

Report of the Education Committee -- 2020 / 2021 **To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida**

We would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Arthur J. Ahrens, III, for the establishment and support of this special Committee during his year.

This Committee set out to establish several opportunities and resources for individual study, self-improvement, and teaching beyond the ritual.

The easiest way for any Companion to add their continuing education is to recommend all Companions join the Chapter of Research. The online Zoom meetings and presentations are well worth joining. Either the outgoing EHP, Companion Brett Gordon, or the Secretary M.:E.: PGHP John Wermann can be contacted for membership info to join.

The *Companion Adept of the Temple* program is another fantastic program for increasing one's study through the degrees and orders of the York Rite. In June and August, E.: Companion Joshua Shutts provided an excellent pair of video topic discussions for the first two exams—collectively covering all the Capitular degrees. He should be contacted directly for those individual recorded links and commended for a fantastic service to the Craft.

This Committee is also pleased to provide a set of Powerpoint slides for the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees, containing both Lectures and PS journey. These are based and partially modified on slides from older magic lantern plates that were sold via various companies (a little old in conversion but still good). They have been demonstrated at Festivals and received to good acclaim and request for their use. All you need is a computer projector and you are good to go. If any Companion wishes for me to email and share it with them, I will be pleased to personally send them. This Committee would like to thank R.:E.: Al Kimball for his tremendous assistance in scanning the original slides to electronic format.

This Committee recommends adding a list of those who have won various distinguished awards and honors (Bronze Medal; Grand High Priest awards; other GGC medals or awards; ritual competition winners) to our Grand York Rite website. As well as all listing all prior (not just living) Grand High Priests.

A list of those who are current ritual card holders in the Directory can assist High Priests and Festival coordinators for whom to contact if a key part is missing.

Finally, this Committee also recommends implementing a resource at the local Chapter level, for Leadership Education. "The Royal Arch Mason Handbook and Leadership Guide" (published by the Grand Chapter State of New York) and the York Rite Leadership Program are excellent examples to use or build on a program specific to Florida.

Because a good deal of this is not esoteric, this training could be done within a Zoom meeting, or filmed via Youtube/Powerpoint videos and posted to a link on the GYR website for members to share and use.

Zealously and Fraternally Submitted

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for—and on behalf of—all Chapter District Instructors