

WHY SHOULD YOU AS A MASTER MASON CONSIDER JOINING THE YORK RITE ORGANIZATIONS?
Congratulations on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

You, a Free and Accepted Mason, are outwardly at the highest Masonic level a man can be. Inwardly, you can still seek "...further light in Masonry." You already know about the "Three Great Lights of Masonry" from instruction given you in the three Degrees. Masonry offers further light to those who seek it. Read on...



The York Rite of Masonry offers Masons that "...further light." York Rite offers you, a Master Mason, the chance to live history beyond "that which was lost." Do you remember how you received the "Substitute?" York Rite fills in the blanks.

Do you know who completed King Solomon's Temple? What role did Nebuzeradad have in the destruction of King Solomon's Temple, and how long did it take to rebuild it? Why did King Solomon's Temple have to be rebuilt? You will live history in the Royal Arch Masons as these questions are answered, one by one.

For fees of only \$35.00 you will begin to learn more of Masonry in the Royal Arch Chapter. "Masonry is a progressive science, taught by Degrees only."

You may apply for the Mark Master Degree only without a degree fee.



Cryptic Council Masons meet in a Secret Vault. The Bible refers to "...secret markings on the Ark." What was in the Ark of the Covenant, and how large was it? Where was its place in the Temple of King Solomon, and why? In the Cryptic Council, find out. You will receive these Degrees in a close, personal manner. You will see, hear and participate during your quest for Further Light in Masonry.

The modern day Wailing Wall in Jerusalem is the West Wall of King Solomon's Temple. Where did the rubble which was once King Solomon's Temple go? Answers may be found in the Degrees conferred by the Cryptic Council.

Having received the Degrees conferred in the Royal Arch Chapter, you are eligible to receive the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry for a fee of just \$45.00.



The Commandery, Knights Templar, is the more serious side of Masonry, and alludes to the Christians of the Dark or Middle Ages who wished to see the Holy Land returned to Christian hands. Jacques DeMolay was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and his execution by Phillip the Fair of France was the final chapter in the long history of the medieval Order. Sir Knights of modern times respect the religious freedoms, and zealously endeavor to bring Light to those who seek it.

Masons who have completed the Degrees of both the Royal Arch and Cryptic Masons are eligible to petition to become Sir Knights in the Commandery for a fee of \$75.00.

Structure of the York Rite of Freemasonry

Symbolic Degrees

Free & Accepted Masons
Entered Apprentice
Fellowcraft
Master Mason

Capitular Degrees

Royal Arch Masons

Mark Master
Past Master
Most Excellent Master
Royal Arch

Signet Chapter No. 57 in Van Nuys

Meets 1st Monday of each month
Dark: July and August

Cryptic Degrees

Cryptic Masons or Royal & Select Masters

Royal Master
Select Master
Super Excellent Master

Omega Council No. 11 in Van Nuys

Meets on the 4th Monday in January, March, June, September and November

Chivalric Orders

Order of Knights Templar

Order of Red Cross
Order of Malta
Order of the Temple

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 in Van Nuys

Meets 3rd Monday of each month
Dark: July and August

York Rite Bodies in Van Nuys meets at 7:30 PM
Van Nuys Masonic Center
14750 Sherman Way in Van Nuys, CA 91405

COMBINED PETITION FOR THE YORK RITE DEGREE AND ORDERS IN CALIFORNIA

To the Officers and Members of

- Signet Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons** **\$35.00**
- Mark Master Degree only** **No Degree Fee**
- Omega Council No. 11, Royal & Select Masters** **\$45.00**
- Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar** **\$75.00**

Write one check for the total made payable to SIGNET CHAPTER No. 57

The Undersigned respectfully represents that:

1. My Full Name is: _____
2. My Place of Birth is: _____ My Date of Birth is: _____ Age: _____
3. My Occupation is: _____
4. My Residence Address is: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
5. My Business Address is: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Please send mail to (check which) Business Home Address above

My e-mail Address is: _____ My Wife's Name is: _____

6. I am a Member in Good Standing, as of the date of this petition, in _____ Lodge No. _____ (F&AM / AF&AM), State of _____, having received the Degree of Master Mason in _____ Lodge No. _____ on _____ (date), in the State of _____
7. My Residence in California dates from _____ (date). *(Six months' residence required for Chapter Membership, one year for Commandery)*
8. I have have never presented a petition to, or been rejected by any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (other than for the Mark Master Degree Only), Council of Royal and Select Masters or Commandery of Knights Templar. If so, state when and by which Chapter, Council, or Commandery: _____
9. I am now a member, or have petitioned: _____ Chapter No. _____, located at _____ or, _____ Council No. _____, located at _____
10. I am a firm believer in the Christian Religion Yes *(Required for Petitioners for the Orders of Knighthood ONLY)*
11. I now, of my own free will, respectfully request that the Degree and/or Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry be conferred upon me and that I may become a member of the respective Chapter, Council and/or Commandery named above. Should my petition be granted, I promise cheerful compliance with all the Ancient Customs and Usages, Statutes, Laws, Edicts, and Regulations of the Body(ies) petitioned:
 The Degree of Mark Master only I submit no fees with this petition. However if I am elected, and if I subsequently wish to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and/or Royal Arch Mason, I will submit the fee for degrees of \$35.00 before receiving any of these additional degrees.
 The Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason in your Chapter
 The Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master in your Council.
 The Orders of Red Cross, Malta, and Orders of the Temple in your Commandery.
12. I have read this petition, completing all required information and statement and now sign my name in full thereto:

Signed: _____ Dated at _____, on _____
(First, Middle, Last) (Location) (Date)

We vouch for the good character and Masonic Standing of the Petitioner and recommend his admission:

Royal Arch Masons Chapter:	Cryptic Masons Council	Knight Templar Commandery
1. Signature _____ Print Name _____	1. Signature _____ Print Name _____	1. Signature _____ Print Name _____
2. Signature _____ Print Name _____	2. Signature _____ Print Name _____	2. Signature _____ Print Name _____

Petition Received: _____ Amount accompanying petition: \$ _____

Make one check payable to SIGNET CHAPTER No. 57 RAM for the total amount of all Fees due.