

KANSAS TOPICS

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Greetings Sir Knights,

As the Grand Commander I am proud to be the Shepherd of this awesome flock and assume that responsibility with gratitude and willingness to serve as such. A good friend and brother often refers to me as RECTOR, and I enjoy his reference to me in my past vocation as a pastor. I take the wisdom I have gained from the knowledge I received as a clergyman from the One important Great Light of Masonry—The Holy Bible and apply that to masonry.

I recall from the Grand Encampment Leadership course one of the instructors made a profound statement that has stuck with me ever since. He stated our Masonic Forefathers left nothing to chance. Every part of our ritual has been carefully and specifically thought out with purpose to bring us closer to an understanding of our relation to God and our fellow man. His example was reference to the square apron and triangle fall and their reference to the four cardinal virtues and the spiritual principals of Faith, Hope, and Love. The example I have in mind at this time is the plumb line as referenced in our 2nd degree perambulation. The Lord is standing on a wall made by a plumb line with a plumb line in His hand. I believe this scripture from the book of the prophet Amos is a specific reference to us today as masons. The wall on which the Lord is standing was laid by a stone mason using the principal working

tool of his profession—the plumb line. I, as a Speculative Mason, use the reference to the plumb line in the Lord’s hand as a reference to myself, and my upright walk before God and man, making me a better man for the betterment of the fraternity and the community where I reside.

I believe all who believe in Christ Jesus as the only begotten son of the Father are plumb lines in His hand, and I believe every true Knight Templar who has borne the cross with his honor unsullied is especially identified as a plumb line with a great responsibility to carry the message of salvation with him wherever he travels and to display that message by his actions whenever directed by the holder of the plumb line, God, our heavenly Father. By this, we continue to build on the wall, or the world, our Lord is still standing on. We yield our will to His and not our own, putting the world on a firm and solid footing, as referenced to our petal or fourth perfect point of entrance into masonry. By our actions, our attitudes, and our devotion we are plumb lines and can build our fraternity as the true plumb lines of God.

*SO MOTE IT BE
SO HELP ME GOD AND KEEP ME STEADFAST*

Your Spiritual and Fraternal Brother in Christ,
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