

Local Chapter Officers

Excellent High Priest	
King	
Scribe	
Captain of the Host	
Principal Sojourner	
Royal Arch Captain	
Master 3 rd Veil	
Master 2 nd Veil	
Master 1 st Veil	
Sentinel	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

Chapter Meeting Time: _____

Your Mentor: _____

Phone: _____

Grand Chapter Officers

Most Excellent Grand High Priest	
Right Excellent Grand King	
Right Excellent Grand Scribe	
Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host	
Right Excellent Grand Secretary	
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer	
Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest	



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New Member Guidebook

*Grand Chapter of
Kentucky R.A.M.*



Chapter Name: _____

Chapter Number: _____

Welcome!

Congratulations on being initiated into the York Rite. You have received a lot of information as you passed through your degrees. **Do not worry** if you do not remember it all. We have all be in your situation before and everyone at your local chapter, especially your mentor, will help you. The most important thing to remember is to attend your local Chapter meetings regularly. The more frequently you attend, the more familiar things will become.

It's always a good idea to check if your Chapter has refreshments before their meeting. If they do, plan on attending and getting to know the members of your Chapter and any visitors that might be there. Also, during your first few meetings, make sure that you sit with your mentor and ask questions about what you do not understand. He is there to help you become familiar with your local chapter and its practices.

After our opening ritual, most chapters will proceed with the business meeting if there is no degree work to be done. Robert's Rules of Order is generally accepted as the guide for conducting this business meeting. We encourage all of our members to participate in the affairs of their local chapter. Feel free to ask questions on any point of business on the floor. If you wish to address the Chapter, stand and wait until the High Priest acknowledges you, give the appropriate sign and start your comments with, "Excellent High Priest."

There is no standard dress code for Chapter meetings. In most cases, khaki pants and a dress shirt are sufficient. Just ask you mentor about the dress at your local Chapter meetings.

Through the course of the year, you will also have the opportunity to attend some special meetings. One of these is your Area Meeting; the other is our Grand York Rite Sessions. Ask your secretary for more information about these meetings, and list for announcements regarding them in your Chapter meeting.

York Rite Freemasonry

York Rite Freemasonry is named after the city of York in England, which was the seat of the Ancient York Grand Lodge where the earliest record of Freemasonry is found dating circa 923 A.D. In 1717, it was merged with the Modern Grand Lodge, and it is from this merger that we get the current system of Blue Lodge Masonry. In fact, in the early history of our lodge, the first three degrees of Masonry, EA, FC, and MM , were actually conferred as a part of the York Rite Degrees.

The Chapter confers four degrees, known as the Capitular Degrees. When taken in order, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch they complete a story that was began as an Entered Apprentice working on the temple.

The Mark Master degree is considered one of the oldest degrees. When you receive this degree, you act as one of the workers building the first temple. During the Mark Master, you learn valuable lessons about honesty and modesty. More importantly, you finally received your wages as a Fellowcraft.

The Past Master originated from when the York Rite was given in the Blue Lodge Degrees. During that time, the Royal Arch degree was regarded as so special that only past masters of their blue lodge could receive it. When the blue lodge separated out of the York Rite, it was deemed necessary to confer the Royal Arch Degree to all worthy Master Masons. Thus, the Past Master Degree was created to make symbolic Past Masters of its participants before receiving the Royal Arch.

Throughout the Blue Lodge Degrees, King Solomon's Temple was never finished. It is only during the Most Excellent Master Degree that the candidate witnesses the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

The final Capitular Degree is the Royal Arch. It is regarded by many as one of the most beautiful degrees of Freemasonry. In it, King Solomon's temple is destroyed, and you are made to suffer Babylonian captivity. It concludes with a return to the city of Jerusalem while it is being rebuilt.

'To help, aid and assist'

The York Rite Chapter is a fraternal service organization, and as such, we strive to build better, more fulfilling way of life for our members. One of the main principals of our organization is our charity to others. This principle is in no way better explained than in the issue of the mark you received in the Mark Master Degree.

One of the easiest ways available to demonstrate charity is through the support of our York Rite Philanthropies. In most stated meetings, you will have the opportunity to contribute one or two dollars to our charities when the hat is passed. It is good idea when attending your local Chapter meeting, or when visiting, to take a dollar bill or two for this purpose. If you are interested in our charities, please contact your local secretary. He will be glad to answer any questions you have, and has literature that explains more.

Other Chapter Meetings in Your Area

Chapter	Meeting Dates

****Remember to take your signed chapter dues card!****