

THE YORK RITE STORY



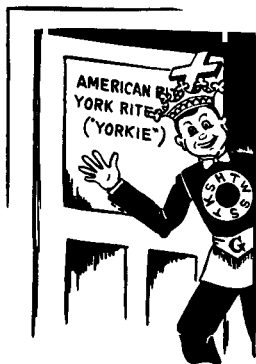
as narrated by

“YORKIE” RITE

(MM-RAM-RSM-KT)

Hello Brother!

... let's get acquainted. My friends call me by two names — each proper enough ... "American Rite" & "York Rite" ... well, I'm an informal fellow, so just call me "YORKIE" for short.



Pardon my bravado, but I'm about the biggest fellow in Masonry you'll ever meet ... strongest too!



Matter of fact, about one out of every five of your Blue Lodge friends prizes a membership in my family.

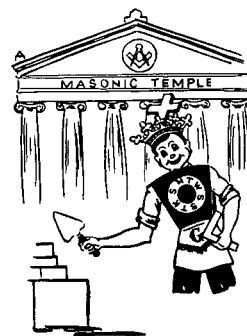


And do I get around! ... I'm recognized all over the world — from Hong Kong to Yellowknife. For instance, I have over 7,000 Royal Arch Chapters, alone, in towns, large and small.

My current dues card is your passport to friendship from Ballymacarrett to Pietermaritzburg! ... No wonder they call me ...

"MR. UNIVERSAL MASON"

But I'm not merely a world-traveler ... I'm a hard worker right here in the old U.S.A. Did you know that I helped build, and now support, a good percentage of all the Masonic temples in our country? ... Some I built by myself. Might well be that your own lodge meets in a building I made possible.



IN U.S. ALONE

Chapters	3416 — Members 712,000
Councils	1411 — Members 293,000
Commanderies	1611 — Members 390,000



Know why I do that?
 . . . Early in my
 Masonic journey, I
 pledged my full sup-
 port to the Symbolic
 Lodges . . . also vow-
 ed to make better in-
 formed Masons of
 their members! For

that reason, I even print two national magazines
 and have set up an Educational Bureau!

What's more . . . my work isn't confined to my
 own family . . . no sir . . . I help all sorts of peo-
 ple regardless of their race, creed or color. For
 instance my
 Knights Temp-
 lar Educational
 Foundation has
 lent millions to
 deserving col-
 lege students . . .
 and my Eye
 Foundation has
 given sight, or
 corrected de-
 fects of vision in
 hundreds of children and adults who were un-
 able to afford treatment. I support orphanages,
 old folks' homes, children's camps, teen age
 clubs; contribute to disaster relief, humanics
 foundations, schools of religion and dozens of
 other projects. That's why I'm often called . . .



"MR. CHRISTIAN MASON"



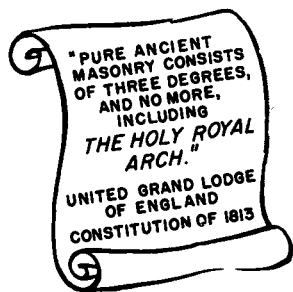
Sure, my head's in the
 clouds! . . . but my feet
 are on the ground! Kings
 and princes are honored
 to call me "Companion"
 and "Sir Knight" . . . as
 well as the man on Main
 Street in a Midwestern
 village. I speak for Free-
 masonry at the "grass
 roots". I am controlled
 by the vote of the indi-
 vidual members of my
 family. They elect their

local officers . . . who elect state officers . . .
 who, in turn, select national officers.
 See why I am called . . .

"MR. DEMOCRATIC MASON"?

I've got a secret too! . . . *the*
most important one in Free-
masonry! . . . Remember in
 your Blue Lodge journey
 when you were given a "sub-
 stitute" for something? . . .
 Did it ever occur to you that
 to have a "substitute" means
 the real thing must be avail-
 able someplace? . . . it is,
 and I would like to share it
 with you! Actually, my ex-
 planations of the first three
 degrees of Masonry will lift *many* curtains in
 your mind.





Did you know I am over 200 years old? That makes me the oldest of the "Rite Family". Getting stronger every day too! . . . I remember back in 1813 when the present Grand Lodge of England was formed . . . they invited me to sit in, and I've been a part of it ever since

. . . That's why they call me . . .

"MR. ANCIENT CRAFT MASON"

. . . Well, that's my story in a nutshell . . . of course there's lots more, and any member of my family will gladly give you the details . . . But right now, I'd like to get better acquainted with YOU! After all, it's men like yourself, who have already been proven good and true, that I represent. I have a place for you and your talents . . . Let me take you by the hand and lead you up the ladder to a new understanding . . . I will open many doors for you that have heretofore been closed . . .



WILL YOU JOIN ME?

PERTINENT POINTS CONCERNING THE AMERICAN, OR YORK RITE

- NO INVITATION NEEDED
- NO PROFICIENCY REQUIRED
- NO ROUGHNESS OR "HORSE PLAY"
- REASONABLE FEES
- LOWEST DUES
- EDUCATIONAL
- DEGREES ARE DRAMATIZED
- SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY
- PREREQUISITE FOR MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
- BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION
- WIDEST OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITATIONS
- THE "SCENIC" ROUTE TO THE SHRINE

BRANCHES AND DEGREES OF THE AMERICAN, OR YORK RITE



THE SYMBOLIC (BLUE) LODGE

1. Entered Apprentice
2. Fellowcraft
3. Master Mason



CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

4. Mark Master
5. Past Master
6. Most Excellent Master
7. Royal Arch Mason



COUNCIL, ROYAL-SELECT MASTERS

8. Royal Master
9. Select Master
10. Super Excellent Master



COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

11. Order of Red Cross
12. Order of Malta
13. Order of the Temple

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