



COUNCIL HANDBOOK

**GRAND COUNCIL OF KENTUCKY
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS**

ARRANGEMENT OF EMBLEMS ON THE ALTAR

Open Bible to 1 Kings 7:48-51

Square and Compasses on Right Page

For the Select Master Degree:

Sword and Trowel on Left Page

Trowel: Handle points to lower Left corner of page, tip to upper right

Sword: Pommel points to lower right corner of page, point to upper left,
on top of Trowel

CRYPTIC DATES

Royal and Select Masters date from the year 3000 A.L.,
in which the Temple of Solomon was completed:

Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.) "in the year of deposit".

Add 1000 to the Christian era, thus 2016 becomes 3016 A.Dep

Bible Verses

Entered Apprentice:	Psalm 133
Fellow Craft:	Amos 7
Master Mason:	Ecclesiastes 12
Mark Master:	Matthew 20
Past Master:	Ecclesiastes 12
Most Excellent Master:	2 Chronicles 6
Royal Arch Mason:	Ezra 1
Royal & Select Masters:	1 Kings 7:48-51
Knights Templar:	Matthew 28, 6:9-14
York Rite College:	Psalm 25

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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Draping of the Charter
Closing

PROTOCOL FOR RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

1. Grand Lodge Elected and Appointed Officers, and Past Grand Masters. The MWGM is introduced last of all, by himself.
2. Grand Council Officers and visiting Illustrious Masters.
Proper titles are:
 - Grand Master: Most Illustrious
 - Elected Officers: Right Illustrious
 - Appointed Officers: Illustrious
3. General Grand Council Officers: The same order as the Grand Council with the Most Puissant General Grand Master last and by himself.
4. On his Official Visit, the Grand Arch Deputy is given the same honors as the MIGM. On that visit he outranks everyone except the MIGM and the MWGM.
5. Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery Officers may, and should, be introduced.
6. Always give Grand Honors to Companions entitled to them.
7. Never ask a Companion to introduce himself.
8. Start introductions on the far right, from lowest to highest in rank.
9. Grand Arch Deputy (on his official visit), MIGM or MWGM of Masons:
 - A. Introduced alone, last of all
 - B. Escorted to the East, given Grand Honors and invited to preside

What Is Cryptic Masonry?

No rite of Freemasonry has come into its own so much as the series of degrees known as the Cryptic Rite, also known as the Cryptic Masons. Its popularity is well deserved for there are no more beautiful or meaningful degrees in all Freemasonry than those conferred in the Council of Royal & Select Masters.

One reason for its popularity is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story.

Ancient Cryptic Masonry centers around the story of the preservation, loss and recovery of the Word. The Word represents man's search for life's purpose and the nature of GOD. Symbolic Freemasonry, teaches of the loss of the Word and hope for its recovery. Royal Arch Masonry, teaches its recovery. Cryptic Masonry, completes this story by teaching of the Word's initial preservation.

ORIGIN OF THE DEGREES

As in many of the Masonic degrees, the origins of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry are shrouded in mystery. Yet, they have attained a substantial growth and one out of every two Royal Arch Masons is a Cryptic Mason.

The degrees of Royal Master and Select Master appeared nearly two hundred years ago. Traveling Masonic lecturers throughout the East were conferring them upon Masons while instructing Craft (Lodge) and Capitular (Chapter) degrees. One Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite even included the degree of Select Master as one of its "detached" degrees. These beautiful degrees were not to remain detached for any length of time. The state of Connecticut organized the first Grand Council in 1819. In Virginia and West Virginia, the degrees are included in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In the 1870's a General Grand Council was formed for the United States of America. Today this Grand Council numbers most of the Grand Councils in the United States, as well as the western section of Canada.

THE USE OF THE NAME CRYPTIC

The degrees of the York Rite are classified as Symbolic (Lodge of Masons), Capitular (Chapter of Royal Arch Masons), Cryptic (Council of Royal & Select Masters), and Chivalric (Commander of Knights Templar). Biblical students and archaeologists know of the vaults or crypts beneath King Solomon's Temple. The Cryptic Rite or degrees derives its name from the setting of the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in the underground crypt beneath King Solomon's Temple. The word cryptic means hidden, hence its use in describing these degrees.

THE ROYAL MASTER DEGREE

This is the first degree of the Cryptic Rite as conferred in the United States of America. Candidates who receive the degree are impressed with its dignified ritual and relevant teachings. It contains one section which is generally regarded as an outstanding display of symbolism and content of philosophy.

THE SELECT MASTER DEGREE

The degree of Select Master has not always been associated with that of Royal Master. Jeremy Cross, a traveling Masonic lecturer, author, and educator of the early 1800's, is given credit by most writers for having combined the two degrees into one rite. There is strong evidence to support the theory that the degree came from a similar degree in the Scottish Rite called Intimate Secretary or Grand Tyler of King Solomon.

This degree is set in the underground vault of King Solomon's Temple. The events which characterize the degree are stirring enough to make it one of intense interest.

THE SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

Although the degree of Super Excellent Master is not a degree of the Crypt, it relates events that lead to the recovery of the lost Word. This degree beautifully tells of a period in history in which all Freemasons are interested, that period following the destruction of the first Temple. The essence of the degree is foretold in the presentation by the Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree when he makes reference "Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign and he reigned for eleven years in Jerusalem, and he did which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God," etc.

This is one of the best devised, most impressive, and beautiful degrees. It is most enlightening and relevant to one's daily life. In a display of exciting events, Biblical characters come to life exemplifying the historical drama of the Holy Bible. Here Nebuchadnezzar rules again; Zedekiah proves the results of his wicked life; Ezekiel and Jeremiah prophesy the promises of Almighty God.

CRYPTIC MASONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

The Cryptic Rite is widespread, although governing bodies exist only in England, Scotland, Canada, and the United States. In England the Cryptic Degrees are controlled by a General Council of the Cryptic Degrees. In Scotland, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter has jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees. It is interesting to note that the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master was of Scottish origin.

SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL DEGREES

ROYAL MASTER

This degree explains the decision of our three Ancient Grand Masters, King Solomon, King Hiram of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, on how to communicate the mysteries of a Master Mason after the completion of the Temple. It also reveals, through Hiram Abiff's own words, the fate that awaits him and how he left clues with Adoniram to find the mysteries in the event of his death.

SELECT MASTER

This degree is conferred in a place representing the secret vault that was being built by King Solomon to contain the sacred treasures of God's chosen people. It also shows us how Grand Master Hiram Abiff guarded the mysteries of Freemasonry which were known only to the three Grand Masters. Here we see the special bond between the three Grand Masters and the decision of the two remaining Grand Masters to preserve the mysteries, which you learned in the Royal Arch Degree.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER

This degree is one of the most dramatic and impressive degrees of Freemasonry. It tells the story of the time following the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple containing the treasures of the Jewish people, and the captivity of the Jewish nation by King Nebuchadnezzar. It teaches of right living and the character of man as he builds his spiritual temple, as well as the lesson of fidelity and the consequences when it is disobeyed. Due to the large cast of this degree, it is only conferred occasionally in various areas of the Commonwealth. Conferral of this degree will be announced well in advance, and you are encouraged to attend and receive this degree, with no fee required.

History and Development of the Cryptic Degrees

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were not originally combined into one system, each having been conferred by separate parties and initially controlled by separate Councils. As near as may be determined from conflicting claims, the Select degree is the oldest of the Rite. It was customary to confer the Royal degree on Master Masons prior to the Royal Arch, and the Select degree after exaltation to the sublime degree. This accounts for the fact that control of the Cryptic degrees vacillated back and forth in many jurisdictions, even after the formation of Grand Councils. To this date, the Royal and Select degrees are controlled by Grand Chapter in Virginia and West Virginia, and conferred by subordinate Chapters in those jurisdictions.

The Royal degree appears to have been developed primarily in New York under direction of Thomas Lownds, whereas the Select was vigorously promulgated by Philip Eckel in Baltimore. It is claimed by Eckel that a Grand Council of Select Masters was formed in Baltimore in 1792, while it is definitely known that a Grand Council of Royal Masters (Columbian No. 1) was organized in 1810 in New York. It remained for Jeremy Cross to combine the two degrees under one system, which occurred about 1818, and this pattern was adopted in most jurisdictions as the degrees became dispersed beyond the eastern seaboard.

The degree of Super Excellent Master is not allied to the other two degrees of the Cryptic Rite, so far as its teachings and traditions are concerned. The records of St. Andrews Chapter in Boston indicate that a degree of this name was conferred during the latter part of the eighteenth century. The earliest positive reference to the Super Excellent Master in connection to the Cryptic Rite is December 22, 1817, when a "Lodge" of Super Excellent Masters was organized by Columbian Council of Royal Masters in New York. The incidents, teachings, and ritualistic format of the Super Excellent degree bear no resemblance in any former degrees so named, which appears to justify the claim that it is American in origin. This degree has been, and to some extent still is, a rather controversial subject. It is conferred as one of the regular Cryptic Rite degrees in some jurisdictions, whereas the others confer it as an honorary degree only; in some instances, separate Grand Councils of Super Excellent Masters have been formed.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER of MASONIC DEGREES

Entered Apprentice
Fellow Craft
Mark Master
Royal Master
Select Master (1st Section)
Master Mason
Select Master (2nd Section)
Most Excellent Master
Super Excellent Master
Royal Arch Mason
Order of the Red Cross
Order of the Temple
Order of Malta

ROYAL MASTER DEGREE CAST

Illustrious Master (King Solomon)
Principal Conductor of the Work (Hiram Abiff)
Captain of the Guard (Adoniram)
Conductor of the Council
Candidate clothed as a Royal Arch Mason

ROYAL MASTER DEGREE PARAPHERNALIA

Table of Gold:

10 Gold Candlesticks, 5 on each side	
Shewbread	Flowers
Gold Lamps	Tongs of Gold
Gold Bowls	Gold Snuffers
Gold Basins	Gold Spoons
Gold Censers	Gold Hinges

SELECT MASTER DEGREE CAST

Illustrious Master (King Solomon)
Deputy Master (Hiram, King of Tyre)
Principal Conductor of the Work (Hiram Abiff)
Captain of the Guard (Adoniram)
Conductor of the Council
Steward (Ahishar)
Candidate clothed as a Royal Arch Mason

SELECT MASTER PARAPHERNALIA

Chains to bind Zabud
2 Swords
Ark of the Covenant, containing:
 Book of the Law Aaron's Rod
 Pot of Manna Key
Perfect Ashlar or Cubical Stone
Triangular Plate of Gold
Candle
3 Squares

GRAND COUNCIL LECTURE PROGRAM

- 1) Protocol for Reception of Distinguished Guests
- 2) Cryptic Mason Manual and Mentor Manual
- 3) Super Excellent Master Degree (i.e. Cast, Time Period, etc.)
- 4) Discuss requirements of Illustrious Master Proficiency and Grip of the Broken Triangle
- 5) Discuss Synopsis of the Degrees
- 6) Practice and Discuss Council Opening and Closing (must discuss a, b, c, & d)
 - a) Signs Given
 - b) Paraphernalia needed and where located
 - c) Floor Work in Opening and Closing
 - d) Placement of Square and Compasses, Sword and Trowel on the Altar

Royal Master Degree

- 7) Discuss Paraphernalia required and location
- 8) Discuss Floor Work
- 9) Practice & Discuss both sections of the Royal Master Degree (including History)

Select Master Degree

- 10) Discuss Paraphernalia required and location
- 11) Discuss Floor Work
- 12) Practice & Discuss both sections of the Select Master Degree (including History & Apron)

Illustrious Master Proficiency

In order to qualify, you must recite from memory the following five parts of the Select Master opening and Royal Master Degree:

- 1) IM - Select Master Opening
- 2) CG - Select Master Opening
- 3) CC - Select Master Opening
- 4) IM - Grip of the Broken Triangle
- 5) DM - Grip of the Broken Triangle

In addition to the above, you must also know the signs, grip and words of a Royal and Select Master. You may turn your proficiency in to your Grand Arch Deputy or any Grand Council Officer.

ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

To be completed before installation as IM

PREPARATION

- As DM, confer Royal Master Degree
- As DM, attend Grand Council Assembly
- Earn IM Proficiency Card

SELF-DEVELOPMENT

- Received Super-Excellent Master Degree
- Have a copy of the Pandect and study it

To be completed during term as IM

SUPPORTING FOUNDATION

- Contribute \$1 per member to CMMRF

LEADERSHIP

- Confer Select Master Degree
- Have at least 6 Educational talks
- Give lectures: 1 point each, max 12 points

ROLE MODEL

- Top line signer on a Council petition
- Attend 12 assemblies of your Council
- Open your Council in full form 4 times
- Use Mentor and Cryptic Mason Manuals
- Present certificates to new Companions
- Received Order of Silver Trowel

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

- Visit each Council in your Arch

GRAND COUNCIL SUPPORT

- Attend Grand Council Assembly (**Mandatory**)

GRAND COUNCIL RITUALIST PROGRAM

To be recognized as a Royal, Select, or Super-Excellent Ritualist, a Companion must confer the work from memory, and actually confer the degrees on candidates while a Grand Council Officer or Grand Arch Deputy is present. Awards may be given to past ritualists only if the work is documented in the Council's minutes, dated before the start of this program, and verified as above. Grand Council Ritualists will be recognized at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, will receive a lapel pin and certificate, and will be recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Council.

Royal Ritualist:

Confer any **one** of the following parts in **either** degree:

In the Royal Master Degree:

Illustrious Master or
Principal Conductor of Work or
History or

In the Select Master Degree:

Illustrious Master or
Apron Lecture or
History

Select Ritualist:

Confer any **one** of the following parts in **each** degree:

In the Royal Master Degree:

Illustrious Master or
Principal Conductor of Work or
History

AND in the Select Master Degree:

Illustrious Master or
Apron Lecture or
History

Super-Excellent Ritualist:

Confer **all** of the following parts in **both** degrees:

In the Royal Master Degree:

Illustrious Master and
Principal Conductor of Work

In the Select Master Degree:

Illustrious Master and
Apron Lecture and
History

The MIGM may, at his discretion, award the Super Excellent Ritualist Award to one Companion per year, for exceptional work and dedicated service.

COUNCIL MASON MANUAL

Each candidate is entitled to the best Masonic education that we can provide.

OVERVIEW

The degrees of the Council are the Royal Master degree, the Select Master degree, and the Super Excellent Master degree. These three degrees must be conferred in this order, and the Royal and Select Master degrees must be conferred in the same day.

ROYAL MASTER DEGREE

The items on the table of Holy Vessels in the Southeast corner symbolize our debt to God and our hope that He will accept our sacrifices. The beautiful piece of work that was presented to Grand Master Hiram Abiff was a symbol of a complete life offered to the Grand Architect of the Universe, Grand Master Hiram Abiff's answer was an indication that we are to await our spiritual reward in the next life.

Grand Master Hiram Abiff's soliloquy (talk) on death expands significantly on the themes of the Master Mason Degree, especially regarding portions of the Master Masons Lecture dealing with death and the afterlife.

Grand Master Hiram Abiff's tapping on the floor three times alluded to where the Master's Word was to be preserved for future generations to discover.

The cherubim symbolized the fact that you are under the protection of the Grand Architect of the Universe as you bound yourself to Cryptic Masonry. It also reminds us of the solemn nature of the degree and of the obligation.

The broken triangle, as used in this degree represents, among other things, "that which was lost." It also serves as a constant reminder of the legend of Grand Master Hiram Abiff and the Legend of the Lost Word. Remember that in the Royal Arch Degree, there were three to form the arch, and we use only two to form the "broken triangle" in the Council. This represents the death of Grand Master Hiram Abiff and the fact that the word they had agreed to use could never be communicated, that a substitute would have to be adopted.

The Royal Master Degree teaches us to constantly strive to use our time on earth wisely as none of us knows when he will be called by the Grand Architect of the Universe to the Celestial Council above. We must also keep our part of the covenant taught in the Great Book of the Law. The Temple being built here below represents this mortal life, which will be destroyed by death. Thus, we must constantly build our individual "second" Temple which we will inhabit in the spiritual house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, as was beautifully illustrated for you by Grand Master Hiram Abiff in this degree.

THE SELECT MASTER DEGREE

This degree historically occurs prior to the Third Degree of the Symbolic Lodge.

During this degree, you saw the items King Solomon ordered to be deposited in the Ninth Arch, that the Work might be preserved for future times (and discovered in the Royal Arch degree in the Chapter). The items deposited in the substitute ark you should recall from the Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter. Here you learn more about those deposits, with verses from the Holy Scriptures serving as the lessons.

The legend of the vault is based on biblical history. This degree explains the manner in which the treasures deposited under the Temple were subsequently found in the Substitute Ark by some of the workmen of Zerubbabel, at the building of the second temple.

This is also the ark into which the deposits were made in the Ninth Arch in this Degree. This ark is a substitute for the Ark of the Covenant, which was lost after the destruction of the Temple of Solomon. The conclusion of this legend, i.e. the discovery of the lost word in the Royal Master Degree, would not have been possible were it not for the description of the manner of deposit in the select Master Degree.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

We also encourage you to receive the Super Excellent Master Degree, although not a “degree of the crypt” since it does not refer to the Legend of the Crypt.

This degree is not mandatory, but each Select Master should want to receive this dramatic and impressive degree, as it depicts circumstances and incidents during the siege of Jerusalem, and the final destruction of the first temple. In this way, it adds to our understanding and appreciation of the Royal and Select Degrees.

The Super Excellent Master degree is one of the most impressive in all of Freemasonry and each Council Mason should be aware of the importance of its lessons. It is portrayed in different parts of Kentucky at various times, and you will be provided information on when it will be conferred through your local York Rite body. There is no fee charged for this degree.

THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW

You will notice that the layout and organization of the Council differ from what you have seen in Lodge and Chapter. By referring to what you are familiar with (i.e. the Symbolic Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter), you can see the similarities and differences, how we are organized, and how we work.

The layout of the Council chamber and the principal officers: In Council the three principal Officers also sit in the East and comprise the Illustrious Council. In the middle of the Illustrious Council in the East is the presiding officer, The Illustrious Master, who represents King Solomon. To his right is the Deputy Master (representing Hiram King of Tyre) and to the left of the Master is the Principal Conductor of the Work (representing Grand Master Hiram Abiff). These three officers correspond to the High Priest, King, and Scribe of a Royal Arch Chapter and to the Master and Wardens in a Lodge.

Other officers: While the Lodge and Chapter have a Secretary, the same function is performed in Council by a Recorder. The Captain of the Guard, who recites the traditions of Cryptic Masonry during the opening and closing ceremonies of the Council, sits in the West. In the South sits the Conductor of Council, who attends at the altar during the opening and closing and also performs formal introductions at the altar. At the right of the Captain of the Guard is the Steward who carries instructions from the Captain of the Guard to the Sentinel and also attends to refreshments and other accommodations of the Companions. Outside the door sits the Sentinel, whose duties correspond to those of the Tyler of a Symbolic Lodge and the Sentinel of a Royal Arch Chapter.

Committees: As with Symbolic Lodge and Chapter, each Council is staffed with various committees. These companions assist the officers in the operation of the Council in a number of ways. The more committeemen a Council has working on the various tasks of the council, the better. The officers can't do all the work alone.

Opening and Closing: By listening carefully to the officers recite their parts in the opening ritual of each Council assembly you can become familiar not only with the various officers and their duties, but also with many traditions, especially in the dialog between the Illustrious Master and the Captain of the Guard during the opening. Your ritual is a good tool to use in following these ceremonies, so as to learn who sits at stations and their various jobs within the Council.

THE ARCH AND THE GRAND COUNCIL

Once you become comfortable with the organization, layout and functions of the local Council, you can start learning about the Grand Council of Kentucky. Kentucky Lodges are organized into Districts; Chapters into Areas; and Councils are organized into Arches. As there are nine arches in the Select Master Degree, so the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky is organized into nine Arches.

Lodges and Chapters are inspected by "deputies" (District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand High Priests), so Councils are inspected by Grand Arch Deputies.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky holds an annual Grand Assembly during each year at a place determined by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Grand Council conducts business similar in nature to that of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons at their annual sessions.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH

For more than 10 years, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation has supported Cardiovascular research at Indiana School of Medicine, which leads the way in the study of this disease. Through our contributions and other Grand Jurisdictions of the General Grand Council, as well as private donations and Foundation grants, we have funded a research chair by raising over \$1,000,000. Dr. Keith March is the Foundation Chair and Director. This fund is permanently invested. A portion funds vascular research, while the remainder increases future annual disbursements.

There are over 30 doctors and staff who work and develop the research. One item the research has produced is a device called "The Closer," a blood stitching device used to close the femoral artery following a catheterization. It has been used on over ½ million patients worldwide. Stem cell research is also being done to infuse cells to grow new arteries for the heart, as well as for new blood vessels.

Some jurisdictions include CMMRF contributions in their per capita dues, but Kentucky relies on the charity of our Companions to assist this funding. Gifts, Wills, and Bequests are other ways to contribute. We give lapel pins to individuals who contribute from a range of \$50.00 to \$750.00. We have 6 certificates to present for contributions of a range from \$25.00 to \$1,000.00. A plaque is given for a \$1,000.00 donation. An individual receives a gold filled 9 Arch pin with a diamond chip for each additional \$1,000.00 donation. These donations are one time or cumulative.

Please consider making a contribution as a group or individually this year. Plan a fundraiser, such as a breakfast, lunch, etc. in the community, or a day at the local Wal-Mart with Wal-Mart providing matching funds. This will give the York Rite some exposure as well as raise funds for a worthy cause. Small or large businesses can be solicited. If you need materials or assistance of any kind, please call on me and I will help in any way I can.

Thank you,
KERRY SLUSS, MIPGM
STATE CMMRF CHAIRMAN

Researchers are funded by a Chair at Indiana University to research in the field of Vascular Biology. Dr. Keith March heads the Center, which targets Atherosclerosis, or heart diseases. Stem Cell research also is part of the studies, looking for possible cures for diabetes and other blood related diseases.

York Rite Elevator Speeches

Each of us should be able to give clear and concise answers to questions about York Rite Masonry in the time that it takes an elevator to move 3-5 floors. Your ability to answer these questions could determine whether prospective members decide to petition. Here are some suggestions. Customize them so that you feel comfortable, and make them yours. Be sincere and enthusiastic!

What is York Rite Masonry?

The York Rite of Freemasonry is open to any Master Mason in good standing. The York Rite is comprised of three bodies, each with its own line of officers, ritual, and charitable activity. These are the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Commandery of Knights Templar. Unlike the symbolic lodge, York Rite members do not need to complete any proficiency examination or memory work. Like in the symbolic lodge, but unlike in the Scottish Rite, the method of presentation we use in our degrees involves active participation from the candidates, which adds meaning and impact for everyone.

What are the Benefits of Joining the York Rite?

York Rite Masons are better Masons because of the two main benefits of joining. First, you will receive valuable instruction that completes many of the stories and lessons that you learned in your symbolic lodge degrees. These include the completion of King Solomon's temple, the recovery of the long lost Master Mason's Word, and many others that you will enjoy learning. Second, we have fun. It is great to get together with Masons from different lodges to share ideas, hear about activities, and support each other, thus extending your Masonic connections, and experiencing the meaning of true universal brotherhood.

LIGHT IN THE YORK RITE

We often tell prospective members that they will receive additional light in the York Rite, as our degrees complete many of the stories and lessons they received in the Symbolic Lodge degrees. What, specifically, will they learn? Here is a quick list of York Rite Light, with the corresponding degree. The candidates will learn:

- how to receive wages as a Fellow Craft (Mark Master)
- how the builder made the principal keystone for the temple and how it was recovered (Mark Master)
- how to preside over a Masonic body (Past Master)
- what happened at the final dedication and completion of the temple (Most Excellent Master)
- recovery of the “lost word or true word” of a Master Mason (Royal Arch)
- the destruction and plans for rebuilding the temple (Royal Arch)
- the builder’s prophecy about the lost word of a Master Mason (Royal Master)
- how the “lost word or true word” of a Master Mason was deposited and preserved for future generations (Select Master) until it was recovered in the Royal Arch Degree
- how the rebuilt temple was destroyed in a siege at Jerusalem (Super Excellent Master)
- how the Jewish Nation was released from their captivity in Babylon and returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (Order of the Red Cross)
- how the true word of a Master Mason became flesh and walked among us (Order of the Temple)

PANDECT REFERENCES

Dues & Assessments due June 30	(Ord. 5)
Duties of Council Officers	(Ord. 13L)
Council Meetings	(Ord. 15)
Council Dues	(Ord. 15A)
Life Membership	(Ord. 15B)
Dual Membership	(Ord. 15C)
Amendments to Pandect	(By-Laws A & B)

Benefits of Membership in the General Grand Council

Over 1,100 Councils in the United States, Europe, Central and South America, and the Pacific, are members of the General Grand Council. Grand Councils do not permit the GGC to exercise any authority over their Councils. This would be an infringement of their sovereign right to govern their Councils.

The General Grand Council operates on an assessment of \$2.00 per member, providing for the following:

1. The General Grand Council Awards Program:
 - a) The Medal of Honor Award, given to one outstanding individual per Triennial.
 - b) The Mordhurst Medal, given to a Grand Recorder who has served 15 years or longer.
 - c) The Colombian Medal, given to an outstanding Companion in each of the ten Regions, plus three given at large per Triennial.
 - d) The Adult Leadership Award.
 - e) The Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.
 - f) The Lady of the Council Award, to recognize our ladies for their support of Cryptic Masonry.
 - g) The Most Illustrious Grand Masters Award, given to a retiring Grand Master of a Grand Council..
2. Ten Regional Conferences each year in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies.
3. The *Cryptic Freemason Magazine*, available on the GGC website www.ggccmi.org. The website also features Cryptic Events and related material
4. Educational material unique to the Cryptic Rite.
5. A prepaid Life Membership program, so members would not have to pay assessments to the GGC, either individually or by jurisdiction.
6. Additional Programs:
 - a) Copyrighting the Cryptic Degrees for preservation and protection.
 - b) Establishing a sound Membership Program.
 - c) Generating additional funds to assist in providing updated educational materials.

FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

4:1 So King Solomon was king over all Israel.

4:5 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend:

4:6 And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

5:13 And King Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

5:14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

6:27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

7:13 And King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

7:14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to King Solomon, and wrought all his work.

7:48 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was,

7:49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

7:50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

7:51 So was ended all the work that King Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

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#	COUNCIL - ADDRESS
1	Washington - 4085 Harrodsburg Rd, Lexington
2	Warren - 101 Masonic Drive, Princeton
3	Earl F. Ransdell - 400 N. 4 th St, Danville
4	Louisville - 1410 Gardiner Lane
5	Frankfort - 308 Ann Street
11	Glasgow - 200 S. Green Street
13	Kenton - 1553 Madison Ave, Covington
32	Paducah - 308 Joe Clifton Drive
33	Jeffries - 523 Park Avenue, Newport
34	Owensboro - 227 St. Ann Street
39	Mayfield - 205 West Willow Drive
45	Morehead - 746 W. Main St., Ste. 2
56	Lebanon - 65 Old Springfield Road
65	Everett - 1500 Central Avenue, Ashland
68	Somerset - 105 North Main Street
71	Richmond - 217 S. Porter Drive
74	Bowling Green - 1601 Westen Ave.
75	Winchester - 35 N. Bloomfield Road
77	Cumberland - 100 Main Street, Williamsburg
91	Harlan - 117 West Central Street
92	Irvine - 221 Broadway Street
93	A. E. Orton - 668 Park Avenue, Madisonville
96	Pikeville - 205 Pike Street
98	Fred W. McKenzie - 408 2 nd Street, Paintsville
99	P. S. Wheeler - 835 Lakeside Dr, Jenkins
101	Harry F. Walters - 711 Frankfort Rd, Shelbyville
102	Russellville - 1603 Nashville Road
103	E. K. Lamb - 724 Blackjack Rd, Franklin
105	Scottsville - 350 Bowling Green Rd
106	Harrison - 128 S. Main St, Cynthiana
111	Sword & Trowel - 6919 Applegate Ln, Louisville
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113	Whitesburg - 723 Jenkins Road
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2 M	11	Glasgow
2 M	39	Mayfield
2 M	77	Cumberland, Williamsburg
2 M	96	Pikeville
2 T	2	Warren, Princeton
2 T	74	Bowling Green
2 T	91	Harlan
2 T	92	Irvine
2 T	106	Harrison, Cynthiana
2 W	111	Sword & Trowel, Applegate
2 Th	1	Washington, Lexington
2 Th	99	P. S. Wheeler, Jenkins
2 Th	112	Jackson
2 Th	115	Hardin, Elizabethtown
3 T	45	Morehead
3 T	102	Russellville
3 W	4	Louisville, Gardiner Lane
3 Th	5	Frankfort
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4 M	34	Owensboro
4 T	32	Paducah
4 T	75	Winchester
4 T	93	A. E. Orton, Madisonville
4 T	105	Scottsville
4 Th	3	Earl F. Ransdell, Danville
4 Th	56	Lebanon
4 Th	68	Somerset
4 Th	113	Whitesburg
4 F	13	Kenton, Covington

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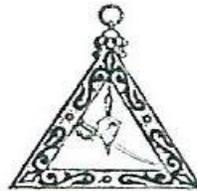
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