



## *Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire*

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### *The Janitors Card*

**To be given to the Candidate to read prior to entering the Chapter for his Exaltation Ceremony.**

You are about to be Exalted into the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The Third Degree was conducted in darkness and concerned death and the knowledge of ourselves. This Degree is all about light and the Glory of the Most High.

The Ceremony of Exaltation takes place some 500 years after the dedication of King Solomon's Temple the scene of the three Craft Ceremonies. King Solomon has long since died. Jerusalem has been attacked by the Babylonians, the city and its once magnificent temple have been destroyed and its inhabitants taken into captivity in Babylon where they remained for 70 years.

We are now at that period in history where the Babylonian Empire itself has been attacked and defeated by Cyrus, King of Persia. Cyrus has recently issued a decree allowing the descendants of the Hebrew exiles to return to Jerusalem.

As the Candidate for Exaltation, you represent one of those exiles returning to Jerusalem as a Sojourner or Journeyman builder. You discover that the Temple and Holy city are in ruins and, with your colleagues, offer your assistance in building a new temple when, as you will eventually see, a discovery of very great importance is made.