



Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

A Word to the Royal Arch Mason

This page is written primarily for the Master Mason. We take it for granted that the Master Mason should know of the necessity of the Royal Arch degree in completing his Masonic education. Hence, we make our appeal to those who have attained the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry in the Royal Arch degree.

The York Rite is characterized by its democracy. The Knight Templar group is no exception. Any member will find opportunity for work and advancement. How fast that advancement may be will depend upon his associates. The honours and awards of a preceptor are open to all. If you wish to continue your York Rite Masonry, if you wish to complete your Masonic picture, then you will wish to become a member of the Order of Knights Templar.

You are a York Rite Freemason. All those who enter the Symbolic Lodge are entering upon the Freemasonry of that Rite. Having entered that Rite, it is undoubtedly your intention to continue what you have already begun. The York Rite includes the Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Preceptory of Knights Templar.

With sixty-six Preceptories of Knights Templar in Canada, it is very probable that one of these exists in or near your neighbourhood. If you travel abroad, you will find Preceptories located in England, Ireland, Scotland, Asia, Africa, Australia, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, South America, Switzerland, in every state of the U.S.A. and many other out-of-the-way places. A Fellowship with approximately three-quarters of a million Christian Freemasons. If you are a Royal Arch Mason, an invitation is extended to you to seek out some member of the Order of Knights Templar and ask for a petition. We welcome into our organization any Royal Arch Mason who professes Christian ideals, a belief in the Holy and Undivided Trinity and who seeks the society of men pledged to deeds of Charity, the practise of Christian virtues and the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth.