

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ROYAL ARCH MASONS BORED WITH COVID-19**

Companions,

Should you become bored with all the news and continuing changes in this pandemic, may I encourage you to consider an opportunity to broaden your experience and knowledge in Royal Arch Masonry. There are numerous web sites that provide any number of educational articles and information which cover every aspect of our degrees. There are explanations of the nature of the history, esoteric and alchemy areas mentioned within capitial masonry and so much more.

Now if you are really bored, and have too much time on your hands, may I encourage you to research a subject of Masonic interest and develop an educational article, presentation or a short talk for use in either Lodge or Chapter. You could find an existing presentation, program or article and adapt it for use at your local level. You could write a story, an article or develop a play or short story involving or relating to Masonry which would be entertaining to others but with a message, a moral, a truth or perhaps a life experience. If nothing else, a simple explanation of why you became a Mason or what appeals to you to be York Rite member is interesting and will relate to others.

Obviously, I am always looking for material for the free, monthly electronic newsletter, the ENews, and we constantly have need for material for our quarterly Royal Arch Mason magazine. Do not allow lost time to keep you down and be unprotective. Opportunity comes to us every day; the question is how we take advantage of it and benefit both individually and as a Fraternity. Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Not my words, but they seem to fit as I believe that we all are blessed with talents, skills, abilities that are for us to discover and develop to the best use for ourselves, our families, our communities and the world. Have you been able to fully explore or discover these items and adapt them to benefit others? Now is your chance to do something different. Be bold, be different and enjoy a new area of exploration of your abilities to improve both self-knowledge and education in order to become a mentor to others.

Best wishes to each of our Companions as I encourage all of us to continue to make a difference by working together to improve the Fraternity as a whole and ourselves individually.

Holiness to the Lord!

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