

What Came ye here to do?

The stated purpose of the Masonic Fraternity is to “make good men better.” Along those lines the purpose of the York Rite could be stated to “**make good Masons better Masons.**”

While not necessarily just a charitable organization, the Rite does participate in three major charities

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Although the York Rite is not a charitable organization it does provide an opportunity to be charitable to your fellow man, helping to fund research into hearing, heart and vision problems.

More information about the York Rite maybe found at:
www.yorkritemaryland.org

Did You Know?

- * All Grand Lodges are York Rite.
- * The lessons of the York Rite complete the unfinished story as explained in the Symbolic Lodge.
- * The story of King Solomon's Temple encompasses the Symbolic Lodge, The Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of Knights Templar.
- * Candidates experience the degrees and orders through individual and small group participation.
- * The York Rite can usually be completed in several months.
- * There is no memorization required to attain advancement in the degrees and orders.
- * Many opportunities exist for family participation in the activities within the York Rite Bodies.
- * Each body has its own application process allowing a new Royal Arch member to decide when and how many bodies he would like to join.

For More Information and How to Join

Visit:

www.yorkritemaryland.org

To expand upon, perfect and complete your knowledge of Masonry make your goal...

Further Light



Through the YORK RITE !

What is the York Rite?

As a Master Mason you were obligated and brought to "Light." As a Mason in search of light, more light and further light you are invited to continue your Masonic Education by joining and participating in the York Rite.

The degrees and orders of the Rite will "fill in the blanks" and complete your search.

When you joined the Masonic Lodge you were given a word. This was a substitute word devised to be used "until future generations would find out the right." This substitute word allows you to visit Masonic Lodges and identify yourself as a Master Mason.

Did you ever wonder what the real word was?



In the York Rite of Freemasonry during the Chapter Degrees the word is found and communicated to you.

Chapters of Royal Arch Masons were (and still are in England) connected to the Blue Lodge. The Sublime Degree of the Holy Royal Arch is the completion of the Master's degree in which the WORD is found and restored to the Craft. By joining a Chapter the Brother becomes a member of one of the oldest organizations in the Masonic Fraternity.

The York Rite is continued with the Council of Royal and Select Masters in which the Companion learns how the word was preserved and how it came to be in the place where it was found. The Royal and Select Master's degrees are some of the most impressive in Freemasonry.

The Orders of the Commandery provide a connection between Ancient Craft Masonry and Christianity. The Orders are said by some to be the most impressive in Freemasonry. Once you have been knighted you will never forget the most impressive ceremonies of the Order of the Temple.

Symbolic Masonry

Entered Apprentice

Fellow Craft

Master Mason



Capitular Masonry

Mark Master

Past Master

Most Excellent Master

Royal Arch



Cryptic Masonry

Royal Master

Select Master

Super Excellent Master (optional)



Orders of the Commandery

Order of the Red Cross

Order of Malta

Order of the Temple

