

## The physical qualification of a candidate

The physical qualification of a candidate for the Chapter degrees was discussed by Grand High Priest Sam K. Veach, of Carlisle, in his address read at the 103rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky, in Louisville, on the 19th and 20th October, 1920. The concrete case was that of a Master Mason and member in good standing of a Kentucky Blue Lodge, who had petitioned for admission to a Chapter. He had unfortunately lost his sight while serving in the army. The Grand High Priest was asked whether it was possible to receive this blind Mason into a Chapter. The answer was, in effect, that the private Chapter to which application had been made was, under the Constitution of Grand Chapter, the sole judge of the candidate's qualifications; the Grand High Priest added — and we hope but are not told, that the private Chapter agreed with him — "Personally, I would have received this young Brother. His desire to join the Chapter was in pursuit of truth. And I think, as he could hear and feel, he could, have been instructed and taught in a way that would have been satisfactory to him and most probably a benefit to him."

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