



**NEW JERSEY
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Fraters,

Ascension Day comes 40 days after Easter. It was a limited time of reprieve, after the miracle of Easter. The Apostles saw the amazing sights of Easter morning and they were at the ascension. While we have some records of the time between the miracles, we really do not know how well this time was used. We know that Jesus was constantly giving examples for the disciples to take note of; but there is very little said of questions being asked. Did they make the most of their time with Jesus, we will never know.

My statement to you is, our most precious gift is that of time. From the day we are born, we know that sooner or later time will run out. On your entry into Masonry, you were told to manage your time. Every degree has some reference to time; and we are reminded that wisest knows not when the end will come. How well we use our time is our choice. We should all be aware that about 1/3 of our lives is lost to sleep, as our bodies require. It is what we do with the rest of our lives that is important. We all have others in our lives to be concerned with, spouses, parents, children, jobs, extended families, the Fraternity and perhaps a church. Everything we are involved in takes our time. It is the quality of the time we spend with others that is important, we should not be just another body in the room. It is important that we be Present; for it is a present for us to be there. To be there for your spouse, to spend time with your child, to play with your grandchildren. As one who is on the downside of the mountain, let me say, make the most of every minute of your life.

Live well my fraters, make the BEST use of your time.

**Put on The Whole Armor of God
“The Shield of Faith”**

The shield of ancient times was a primarily an item of individual protection, hopefully to stop an arrow or the blow of a sword. Made of layers of various materials, they were as close to movable armor as they could get. When troops were in formation, they could even form a wall for protection.

We should use our faith as a shield as we are assailed by the evils that are loose in the world today. My fraters, if we stand together, bound by our faith, we can form a wall against those evils. It is our faith in God that brings us together; it should be that same faith that binds us into one solid wall.

**Yours in Christ,
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