

A Penny for your Thoughts



A penny for your thoughts. We've heard that saying before - haven't we? My thoughts are probably just like yours when it comes to Royal Arch Masonry. What can we do to improve Chapter attendance? What can we do to interest fellow Masons to petition a Royal Arch Chapter?

To answer the first question - Companions can become bored with the same old open-close, a bite to eat, and a goodbye for another month. Instead, spice up the meeting with an interesting and entertaining program. Send this information out in the Trestleboard so the membership has something to look forward to at the next Convocation.

I have also given a lot of thought to the second question regarding new membership. It's like pulling teeth. Ouch! But, I'm getting geared up to do something about it. Like motivating myself to spread the word about the fraternity to which we so proudly belong.

Each and every Royal Arch Mason needs to reach out to our Brother Masons. The approach can be done two different ways. Number one: By talking to them one-on-one. Number two: Visiting their Blue Lodge and giving a talk. The sad part about this is, when you do decide to give a talk at a Craft Lodge, only a handful show up. Sad, isn't it? There is a way to get around this. Read on!

I started this article out by saying that I have been giving this a lot of thought. The more I think about it - my thoughts just might be the "Key" in getting our Brothers to take "The Best First Step" to More Light!"

I challenge each District to have our Blue Lodge Brothers assemble at one lodge location in your area that can accommodate a good sized audience. The more the better. You can even invite Chapter members, but the target audience, the majority, should be nonmembers of the Royal Arch. At this assembly, the Master of Ceremonies' mission is to present a program covering as much as possible about the Order. The speaker should have a team of Companions with him, all dressed with their red blazer, to answer questions, hand out brochures, petitions, etc. High Priests should be present as well. By doing this, it shows cohesiveness among Royal Arch Masons, and impresses the uninitiated.

Having a gathering of this type, enables all of us to meet as one, and affords the opportunity to disseminate knowledge about York Rite Masonry. My fellow Companions - it is up to each of us to spread the word via email, flyers, calls, etc. I hope that you agree that convening is one sure way to reach out to a large group, just waiting to receive more light. "A Penny for your Thoughts."

"So It is Written - So Let it be Done."

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