

Care in selection of candidates

Maryland's statement that the Chapters there were taking particular care in the selection of candidates, drew from him the following:

"This is well. Without doubt, all over the land, Chapters are taking in material unfit morally; and almost everywhere Chapters are crowded with members who utterly fail to grasp the significance of the ceremonies. There are thousands who could not tell you who Zerubbabel was, or his relation to the tradition of the Royal Arch Degree. The chief lesson of this degree, by the way, is reverence for God's name; and yet we have heard parties fresh from the degree taking His name in vain."

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