

The Royal Arch Report

This report is to be given on the occasion of each 3rd Degree Ceremony whilst the Candidate is restoring himself to his personal comforts.

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Worshipful Master and Brethren.

We have, once again, witnessed the brutal murder of our Grand Master, Hiram Abiff, who died as a result of his unshaken fidelity to the sacred trust reposed in him. That sacred trust was the guardianship of the genuine secrets of a Master Mason which, as we have just heard, were known to but three in the world.

Brethren, these genuine secrets were not lost for ever but were preserved, and are to be found in the Holy Royal Arch – often known as Chapter.

Brethren, the Book of Constitutions contains our Preliminary Declaration which is this;

“By the solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Free-Masons of England in December 1813, it was ‘declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch’.

Our brother, who has recently retired from the lodge, has now completed three of those four parts of his journey in pure Antient Masonry. When he, and those of you that haven’t already done so, are ready to take the next step, and complete that journey from Initiation to Exaltation, we will be delighted to welcome him, and you, into the Holy Royal Arch.

Thank you Worshipful Master

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