
THE FOUR CAPITULAR DEGREES

THE MARK MASTER degree, which is intensely practical and emphasizes the great requirements in life by demonstrating and explaining the qualifications for service.

THE PAST MASTER degree teaches the lessons of obedience to authority, and that he who would teach must first learn to obey. It continues the lessons of the high responsibility of the Worshipful Master who would attain the honor of presiding in the seat of authority.

THE MOST EXCELLENT MASTER degree celebrates the completion of the Temple. This is a fitting prelude to the Holy Royal Arch degree, considered to be one of the most impressive degrees contained within all of Freemasonry.

THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH degree teaches the great lessons of love and service to all humanity. The degree reveals that which was lost, and which the Master Mason has sought since he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in his Lodge.

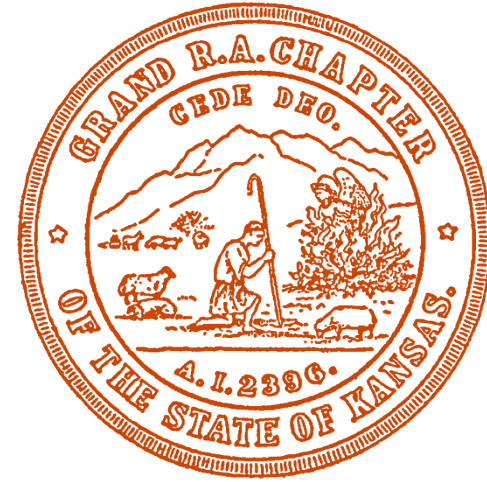
INTERESTED?

If you find these concepts interesting, and of value to you as a Master Mason, please visit the Grand York Rite of Kansas website (www.kansasyorkrite.org) to locate a Chapter near you, or send an email to grand.sec.rec@ksyorkrite.net, and the Grand Secretary will assist you in finding a Chapter and help you in the completion of your Masonic Blue Lodge experience.



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THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF KANSAS

INVITES YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS BRIEF

EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE

ROYAL ARCH DEGREES AND CAPITULAR MASONRY

MEAN TO YOU AND WHY YOU SHOULD

CONSIDER THE ROYAL ARCH IN YOUR

MASONIC SEARCH FOR LIGHT

THE CAPITULAR DEGREES

Because the Masonic Lodge in America exemplifies the first three Degrees of York Rite Masonry and the Chapter degrees are part of the York or American Rite, a Master Mason would not immediately notice the connection between the two. The degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter, or the Capitular Degrees, are the completion of the Master Mason's experience and the Blue Lodge experience.

A MISTAKEN IDEA

The average Freemason of the present day is very apt, after having been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, to cease his investigations in the search for truth, and to assert that "all of Ancient Craft Masonry is contained in the first three degrees of the Blue Lodge." This assertion is repeated to others without true investigation into what else Ancient Craft Masonry entails. To the Master mason who has a sincere desire to continue his investigations in the science of Masonic symbolism, the degrees of Capitular Masonry firmly stand as the rainbow of promise. This promise of the discovery and resurrection of that which was lost and was now recovered and placed into use.

The Royal Arch

The degrees of Capitular Masonry are absolutely necessary to the perfection of the Master Mason degree as a science of symbolism, and the latter concepts and ideas contained within the Master mason degree cannot be fully understood without the developments of the Royal Arch Degrees. They are the first and second volumes of a continuous history, and the absence of either would provide nothing but imperfect work.



HIGHER DEGREES?

The degrees of Capitular Masonry are not higher degrees. These degrees are just advancement, being the continuation of the Blue Lodge work and the completion of the third degree. Every Master Mason who appreciates the first three degrees should continue the story in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

When you received the third degree, you received light, but only partially. The mind, like the diamond in its original state, was rude and unpolished. The effect of the chisel on the external coat of the diamond soon presents to view the latent beauties it contains. The education received in the Capitular Degrees brings forth, to the enlightened mind, the many beauties of the first three degrees of Masonry.

BLUE LODGE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Some of the questions the Royal Arch Degrees answer include:

- How did the Ancient Craft Mark their work and why?
 - When was their work inspected, how, and by whom?
 - What work was considered acceptable?
 - How did the Senior Warden pay the Craft their wages?
 - What were the wages of the Ancient Craft?
 - How were imposters detected and penalized?
 - In what manner did the Craft receive their wages?
 - How was dissatisfaction of wages settled?
 - How did the Past Master's degree originate?
 - When was King Solomon's Temple completed?
 - Who destroyed Solomon's Temple?
 - Who built the second Temple?
 - How was what was lost in the third degree found?
 - What is the Keystone and what do the letters mean?
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