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Twelve Short Talks for Craft Lodges regarding Royal Arch Chapters

12. WHAT MAKES OUR LIVES WORTHWHILE?

What makes our lives worthwhile? Everyone will have their own answers, of course: children, or grandchildren, family, friends, partners; but for almost everybody, what makes their lives worthwhile is their relationships with other people.

This talk isn't about the good works quietly and often anonymously performed by people behind the scenes, though there are amazing acts of charity, chivalry, thoughtfulness and kindness practised by folk here and elsewhere without any thought of reward. Sometimes it is through natural goodness, often it is through the lessons learnt and absorbed through Freemasonry.

Generally speaking, we can confidently claim that becoming Freemasons has made us into better men. It's worth thinking about. What we were like before? What are we like now? Masonry teaches us things, sometimes without our knowing it. Someone may join and be amazed at people delivering ritual from memory and a few years later, they are doing it themselves. Freemasonry can be a confidence-builder. But it can also help us to explore the way we think and act, and assist in raising 'a superstructure, perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder'.

What makes our lives richer and more meaningful is our effect on other people, and their effect on us. It is about relationships. Living life to the full, as the Volume of the Sacred Law tells us, also implies a spiritual relationship. We begin to explore this when we go through the Third-Degree, but it is more extensively examined in the Chapter.

Joining the Companions in the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Jerusalem is something to look forward to, and if you can absorb the message underlying the colourful ritual, you will find a way to make your life even more worthwhile.

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Recommended use of Nuggets

Nuggets offer a short, simple and readily absorbed means of progressing Masonic knowledge and an easy way to introduce learning to Lodges and Chapters. It is hoped that they will become a regular feature of Lodge and Chapter meetings as well as a source for private-study.

Nuggets can be included as an item in the summons and read at most Lodge/Chapter meetings. They can be:

- Read by either a new or an experienced Mason with the minimum of preparation and practice; *though ideally, they need to be read a few times beforehand.*
- Themed with the meeting or activity.
- Used to initiate a discussion within a Lodge/Chapter, LOI/COI, or group.
- Read at home and shared as a topic for a future discussion.
- Used as a focus for an unplanned, informal discussion.

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