

## Closing a Royal Arch Chapter with Five

*(The Five Officers: Most Excellent High Priest, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and Guard.)*

**H P:** Has any Companion present anything to bring before the Chapter? If not, we will now proceed to close. \*\* / Companion Royal Arch Captain,

**R A C:** *(Rises, Gives sign)*

**H P:** when about to close a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, your duty?

**R A C:** To see that the outer avenues leading to the Tabernacle are duly guarded, Most Excellent.

**H P:** You will attend to that duty and inform the Guard, that we are about to close this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and direct him to guard accordingly.

**R A C:** *(At door, gives battery)* \*\* \*\* \*\* \*

**Guard:** \*\* \*\* \*\* \*

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**R A C:** *(Opens door)*

Companion Guard, we are about to close this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and you are directed to guard accordingly.

*(Closes door, returns to station, on square and gives sign)*

We are guarded, Most Excellent.

**H P:** Thank you Companion, be seated. \*\* / Companion Captain of the Host, it is my order that you assemble the Companions around the Altar to assist in closing this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in due and ancient form.

**C O H:** *(Faces right, marches West past Altar, marches South to center of Altar, faces East)*

*(Battery) \*\* \*\* \*\* \**

Companions, it is the order of the Most Excellent High Priest in Council that you assemble around the Altar to assist in closing this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in due and ancient form.

**All in Room:** *(Rise)*

**R A C:** *(Marches West to North side of Altar, faces South)*

**P S:** *(Marches West to South side of Altar, faces North)*

**C O H:** Most Excellent High Priest, the Companions await the Council.

**H P:** The Council will advance. *(Uncovers in his station.)*

**H P, C O H, P S and R A C:** *(Do not form chain or link together at the Altar OR balance.)*

**All:** Peace be with us.

**H P, C O H, P S and R A C:** *(If kneeling, all kneel on left knee and repeat the Lord's Prayer with all in room.)*

*OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS*

*WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION; BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL; FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.*

**All:** Peace be with us.

**H P, C O H, P S and R A C:** *(Arise if kneeling)*

**All:** Peace be with us.

**H P, C O H, P S and R A C:** *(Step back one step with left foot.)*

**H P:** Companions, you will attend to giving the signs.

**ALL:** *(Ra [2], Mem [2], Pm, Mark [3], Mm, Fc, Ea)*

**H P:** Companions, you will form a trio commencing with the Principal Sojourner on the left and deposit the word.

**P S:** A \_ w \_ t \_ \_ \_ d \_ a \_ \_ \_ i \_ p \_ \_ \_ , l \_ \_ a \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_  
s \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ .

**C O H:** S \_ w \_ t \_ \_ \_ d \_ a \_ \_ \_ i \_ p \_ \_ \_ , l \_ \_ a \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_  
s \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ t \_ k \_ \_ \_ .

**R A C:** U \_ \_ \_ w \_ t \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ a \_ w \_ d \_ a \_ \_ \_ i \_  
p \_ \_ \_ , l \_ \_ a \_ u \_ \_ \_ t \_ r \_ \_ \_ t \_ l \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ .

**H P:** Companions, has the word been safely deposited?

**RAC:** *(Steps forward half step with left foot, sign.)* I vouch for my trio {TRY-OH}, Most Excellent.

**H P:** And I vouch for the Council, the Council will reassemble in the East.

**HP:** (*Recovers and gives battery*) \*\* \*\* \*

**HP:** (*Uncovers*)

In the name of God and our ancient and worthy patron Zerubbabel, I now declare this Chapter of Royal Arch Masons closed in due and ancient form. Companion Royal Arch Captain, you will inform the Guard. \*

**R A C:** (*Goes to and opens door*) Companion Guard, the Chapter has been closed in due and ancient form.