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# Isle of the Sea Royal Arch Chapter



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Nantucket, Massachusetts

**Monday May 21, 2012**

***The Regular Convocation of Isle of the Sea Royal Arch Chapter will be held on the above date. It will be preceded by a "Pot Luck Supper" served at 6:30.***

***A Lodge of Past Master Masons will be opened at 7:30 pm.***

**Business of the Evening**

***Read the records and communications, receive and ballot on applications for the degrees and affiliation, and act upon any other business that may properly come before the Chapter.***

***Our website: <http://www.gracma.org/IsleoftheSea/>***

**Officers Dress: Business Suit**

***By Order.***

***E:: Richard Leo Berube  
High Priest***

***Attest.***

***R::E:: Michael Petrosino  
Secretary***

From the East

"Learning Is Fun"

...And so is work (*children's tentative laughter*). 'Sometimes learning things can seem like a lot of work, but the work itself can also be fun. What I want most for all of you is that you spend your lifetime working at learning.' This prophetic hope from my sagacious third-grade teacher, Miss Coop; she was attractive as heck and owned a beautiful '55 Pontiac Chieftain convertible with that lighted Indian-head hood ornament; therefore she possessed credibility. She went on to impress upon us blurry-eyed kids just how central it is to embrace all challenges as learning possibilities, to not look too far ahead, and enjoy every mile of the ride. I recall her solicitous gift clearly now, albeit at that moment, all I had on my mind was playing "jets" in the school yard. Later other mentors would build upon this foundation with additional materiel: 'If you want to make a difference, you must prevail, not merely exist; going-through-the-motions will not cut it.' Or: 'Find something you enjoy. Learn as much about it as you can, work hard to excel at it, teach it.' You will recall this snippet from a John F. Kennedy's 'moon' speech on September 12, 1962: "...and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are *hard*." As with many of you, it seems this Brother has been continually *in school* for a very long time, much of it hard, much of it fun, some of it both. And, as it is in this, my more-matured season, when for me Freemasonry, Blue and capitular, whose breath and scope comprise mystery and complexity, demands that its lessons be hard-wrought, its joys hard-earned. Indeed, Worshipful Brother Carl H. Claudy, P.M., speaks to all this "hard work" and the rewards of it, so eloquently in his 1935 Master's Handbook, in which he essentially alludes, particularly with reference to the Wardens' and Master's exertions: for at the end of his year he should know in his heart that his Brothers' time had not been prostituted, that there are no thoughts of shame or remorse for a job poorly performed, that his competent stature shall be respected forever, and his self-regard will be a consolation of pride and humility. Wonderful! But it's never as easy as it sounds and last month's program illustrates such, to an extent. I had requested R.E. Matthew Wissell and R.E. David Catten to assist me with a talk about the building of the Temple and its relevance to Chapter degrees. This would be tough to do succinctly and entertainingly. I watch intently for that all-revealing, first reaction. What I did not see was that deer-in-the-headlights countenance, nor did I detect subsonic growls or groans. Their meta-talk spoke otherwise; *this is interesting, we might all learn something, this will be fun*. We all grew joyfully taller in Freemasonry that night – not because it was easy, but because it was *hard*. Thank You, Matt. Thank You, David.

Fraternally, Dick



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***M::E:: Alexander J. Marusa, Grand High Priest***

***R::E:: Simon Bebara Grand Captain of the Host***

***R::E:: Robert C. Corr Grand Secretary***

***R::E:: Matthew J. Wissell District Deputy Grand High Priest 8<sup>th</sup> Capitular District***