



More Light in Masonry

The Valley of Calgary

*The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
of Freemasonry of Canada*



A Brief History and the Degrees of the

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

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**Some of the Lessons and Duties of the Degrees adapted from the book "A Bridge to Light" by Ill. Bro. Rex R. Hutchins 33°*

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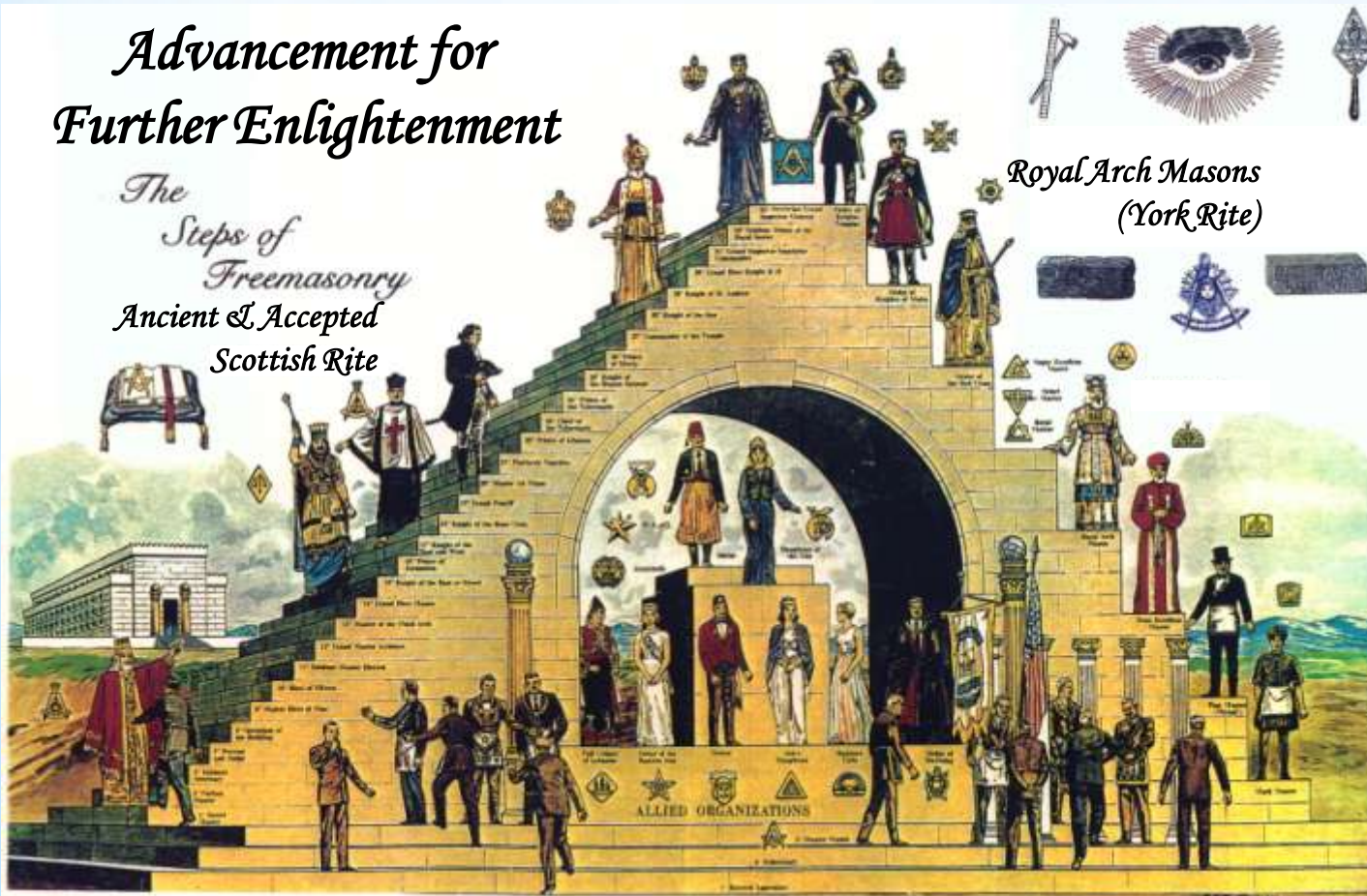


What is the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite?

*Advancement for
Further Enlightenment*

*The
Steps of
Freemasonry
Ancient & Accepted
Scottish Rite*

*Royal Arch Masons
(York Rite)*





What is the Purpose of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite?

- *Seek* what is the most worth in the world
- *Supplement and Amplify* the philosophical teachings of the first three degrees.
- *Exalt* the dignity of every person, the human side of our daily activities, and the maximum service to humanity;
- *Aid* mankind's search in God's universe for identity, for development and for destiny, and thereby achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world.



The History of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

- 1730 – Evidence in England there were “Scotch Masons” or “Scots Master Masons,” a step after the Master Mason Degree (and apparently unrelated to Scotland).
- 1742 – In Berlin there was talk of “higher or so-called Scottish Masonry”.
- 1743 – The Grand Lodge of France adopted a regulation limiting the privileges of “Scots Masters” in lodges
- 1756 – The Council of the Knights of the East, Sovereign Prince Masons in France
- 1758 – Sovereign Council of Emperors of the East and of the West, Sublime Scottish Mother Lodge in France formed
- 1761 – Stephen Morin received a patent from the Grand Lodge of France “authorizing and empowering him to establish perfect and sublime Masonry in all parts of the world
- There were some 25 High Degrees during this time period.



The History of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

1801 – 1st Supreme Council in USA established in Charleston, South Carolina “The Southern Jurisdiction A&ASR”



- The Mother Council of the World*
- Declared its existence with a motto of “Ordo ab Chao” (Order from Chaos).*
- Degrees increased to 32 (Albert Pike 33°) and the 33° as the governing body*

1806 – 2nd Supreme Council in USA established in New York “The Northern Jurisdiction A&ASR”



1868 – Scottish Rite Bodies founded in Canada

1874 – Supreme Council of Canada inaugurated in Ottawa, ON



The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada

- *Registered Foundation with Revenue Canada under Letters Patent of Incorporation (1964)*
- *The Foundation labours for the benefit of all Canadians, regardless of race or creed.*
- *Supports research into the “puzzles of the mind”*
 - *Learning Centres across Canada providing free tutoring to children who have been formal identified as Dyslexia*
 - *8 Learning Centres in Canada – London, Windsor, Halifax, Barrie, Vancouver, Moncton, Calgary & Edmonton*
 - *Over \$400,000 in Grant Monies presented annually for research*



The 3 Bodies of Scottish Rite

- *Lodge of Perfection*
 - *Conferring or communicating the degrees from the 4° to the 14°*
- *Chapter of Rose Croix*
 - *Conferring or communicating the degrees from the 15° to the 18°*
- *Consistory*
 - *Conferring or communicating the degrees from the 19° to the 32°*
- *Responsibilities of Each Body*
 - *Elect and Appoint its own Officers*
 - *Oversee the finances of the Valley*
 - *Conferring a specific number of degrees*



How are the Scottish Rite Degrees Conferred?

- *The first 3 Degrees of Masonry conferred in each of the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions across Canada are recognized by the A. & A. S. R.*
- *Confers or communicates all degrees from the fourth (4°) to the thirty-second (32°) degrees*
- *Theatrical dramas and lectures appeal to both the ear and eye*
- *Plays are often staged with costumes, scenery, or even special effects*
- *NO memory work for the candidates*
- *Each degree teaches different Lessons and Duties for the true Initiate*



In Conclusion

"Where Freemasonry flourishes, there will be found the highest type of citizenship and the best standard of living." - Albert Pike

The Scottish Rite makes application of the doctrines of Freemasonry to every realm of human activity. The individual Mason is taught to put into practice in his personal life and through the lessons learned in the Craft Lodge.

If you are seeking more light, more knowledge of the mission and symbolism of Freemasonry, a more complete interpretation of the teachings of the Craft degrees and if you are looking for acceptance into a very special fellowship and Brotherhood, you can obtain these within any of the Valleys of Alberta, of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada



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