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SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER

On Saturday January 16th Laurel Council No. 43 hosted the annual Super Excellent Master Degree. Eight Companions received the Degree.

The Degree of Super Excellent Master emphasizes the lessons of loyalty and faithfulness. The Degree centers around the events leading to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple at the hands of the Chaldeans. The Degree is narrated by small interludes of biblical prophecy that highlight the end of the first Temple and the construction of the second Temple.

It is noteworthy for its scenes of the Jewish court of Zedekiah and the Chaldean court of Nebuchadnezzar. This degree is an honorary one, and a member of the Council not needing to have it in order to hold membership or office.



January 2021 SEM Class



N. Ried Quarles, Jr., Grand Conductor of the Council, recites a prolog



Also, Jason A. Jefcoat, Grand Prelate, KT, won the raffle for this beautiful stained glass, featuring emblems from each York Rite Body and the Symbolic Lodge, which was made by Lady Sandra D. McKelvy, and donated by her and her Husband, Sir Knight John B. McKelvy.

Despite COVID, the 2020-2021 Heads-of-Bodies were able to raise over \$500, which will be distributed evenly to Royal Arch Research Assistance, Cryptic Masons Medical Research, and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.