



## Jacksonville York Rite

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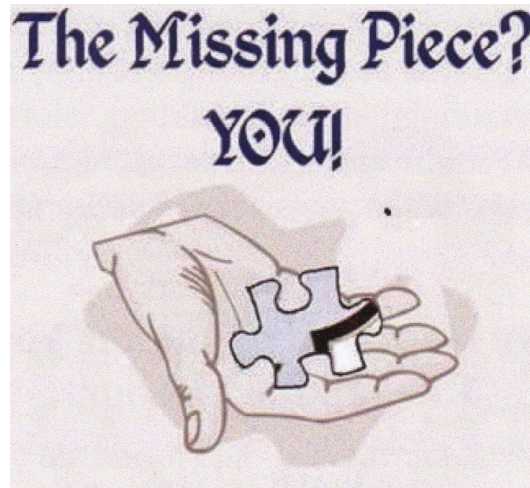
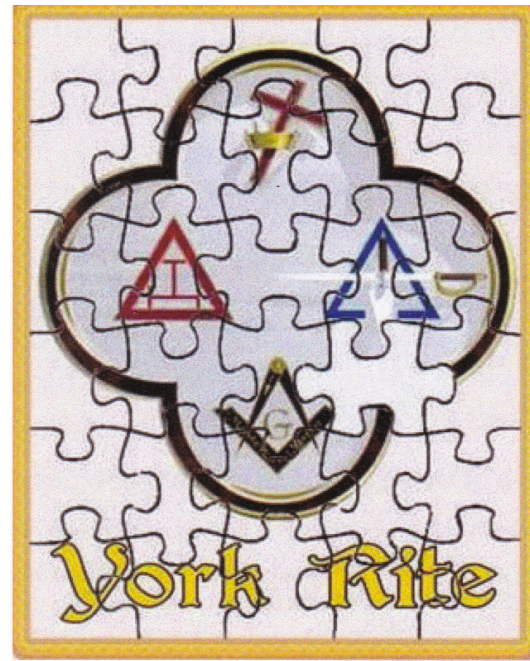
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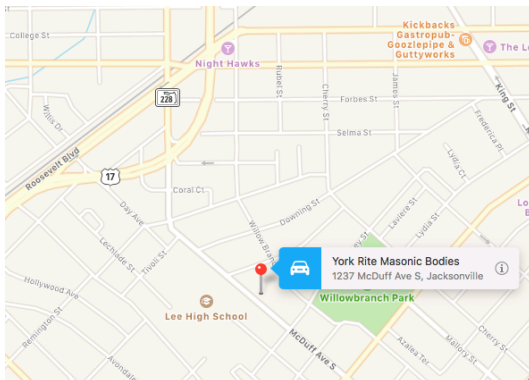
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**Join the  
Jacksonville York Rite**



## My Brothers

As a Master Mason, you learned about the building of King Solomon's Temple. If you are interested in completing this Masonic Legend, you must receive the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry. Here you will attain an expansion of lessons taught, and complete the unfinished story of the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge Degrees. You were given a Substitute for the Ancient Master's Word. Here you will receive the TRUE Word.

**There is no memorization required to advance in the Degrees and Orders of York Rite Masonry.**

## Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

In the Capitular Degrees, you will learn how wages are determined and paid, the importance of good work, true work, and square work. You will learn how difficult it can be to rule and govern the Lodge which the Worshipful Master is called upon to preside. You will see the Temple completed and dedicated; destroyed and the second Temple started. You will also receive, as promised in the Master Mason degree, the true word of a Master Mason.

## Mark Master

This degree emphasizes the lessons of regularity, discipline, and integrity. It is a most impressive degree centered on the story of the Fellow Craft in the quarry and their role in the building of the Temple

## Past Master

A degree that emphasizes the lesson of harmony. This degree is conferred because ancient custom required that a Mason must be a Past Master in order to be Exalted to the Royal Arch.

## Most Excellent Master

A degree that emphasizes the lesson of reverence. This degree centers on the dedication of the Temple after its completion, particularly the consecration of the Sanctum Sanctorum and the descent of the Host into the Temple. It is complimentary to the Mark Master Degree and completes the symbolic lessons introduced in that degree.

## Royal Arch Mason

The Ancients Grand Lodge of England was created in 1751 and was known as The Grand Lodge of the Four Degrees. The fourth being the Royal Arch and explains the origins of the Substitute Word found in the Master Mason Degree, the recovery of the True Word, and its concealment with the Royal Arch Word. The presiding body is a Chapter, and the presiding officer is the High Priest, *titled Excellent High Priest*.

## **Council of Cryptic Masons Royal Master**

A degree emphasizing the lessons of patience and fortitude. This degree centers around the Fellow Craft Masons who were artificers fabricating the fittings and furniture of the Temple. Is unusual in that the first part of this degree depicts events taking place before the death of the Grand Master Hiram Abif, and the last part depicts events occurring after this death.

### **Select Master**

A degree emphasizing the lessons of devotion and zeal. This degree centers on the construction and furnishing of a Secret Vault beneath the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Temple, and the deposition of those secrets pertaining to the Craft by the three Ancient Grand Masters of the Craft. This degree bridges the events surrounding the concealment and loss of the True Word in the Royal Arch Degree. The presiding officer is a Master, *titled Illustrious Master*.

### **Super Excellent Master**

This degree is an honorary degree which is conferred in Florida, and a member of the Council does not need to have it in order to hold membership or office. This degree emphasizes the lessons of loyalty and faithfulness. It centers around hate events leading to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple at the hands of the Chaldeans. It is narrated by small interludes of biblical prophecy that highlight the end of the Temple. It is noteworthy for its scenes of

the Jewish Court of Zedekiah and the Chaldean Court of Nebuchadnezzar.

## **Commandery of Knights Templar**

The Chivalric Orders of Knights Templar, or Commandery, are the only Christian Degrees in Masonry. Here you will be required to promise to defend Christianity and learn of the restoration of the Holy Vessel in the new Temple and its preservation.

### **Order of the Red Cross**

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross continues the story of the Royal Arch and deals with a period in Jewish history at the time of the return of the Jews from captivity and the efforts to rebuild the Temple of their God in Jerusalem. This Order teaches the lessons of the triumph of Truth.

### **Order of Malta**

The Order of Knights of Malta, with its pass degree of Knights of St. Paul or the Mediterranean Pass, is the first Christian Order. The ritual is based historically upon one of the old Orders of the Crusades.

### **Order of the Temple**

This is the third and most impressive Order of the Commandery and is wholly Christian. Beautiful lessons of the death and ascension of our Savior are inculcated and the candidate is received into full fellowship in the most solemn manner. The residing body is Commandery and the presiding officer is a Commander, *titled Eminent Commander*.

## **Philanthropies**

In Florida, York Rite Masons support scholarships for college students, youth groups, and school programs.

### **Royal Arch Research Assistance**

Helps children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders; Autism, and Deafness on a national basis.

### **Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation**

Supports research for a cure of cardiovascular and related diseases.

### **Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Provides funding for eye research and education in the fields of potentially blind diseases in infants and children.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimages**

Provides local ministers an opportunity to visit the Holy Land.

### **My Brother We invite you to join the York Rite of Free Masonry.**

### **York Rite Uniting the CRAFT through education!**

#### **To answer a common question:**

As a Knight Templar, you must be a Christian or state that you will defend the Christian Religion.

## **Petition for Initiation for Membership in York Rite Masonic Bodies of Florida**

To the Officers and Members of  
Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 RAM  
Hallmark Council No. 03 R&SM  
Damascus Commandery No. 02 Knights  
Templar

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I was regularly Initiated,  
Passed, and Raised to the Sublime Degree  
of Master Mason:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Located \_\_\_\_\_

That I have resided in the State of Florida  
for at least one year and within the  
jurisdiction of the Florida Bodies for at least  
six months.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send the petition to the Jacksonville  
York Rite or contact the Secretary