



York Rite Masonry



Royal Arch Masons



Cryptic Masons



Knights Templar

The Masonic Degrees in Chronological Order

The York Rite of Freemasonry, which many take to include the three degrees of the Blue or Craft Lodge, involves a good deal of its symbolism with the Hiramic Legend and King Solomon's Temple. The degrees are not conferred in the order in which the historical events they depict occurred. The following is a list of the degrees in chronological order - which may help to put them into perspective and demonstrate the necessity of receiving all of them in order to obtain a complete picture.

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Fellowcraft	Lodge	Philosophy of a Fellowcraft.
Mark Master	Chapter	On being a Fellowcraft, work on the Temple.
Select Master	Council	The three Grand Masters make a desposit.
Royal Master	Council	The day prior to the death of Hiram Abif.
Master Mason	Lodge	The death of Hiram Abif.
Most Excellent Master	Chapter	The completion and dedication of the Temple.
Super Excellent Master	Council	The destruction of the Temple / The fall of Judah.
Royal Arch Mason	Chapter	The return of the Jews to Jerusalem. Preparation of the building of the second Temple.
Order the Red Cross Knight Masons	KT KM	Assistance in continuing work on the second Temple (Zerubbabel's Temple)
Entered Apprentice Past Master	Lodge Chapter	These degrees are not related to either the Temple or Hiramic Legend. The Entered Apprentice Degree is introductory only; the Past Master Degree is a relic from times past.

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