

# The York Rite



CYRUS CHAPTER No. 7



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## Congratulations!

By becoming a Master Mason, you've joined the World's oldest and largest Fraternity.

But what's next?

Do you seek further Light in Masonry?

Do you wish to complete the Master Mason degree and fulfill the Second Landmark by receiving the Holy Royal Arch?

Do you wish to join a Christian Brotherhood by becoming a Knight Templar?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should take a closer look at the York Rite of Freemasonry.

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## What is the York Rite?

The York Rite is a collection of several Masonic degrees and orders which are conferred upon those Master Masons who seek further Light in Masonry beyond that of the Master Mason degree. In the York Rite, that which was lost in the Master Mason degree is found and preserved.

The Royal Arch degree has been called "the crowning feature and glorious completion of Ancient Craft Masonry." Every Master Mason should consider completing his journey through Ancient Craft Masonry by becoming a Royal Arch Mason.

The Order of the Temple has been called "the most beautiful and inspiring of all the degrees and orders of Freemasonry." Every Christian Mason should consider becoming a Knight Templar.

It is the York Rite that offers the opportunity for a Master Mason to become a Companion of the Holy Royal Arch and a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple and much more.

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## Two common questions (and answers)

How much does it cost? There is a one-time fee of \$175 for the degrees and orders of the York Rite. This fee also includes your dues through the end of 2013. In subsequent years, your dues will be \$60.

Are there any categorical lectures or other required memorization? The short answer is: No! The York Rite is what you make of it. While there are ample opportunities to join in the Ritual Work of the Rite, participation is strictly voluntary.

## York Rite One-Day Festival

Hosted by the Oklahoma City York Rite at  
Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36  
2935 W. Britton Road, Oklahoma City  
**Saturday, February 2nd**

All of the degrees and orders of the York Rite from the Mark Master thru the Order of the Temple will be conferred by degree teams from throughout Oklahoma. This will be a great opportunity to join the York Rite right here in Oklahoma City. It's not very often that a man can walk in the door as a Master Mason in the morning and leave as a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar in the afternoon. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the degree conferral begins at 8:00 a.m.

**Please note:** This is the only One-Day Festival currently scheduled for Central Oklahoma in 2013.

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## Want more information?

See the enclosed brochure:

*Welcome to the York Rite of Freemasonry.*

Or visit our website [www.okcyorkrite.org](http://www.okcyorkrite.org). In the section "About Us," you will find a brief description of the York Rite and a short introductory video. In the section "Degrees & Orders," you will find a more detailed description of our Rite.

Or if you prefer to speak with someone in person, several of our members will be attending Stated Meetings of the Lodges listed below to briefly speak about the York Rite and answer your questions:

India #551	Wednesday, January 9th
Britton #434	Thursday, January 10th
Day #547	Saturday, January 12th
Siloam #276	Tuesday, January 15th
Mustang #407	Thursday, January 17th
Okla. City #36	Monday, January 21st

Or e-mail your questions to us at:

[info@okcyorkrite.org](mailto:info@okcyorkrite.org)

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## This is your invitation to join us!

If you believe, as we do, that your next step toward seeking further Light in Masonry is to join us in the York Rite, then the process is quite simple:

(1) Complete and sign the enclosed petition. (Don't worry about the Recommendations and Investigating Committee, we'll take care of that.)

(2) Mail your completed petition, along with the required fees of \$175, to the address on the petition. (You may also submit your petition and fees during Registration on the day of the Festival; but please let us know by e-mail beforehand that you will be attending, so that we can prepare for you.)

(3) Attend the York Rite Festival on February 2nd.  
That's all there is to it!