



SOUTH CAROLINA SUPPLEMENT
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Greetings once again Sir Knights!

This is usually the article when Grand Commanders get to say their thank you and write about places they went and the wonderful brothers they met. Unfortunately, visiting did not happen but I can still thank all the Sir Knights for keeping the desire to start moving again. I know I am ready.

As of this article the Grand York Rite will be in June. So.... For now, let us look at a few sins that Jesus condemns in scripture and how they apply to us as Masons and Sir Knights.

Selfishness – We should always remember that we are here to be of service to others. Matthew 20:28 *“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

Basically, do not come to be served but to serve. Also, Luke 16:19-31 describes the story of a rich man and Lazarus. It tells about the severity of punishment for selfness when we allow our own needs to blind us from the needs of others.

Judging others – How many of us need to fight against this? How many of us judge others? Mathew 7:1, *“Judge not. That ye be not judged.”* Mathew 7:2 *“For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged.”*

and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”

Hatred – This is an easy one to give into, and sometimes the hardest to remove. One of the greatest commandments John 13:34 *“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”*

In Mathew 5:21-26 Jesus condemns our hatred of and anger with one another.

Unforgiveness – This is another many of us fall into and is tough to get past. Mathew 6:9-13 gives us the Lord’s prayer, the next two, Mathew 6:14-15 states *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* And the ultimate forgiveness Jesus gave Luke 23:34 *“...Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.”*

I highlight these as they can cause issues with our lodges, York Rite Bodies, and our daily lives. We must work hard against allowing these to consume us. Hope, Love, and Charity should be our guiding principles, as it is said, in our dealings with all people and especially follow Masons. With what the last year has been and seems to continue now, I, struggle with some of these as frustration builds. Please remember our pledges and duties to strive to be better men always. And as always thank you for your continued support.

With continued fraternal love and affection.

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