



*The Eighth Capitular District, New York, Royal Arch Masons*

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### *Greetings*

Companions,

On behalf of AGL Murray and myself, we hope this finds each of you and your families well as we all seek to emerge from this difficult and trying pandemic. Although your normal family gatherings to celebrate Easter and / or Passover were likely curtailed, we're sure that these holidays allowed you to find strength in your faith. Thank you to all the "essential employees" among us who are working on the front lines and thank you to all of the Companions checking on and helping each other, truly exemplifying the spirit of Royal Arch Masonry. We'd like to use this newsletter type format as another tool to communicate information especially until such time as we are able to meet in person. Should you be aware of anyone in need of aid of any kind please don't hesitate to contact us and let us know.

With Fraternal Regards,

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### *Sickness and Distress*

M.: E.: Edward Newsham is receiving medical care in Albany as of last update.

Comp. Kevin Grewe has been under the weather as of late.

## *Announcements*

The application deadline for the Royal Arch Masons Education Assistance program has been extended to April 18. If you did not receive the email pertaining to this and need more information, contact Will or John.

## *Cancellations / Postponements*

May 4 – Oxford Chapter #254  
May 5 – Vallonia Chapter #89  
May 9 – Southern Tier District Mason of the Year Dinner  
May 11 – Oneonta Chapter #277  
May 12 – Washington Chapter # 29  
May 16 – Western Broome Chapter # 332

## *Upcoming Events*

June 20 – Grand High Priests Reception, Tioga Golf Course, Nichols (meal reservations due by June 6)  
June 27 – St. John's Day, Utica  
July 18 – District Picnic, Jim Higby's place  
August 29 – Outdoor Degrees, Raymond's Pond, Trumansburg

## *Education*

We plan to kick off a Virtual Lecture series in the near future using Skype to video conference. Initially John and I will come up with the content but we are certainly open to anyone with an idea for a lecture that they would like to deliver via this medium. Additionally, the educational courses could perhaps be offered in this way if there is sufficient interest. More details to come soon.

## *AGL Section*

Companions I spent the last 4 hours watching Ben-hur. It is now Passover and Easter. This got me thinking of our royal craft. Our degrees revolve around Solomon's first and second temples and ancient Judaism. During these times blood sacrifices were made to God. By the time of Jesus, both Jews and Romans were still making blood sacrifices. At the last supper Jesus said to

drink of my blood- the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. His followers no longer made blood sacrifices. The Romans converted to Christianity and no longer made sacrifices. This is my question for you companions to research. Modern Judaism no longer makes blood sacrifices. When did this change take place and what was the cause?