

Manassas Royal Arch Chapter No. 81

From the Chamber of the High Priest

Greetings Companions:

I am excited about Royal Arch Masonry in Manassas. We have had a number of prestigious speakers, a successful Ham & Oyster Dinner, a youth night featuring the DeMolays and Jobs Daughters, a [first ever] Royal Arch Ladies Night, and a Royal Arch Degree.

In June we will have some special comments from Companion John Stallings regarding Prince William Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Companions, during the youth night last fall, I requested that the senior DeMolays standup during the meetings. A full two-thirds of those present that evening were recognized as senior DeMolays. The DeMolays are largely where our long-term future lies. I hope that you can be present to hear what John has to say.

Additionally, at our June meeting we will have a Most Excellent Master's degree put on by the regional degree team. If you will recall, this is purely an American degree - it is practiced in no other country. It deals with the dedication of the Great Temple by Solomon and reminds us that the glory of the Lord can not only fill his house of worship, but can also illuminate the hearts and minds of men devoted to His service in the true spirit of sacrifice. Please make every effort to attend and reacquaint yourself with the Royal Arch degrees!

The July meeting will feature a presentation of the Royal Arch Degree. Companions, the degrees of Royal Arch masonry add much meaning and understanding to the Master Mason's degree in the Blue Lodge. If you haven't seen the Royal Arch degree recently, or have not had time to reflect on the lessons of this degree, come out to the June meeting and enjoy this treat. Because this is a lengthy degree, dispensation will be sought to begin dinner at 6:00 PM and open the Chapter at 7:00 PM. Because of this change, notices will be mailed out in June after dispensation has been acquired informing the Companions of the time changes for the July meeting.

Finally, the August meeting will feature remarks by the High Priest as we prepare to close one year and begin another.

Fraternally,

/s/ William K. Edwards

High Priest