

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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EUNOMIA CHAPTER NO. 5 ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

On March 23 the Companions of Eunomia Chapter No. 5, RAM of Huntsville conferred the degree of Royal Arch Mason on two candidates. Also present were four Grand Chapter officers. The candidates were Brothers Charles Cozelos and Zach Wade. Grand Chapter officers present were Dr. Roger K. Harrison, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; George L. Marshall, Jr., PGHP and Right Excellent Grand Chaplain; Johnny Strickland, Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner; and John Meyers, Excellent Grand Sentinel. Also present was Most Excellent Companion Emory J. "Smokey" Ferguson, PGGHP and PGHP. The Chapter was opened and closed with the Grand Chapter officers present filling their respective places. The Grand Chapter officers were received with honors. A highlight of the evening was the rendition of a song describing the desolation of the Jewish captives in Babylon by Companion Jeremy New, accompanying himself on the guitar. Pictured below are the candidates and Companions present.



GRAND CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
(Exodus 33:14, NIV)

The Israelites leaving the land of Egypt certainly had good reason for fear and worry as they departed into the wilderness of Sinai. What would they eat? Was there water? Would the army of Egypt pursue them there to destroy them? Were people living there who would become their enemies? Why was God allowing Moses to guide them into this desolate region?

Brethren and Companions, it is difficult at times to realize that peace and comfort are always near to us in the divine presence of God. But surely it is so. God has created us for His own and will never forsake us or give up on us because we put our trust in Him and we love Him with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength.

As the prophet Isaiah has said, "*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*" (Isaiah 26:3, KJV) The highest goodness of God is manifest in His creation, of which we are a part, and we need only to relax in this goodness, where we shall know perfect peace and take comfort in the fact that all is well.

George Marshall, Jr., PGHP
Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter RAM of Alabama

THE NAIL

As the story goes, they built a new church building and people came from far and wide to see it. They admired its beauty! Up on the roof, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely structure-except the nail! No one even knew he was there, and he became angry and jealous.

"If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!" So the nail then released its hold, slid down the roof, and fell in the mud.

That night it rained and rained. Soon, the shingle that had no nail blew away, and the roof began to leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall, the carpet was stained, and the pulpit Bible was ruined by water. All this because a little nail decided to quit!

But what of the nail? While holding the shingle, it was obscure but it was also useful. Buried in the mud it was just as obscure, but now it was useless and would soon be eaten up by rust!

The moral of the story-**EVERY MEMBER IS IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH!** You may, like the nail, feel obscure at times, but just like the nail, your absence is felt. When you are not present for worship, in some way the body of Christ hurts. We are ALL a part of the Lord's ministry.

-- Author Unknown
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