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Petition for Degrees and Orders

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in the state of ____
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Residence Telephone: _____
Occupation: _____
Business Telephone: _____
Email: _____
Spouse's name (if married): _____

The undersigned also represents that he has read this petition and that he has personally signed his full name thereto.

Dated _____
We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission.

(Sign your name in full)

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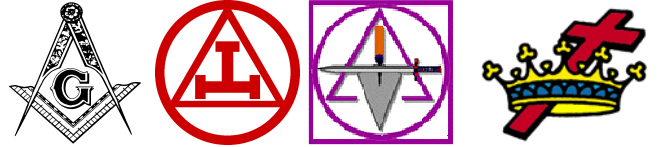
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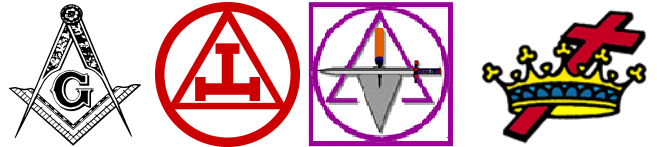
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Royal Arch Masonry

Here you learn important lessons that are to be applied in your everyday life. There are four degrees conferred in the Royal Arch:

*Mark Master Past Master
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Cryptic Masonry

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Knight Templar Masonry

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Name: _____ (please print)

The Undersigned Represents

That he received the degree of Master Mason in _____ Lodge No. _____ under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____ and that he is at the present time a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____

(If ever rejected)

That he has never been rejected by any Chapter, Council, or Commandery. If so, please give name and date.

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