

The York Rite of Freemasonry

- The Symbolic Lodge
 - A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
 - A Council of Royal & Select Masters
 - A Commandery of Knights Templar

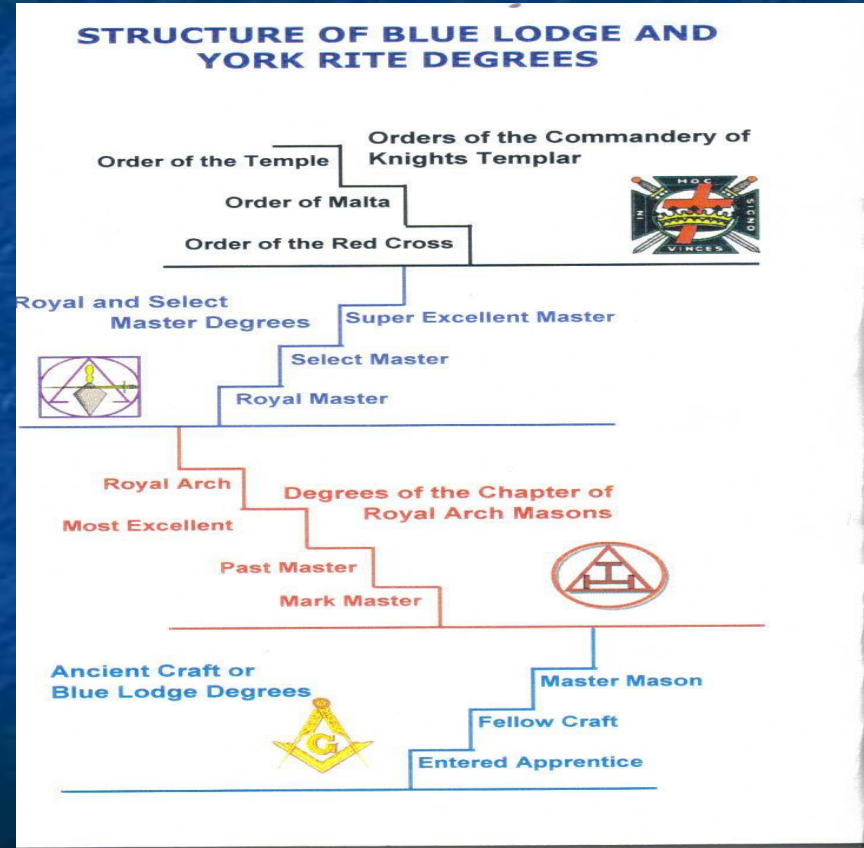


The Symbolic Lodge is the Foundation



A continuation of the Work

- The York Rite is foundational in its approach
- Many of the questions from the Symbolic Lodge are answered in the Chapter & Council Degrees



A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

- Comprised of Four Degrees
 - Mark Master
 - Past Master
 - Most Excellent Master
 - Royal Arch Degree



Taken as a whole the theme of the Chapter Degrees
may be summarized in a single word

The Mark Masters Degree

- Considered by many to be one of the oldest degrees in Masonry

- The Candidate represents a Fellow Craft Mason



The Degree teaches us to look for the value in all things and to be mindful of the importance of the contributions of others

The Past Master's Degree

Originally, the Royal Arch degree could only be conferred upon those who served as Masters of their Symbolic Lodge

The Degree now confers the symbolic title of Past Master

First conferred in England in 1768

The Most Excellent Masters Degree

Here we see the completion and dedication
of the Temple



The Royal Arch Degree

The Royal Arch Degree compliments the Master Masons Degree

The Climax of Ancient Craft Masonry

Without the Royal Arch Degree the Master's Degree Is

A song that is half sung, a tale partly told or a promise unfulfilled



Holiness to the Lord

Council of Royal & Select Masters

- Comprised of Two Degrees
 - Royal Master
 - Select Master
 - Based on events that occurred before the Royal Arch Degree and after the Third Degree of the symbolic Lodge



Taken as a whole the theme of the Council Degrees may be summarized in a single word

Royal Masters Degree

- A young Craftsman named Adoniram is the central character
- How the word will be preserved



This degree takes place prior to and shortly following the Master Mason's Degree

Select Master's Degree

We must set a good watch over our words and actions and attachment to duty thus the principles of Masonry will result in advancement in life and Masonry

The heart of this degree is

FIDELITY

The Orders of a Commandery of Knights Templar

- The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
- The Order of Malta
- The Order of the Temple



These Orders may be summarized as

CONTINUATION

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

- The First of the Commandery Orders
 - Founded upon Truth
 - Dramatizes the freeing of the Jewish captives after 70 years of slavery

Truth a Divine Attribute and the foundation



The Order of Malta

- The first of the Masonic Degrees to apply the precepts of Christianity
- Traces the history of the Knights Hospitaller

Also known as

Knights of St. John, Rhoades, and of Cyprus



The Order of the Temple

The Crowning Glory of the York Rite

“The most solemn and impressive
experience in Masonry”



The Order of the Temple

- The way of Jesus of Nazareth through
 - His Life
 - His Death
 - His Resurrection
 - His Ascension



“Every Christian Mason, should be a Knight
Templar”

York Rite Charities

Royal Arch Research Assistance

- Research into Central Auditory Problems



Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

- Cardiovascular & Arteriosclerosis Research



Knights Templar Eye Foundation

- Research Grants
- Endowed Professorships
- Senior Eye Care Program
- One Network Pediatric Educational Center



The York Rite of Freemasonry

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