

*Leominster Royal Arch Chapter
69 West St.
Leominster, MA 01453*

Regular Convocation

You are cordially invited to the 974th Regular Convocation of Leominster Royal Arch Chapter on **WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017** at 7:00pm at the Leominster Masonic Building, 69 West Street, Leominster, MA. Chapter will open on the Past Masters Degree. **Dinner will be served at 6PM. \$10** Please make reservations no later than **September 18th**. **Officers and Companions Attire: Business**

Secretaries Message

Companions, the dues notices are in with this mailing. Please note that the Grand Chapter dues went up to \$30 this year, and as a result Leominster Chapters dues have increased. We have many companions that are 3 and 4 years in arrears and as such will be scrutinized this year. If you no longer wish to be a member of Chapter, you need to contact either the High Priest or the Secretary. If you feel your dues are in error, please contact me.

High Priest's Message

Companions:

I hope the Summer of 2017 has been a good one for you.

As is our Capitular tradition, Leominster Royal Arch Chapter went dark for the summer. Although this is common practice for most Masonic bodies, I have often thought about the significance of that practice. When I was a brand new Mason, I saw the two months of Masonic "vacation" as an agonizing ordeal. I had just become a Master Mason and was yearning for more light. And just as soon as I was qualified to receive more light, that light was extinguished for the summer.

This was when I first reached to the appendant bodies. I petitioned to LRAC and was accepted. And although I had to wait until the Fall to be advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason, I found that a few months to collect my thoughts and take stock of my place in the Fraternity was not a bad thing.

These days, as a Past Master and technically a Past High Priest, I look at going dark as an opportunity to recharge the Masonic batteries and rededicate myself to the work that needs to be done.

My companions, there is always more work to be done and we have been called by the Grand Architect to do that work. We have been called to look after our legacy in Freemasonry. That means: filling the stations of our Chapter, exalting new candidates to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason, filling the sidelines for those candidates, and taking care of our fellow companions in need.

You see, my companions, there is good work that each of us can do. At the start of this new Capitular year, I ask each of you to think about what you can do for your Chapter and for Freemasonry. It doesn't have to be much to make an impact. If we all do as we are able, we will have a happy and healthy fraternity for years to come.

This month we will have our installation of officers, discuss our plans for the Capitular year and then retire for some libations and fellowship at a local watering hole.

I hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally, Ex. Jeffrey T. Ross
High Priest, Leominster Chapter

Attest: R.: E.: Robert A. Peete
Secretary, Leominster Chapter