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To the REDGHP Ted Burch, all Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officers Elected and Appointed. All Excellent High Priest, Kings, Scribes, Officers and Members owing allegiance to St. Andrew Grand Chapter HRAM, Jurisdiction of Indiana, PHA.

JESUS answered " I am the way and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 4:6

I want to start by saying thank you for having the confidence in me as your 24th Grand High Priest. This is an achievement in which I will not take lightly. I hope that by putting my all into the success of this Grand Chapter will lead to great rewards for its members.

After I became a Master Mason, I felt that I had really achieved something. Then when I joined Royal Arch, I found out that all I received was the substitutes to everything. This caused me to study more about both houses to as we say, "Improve myself in Masonry." In return I found that I enjoyed this house over any of the others. Plus, Royal Arch is the first step in our York Rite journey. So, if we cannot grow this house, it will affect the growth of the other two York Rite bodies.

- Masons use the terms "Brother" and "Companion" to denote different levels of fellowship.
- "Brother " signifies a bond based on shared obligations and experiences, while "Companion" indicates a closer bond of fellowship, specifically within the Royal Arch Chapter.

So as Companions we should be working together to improve ourselves and help each other improve, to make this Jurisdiction better than the day before. We can achieve this by focusing on these three things, Recruitment, Retention, and Education.

**Recruitment**

- This is not the Blue House.
- You are allowed and encouraged to speak to brothers about joining.

**Reclaiming**

- We need to do better at reaching out to the Companions we haven't seen in a while.
- Ask why they are not coming to meetings or events.
- Then invite them to both.

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**Education**

- Strive to be the best you can be.
- If you don't know anything about Royal Arch Masonry, how can you influence others?

These three things, if everyone works together, will not only help boost the Royal Arch, but York Rite as a whole.

Unity is Strength... When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

Yours in 3x3 Under a Living Arch,

***Clifford Barlow***

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