIDE NO. 138

800 NORTH INDIANAPOLIS ROAD, MOORESVILLE
COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP OF ROYAL ARCH
MASONRY!

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE RITUAL

Excellent Companion Jim Fairchild – Grand Lecturer

The understanding of the Ritual, and the words you will be presenting to the new candidate, are important for the ritualist to enable him to get the message across in a correct and impressive manner. One method that will help you understand the meaning of the degree, as well as the mechanics, is the thorough study of the Red Rubrics in the Ritual. This will help you understand the essential attributes and symbolism of the respective degrees, presenting these in a clearer form, free of unnecessary repetition.

However, no Ritual is self-expressing. Even though clearly written, its life and its meaning is almost entirely dependent upon the character and the personality of the person who communicates it. To prove the truth of this statement, find a place where you can be alone for a few minutes. Select a passage from this Ritual and read it aloud without attempting inflection or expression. Now study the same passage and think about the meaning and significance of the written words. Having something of this, endeavor to repeat the passage so that it takes on life and spirit. The difference in the two renditions will readily convince you that you can become a good ritualist.

The improvement you may accomplish in your delivery by speaking slowly and distinctly; by constantly striving to convey understanding; by movement and gesture for the purpose of gaining and holding the interest of the candidate is incalculable.

Thus you can bring to him that comprehension and appreciation every candidate deserves at your hands while you inevitably improve your own personality and the impressiveness of your delivery, both in the Chapter Hall and out of it. Ritualists are made and not born. What you unselfishly give to it; the candidate and you will receive from it, and of this, many fold. Note: I get distressed when I hear a Companion or Brother in the Blue Lodge say: "It doesn't matter if I leave out part of the work, the candidate doesn't know anyhow".

All Biblical and words of difficult or unusual pronunciation can be found in Appendix A, in the back of this Ritual. By paying reasonable attention to the key, or by consulting a standard dictionary in case of doubt; we may hope to attain that correctness of pronunciation so essentially necessary. Many members and candidates will quickly notice mispronunciation of words.

IN THE QUARRY...

Hail Companions! If you know of any Companion that is ill, has Entered the Celestial Lodge Above, has achieved some success or honor; or if there are special events or degree work planned by your Chapter ... please forward the details to the Editor of the Principal Sojourner at dwood52281@aol.com. Event pictures are also great; so please send them as well. We publish the Principal Sojourner every other month and will do our best to get the news out to you all!

- A big "Thank You" to all of the Companions who have sent pictures and articles to the Principal Sojourner! They are very much appreciated and we hope that you will continue to send them.

OUTSIDE THE TABERNACLE



Excellent High Priest, Mike Koziel, of Plymouth 49 presides at the District B Table Chapter



LEFT: Ex Comp. Steve Maxwell, GM3V, confers with a former GM3V Warren DeFerbrache at a conferral of the Past and MEM Degrees at Concord 101, in Elkhart on July 11th. 5 candidates were inducted and received.
CENTER: Preparing for the work.
RIGHT: A happy HKT!



MEGHP Marty Evens presents Companion Jack Thomas his 50 Year Award of Gold. Congratulations Jack!



MEGHP Marty Evens presents Distinguished Companion Awards to Companions David Maxey and Terry Brown at the District F. Table Chapter.



A Meeting of the Minds. MEGHP Marty Evens, REGC Jim Bolinger and MIGM Mike Stoner confer on a sunny 4th of July in Angola, Indiana; just prior to walking in the City of Angola's 4th of July parade. About 30 York Rite Masons, plus Shriners, Lodge members and OES sisters participated.



Companions from all the Chapters in District B joined to Advance a candidate to the Mark Master Degree at Concord 101, on June 24th.



District B Table Chapter



Companions met at Angola Chapter #58 on Saturday, June 20, 2015 to present the Mark Master and Past Master degrees to two new candidates. The morning started with donuts and coffee, then at 9 am the Mark Master degree began. The group plans to present the Most Excellent Master degree after the July 4th holiday.

In the photo above, back row, left to right; Brant Moore, Benton Davis, James Davis, James Coleman Past Grand High Priest, John Coleman. Front row, left to right; Mark Blue, Jeremy Warner (candidate), Glen Rogers, Lynn Blue (candidate), Michael Anderson. Missing from the photo are Past Grand High Priest, J. William Meyers, Blaine Nichols and Jim Milleman.



"How much did you receive?"
"A penny..."



"How much did you receive?"



"50 Bucks..."

**!! CHARTER PRESENTATION !!
FOR GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH ... 12 NOON

**BLOOMFIELD LODGE HALL
BLOOMFIELD, INDIANA**

***COME AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR
NEWEST ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER!!!***

COMING IN AUGUST !!! ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!!

!!! THE GRAND CHAPTER SUMMER PICNIC !!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH ... AT NOON

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK ... U.S. HIGHWAY 41 AND INDIANA 47

RSVP TO: mje@centuryconcrete.com

**District G
TABLE CHAPTER**

**Tuesday, July 28th - 6:00 PM
Anderson No. 52
3921 W. Nichol Ave., Anderson
\$12. ... rsvp to Dan Edsall ... Ladies Invited**

**District D
TABLE CHAPTER**

**Friday, August 7th - 6:30 PM
Kokomo No. 104 - 316 N. Washington, Kokomo
\$12. ... rsvp to Dale Foreman ... Ladies Invited**

**District A
TABLE CHAPTER**

**Saturday, August 22nd - 5:00 PM (CDT)
Hammond 117
2234 Martha St., Highland**

**District I
TABLE CHAPTER**

**Saturday, September 5th
Time: 1 PM (EDT) ... 12 N (CDT)
Prince Lodge - 201 E. Water St., Princeton
\$12. ... Ladies Invited**



M.E. Grand High Priest, Marty Evens and members of the Grand Chapter Officer Corps join in the festivities of the Grand Council's Crypt Re-Dedication at New Albany Indiana.

NOTES FROM AN INDIANA COMPANION SOJOURNING IN PENNSYLVANIA

My Hoosier Companions:

Greetings from the Keystone State of Pennsylvania! After moving to Altoona, PA in the Spring, of 2014, with my wife, Kate, I was able to slowly become acclimated with how Freemasonry works in this Commonwealth. As some of you know, the Ritual of our Companions in Pennsylvania is quite different from that of Indiana, in both Blue Lodge and the Chapter.

This is primarily tied to the happenings of the Ancient Craft Lodge (in PA, it's known as: Free & Accepted Ancient York Masons), although the title is still 'F. & A.M.', though some sources use F.Y.M.

Anyways, when it comes to the Ritual in the Chapter...to begin, there are only three (3) degrees performed: Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch. The Past Master Degree is not performed, as it is deemed the sole rite of the Blue Lodge, and should not be infringed with. With a degree missing from the Chapter, this changes a few other things as well. For example, the knocks upon the doors are different than in Indiana (thing of the 3 Triangles and their sides.) Also, the Opening / Closing of a Chapter is almost identical to that of the PA Blue Lodge (which, is very different from a Lodge in Indiana.)

The Officers of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in PA are thus:

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| 1. Most Excellent High Priest (<i>yes, the Most is correct!</i>) | 9. Master of the 3 rd Veil |
| 2. King | 10. Master of the 2 nd Veil |
| 3. Scribe | 11. Master of the 1 st Veil |
| 4. Treasurer | 12. Sr. Master of Ceremonies |
| 5. Secretary | 13. Jr. Master of Ceremonies |
| 6. Principal Sojourner | 14. Pursuivant |
| 7. Captain of the Host | 15. Tyler |
| 8. Royal Arch Captain | 16. Chaplain |

Similar to Indiana, they only open on the Royal Arch Degree to conduct business, although all 3 Dais officers are covered in the Ritualistic style of the Royal Arch Degree (crowns), and all officers of each Chapter are expected to wear Tuxedo – Tails for Stated Convocations and Degree work. The 7th – 15th officers wear swords.

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, I was able to attend the 220th Annual Convocation of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Jurisdictions Thereunto Belonging (*yes- that is the Full title!*), and is the oldest Grand Chapter in the United States. They met in Lodge / Chapter Hall in Lebanon, PA with roughly 100 Companions in attendance. I will say, it was nice being in a Grand Session, outside of a hotel and back to where it all began.

Timothy R. Brinkmeyer, PHP
Middletown Chapter No. 143, R.A.M.

!! COMING IN OCTOBER !!

THE INDIANA – ILLINOIS ALL ROYAL ARCH DEGREE DAY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH

@ La PORTE NO. 15

820 Jefferson Avenue, La Porte, Indiana

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE NEXT PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER!

AN ESSAY ON THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

What are these pass words all about? Well, Masonry is a progressive science; with each new step not only adding knowledge but also ... responsibility. And each advancement to the next degree requires a password to gain admission; each of which have significance to us as individual Masons.

There are four sets of passwords in the Royal Arch Degree; each set being required to pass one of the Four Veils of the Tabernacle set up at the building of the second Temple in Jerusalem. Their significance?

The First Veil: ... God ... the Supreme Architect ... the great creator of heaven and earth ... the first and the last ... the beginning and the end of all things ... must first be acknowledged by us before entering into any great and important undertaking ... in all that we do.

To understand the passwords of The Second Veil, we must go back in time to Noah and his sons; his blessings and his curse.

In the 9th Chapter of Genesis, we find that ... “the sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled. Noah was the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard;” ... apparently, Noah knew how to build boats better than he understood the concept of fermentation, because he drank his wine ... got seriously inebriated ... staggered around in his tent ... took all his clothes off and passed out ... “and he drank of the wine, and became drunk, and lay uncovered in his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father,” Some traditions say that Ham had a sexual encounter with Noah ... some say Ham emasculated him ... but it probably was more like ... ‘do you know what that idiot has done now?’ ... and told his two brothers outside. Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, he said, "cursed be Canaan; a slave of slaves shall he be to his brothers." he also said, "blessed by the Lord my God be Shem; and let Canaan be his slave. God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his slave." after the flood, Noah lived three hundred and fifty years. All the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.”

These three sons ... Shem, Ham and Japheth, were all about 95 to 110 years old at the flood, and they were responsible for repopulating the earth after the flood. They became known as the families of man.

Shem's blessing because of his good deed towards his father ... “blessed by the Lord My God be Shem” ... fathered the groups of peoples known as the Semitics; which populated all of the Middle East, India and into China. The Biblical figures, Abraham, David, Solomon and the Messiah were all descendants of Shem. These people advanced much of our world's spiritual understanding today ... legend has it that Shem may have even been the great Melchizedek ... whom, if you have been a High Priest, you know about.

“God enlarge Japheth...” Japheth was a pioneer ... a productive, industrious man. His family moved north and populated the regions of northern Asia, Europe and the Western Hemisphere. We are descendants of Japheth.

Ham, who was not directly cursed ... but omitted because of the dishonoring of his father and from then on looked upon as a servant ... took his family south into Africa and populated that great continent. It is interesting to note that the name Ham means “hot” or “burnt.” The direct curse to Ham's family was on his son Canaan ... “let Canaan be his slave...” Canaan's family did not go with Ham to Africa; but moved to an area just east of the Mediterranean Sea and dwelt in Shem's territory. Historical accounts in the Bible tell us that “the land of Canaan” was that which was promised to Abraham. These three passwords call us to Faith, Industry and Service as Royal Arch Masons.

The passwords of the third veil recall us back to the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. We all know and understand Moses, the great law giver of the children of Israel. His very name means “drawn from the water.” He was a great and courageous man; and from the burning bush onward, he served God faithfully, shepherding his people to the very border of the Promised Land.

Bezaleel, the son of Uri of the tribe of Judah, was “filled with the spirit of God, in wisdom, understanding and all workmanship” ... “called specifically by God,” Bezaleel was the architect of the Tabernacle of the wilderness ... God’s dwelling place ... and he, with the support of Moses and Aholiab, constructed the Ark of the Covenant.

Aholiab, the son of Ahisamakh of the tribe of Dan, means “tent of the father”... “brother of strength and support”... he was a weaver of textiles and produced the coverings and veils of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

These passwords call Royal Arch Masons to the role of “courageous shepherd” ... the role of wisdom and excellent craftsmanship ... and the role of support and brotherhood.

To gain admission through the fourth veil requires the characteristics of these Biblical persons. Joshua (or Jeshua) was the first High Priest of the Israelites after their return from Babylonian captivity. His father was Jozadak, who was the High Priest when Jerusalem was captured by the Chaldeans and the First Temple was destroyed. Joshua was born in Babylon. In Hebrew, his name means “let there be salvation.”

Zerubbabel was the son of Pedaiah and the grandson of King Jeconiah. He was a prince of Judah and a king by right; but because Judah was a tributary province, he was called Governor. Upon return to Jerusalem, Zerubbabel was instrumental in the building of the Second Temple. After initial success, the rebuilding of the Temple floundered and Zerubbabel returned to Babylon to plead for help. In Babylon, he took part in the famous debate over what was strongest; wine, the king or women, which is depicted in the Commandery orders. Zerubbabel won the debate by stating “truth beareth away the victory” and was permitted to return to Jerusalem with the necessary funds and authority to complete the Second Temple.

Haggai was a minor prophet who played an important role in raising the spirits of those who had returned to Jerusalem. On at least three major occasions, when the spirit of the people towards the work weakened, Haggai inspired them to renew their enthusiasm for the task.

These three members of the Grand Council are representative of the three Attributes of the Perfect Man, or Divinity. King Zerubbabel represents the material or physical aspect of man... the scribe Haggai represents the soul or psychical aspect... and the high priest Joshua represents the spirit.

There should always be three candidates for the Royal Arch Degree, for three is symbolic of the three attributes of the perfect man. They are joined together to show that all three attributes... body, soul and spirit must be present before man can reach his destiny of completing the work on his “personal, living stone.”

And ... don’t forget the signet of Zerubbabel ... which means Truth!

Nine men and God ... ten characteristics ... faith, industry and service ... courage, wisdom and brotherhood ... body, soul and spirit ... and truth. As Royal Arch Masons, our duty and responsibility increases dramatically ... if we are true to our profession, then the reward is equally awesome ... for we finally find that which was lost ... the Word.