WHY SHOULD **YOU** AS A MASTER MASON CONSIDER JOINING THE YORK RITE ORGANIZATIONS?
Congratulations on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

You, a Free and Accepted Mason, are outwardly at the highest Masonic level a man can be. Inwardly, you can still seek "...further light in Masonry." You already know about the "Three Great Lights of Masonry" from instruction given you in the three Degrees. Masonry offers further light to those who seek it. Read on...

The York Rite of Masonry offers Masons that "...further light." York Rite offers you, a Master Mason, the chance to live history beyond "that which was lost." Do you remember how you received the "Substitute?" York Rite fills in the blanks.

Do you know who completed King Solomon's Temple? What role did Nebuzeradad have in the destruction of King Solomon's Temple, and how long did it take to rebuild it? Why did King Solomon's Temple have to be rebuilt? You will live history in the Royal Arch Masons as these questions are answered, one by one.

For fees of only $35.00 you will begin to learn more of Masonry in the Royal Arch Chapter. "Masonry is a progressive science, taught by Degrees only."
You may apply for the Mark Master Degree only without a degree fee.

Cryptic Council Masons meet in a Secret Vault. The Bible refers to "...secret markings on the Ark." What was in the Ark of the Covenant, and how large was it? Where was its place in the Temple of King Solomon, and why? In the Cryptic Council, <u>find out</u>. You will receive these Degrees in a close, personal manner. You will see, hear and participate during your quest for Further Light in Masonry.

The modern day Wailing Wall in Jerusalem is the West Wall of King Solomon's Temple. Where did the rubble which was once King Solomon's Temple go? Answers may be found in the Degrees conferred by the Cryptic Council.

Having received the Degrees conferred in the Royal Arch Chapter, you are eligible to receive the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry for a fee of just $85.00.

The Commandery, Knights Templar, is the more serious side of Masonry, and alludes to the Christians of the Dark or Middle Ages who wished to see the Holy Land returned to Christian hands. Jacques DeMolay was the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and his execution by Phillip the Fair of France was the final chapter in the long history of the medieval Order. Sir Knights of modern times respect the religious freedoms, and zealously endeavor to bring Light to those who seek it.

Masons who have completed the Degrees of both the Royal Arch and Cryptic Masons are eligible to petition to become Sir Knights in the Commandery for a fee of $75.00.

Structure of the York Rite of Freemasonry

Symbolic Degrees
  Free & Accepted Masons
    Entered Apprentice
    Fellowcraft
    Master Mason

Capitular Degrees
  Royal Arch Masons
    Mark Master
    Past Master
    Most Excellent Master
    Royal Arch
Signet Chapter No. 57 in San Fernando

Meets 1st Monday of each month
Dark: July and August

Cryptic Degrees
  Cryptic Masons or Royal &.Select Masters
    Royal Master
    Select Master
    Super Excellent Master

Omega Council No. 11 in San Fernando
Meets on the 4th Monday in January, March, June, September and November

Chivalric Orders
  Order of Knights Templar
    Order of Red Cross
    Order of Malta
    Order of the Temple

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 in Van Nuys
Meets 3rd Monday of each month
Dark: July and August

York Rite Bodies in Van Nuys meets at 7:30 PM
San Fernando Masonic Center
1112 N Maclay Ave, San Fernando, CA 91340

For more information, please leave a message at (323) 422-7422 or email secretary@sfvyrb.org

COMBINED PETITION FOR THE YORK RITE DEGREE AND ORDERS IN CALIFORNIA

To the Officers and Members of

☐ **Signet Chapter No. 57, Royal Arch Masons**   **$35.00**
   ☐ **Mark Master Degree only**   **No Degree**
☐ **Omega Council No. 11, Royal & Select Masters**   **Fee**   **$85.00**
☐ **Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar**   **$75.00**

The Undersigned respectfully represents that:

1. My Full Name is: _____

2. My Place of Birth is: _____ My Date of Birth is: _____ Age: _____

3. My Occupation is: _____

4. My Residence Address is: _____ Phone: _____
   City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

5. My Business Address is: _____ Phone: _____
   City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
   Please send mail to (check which) ☐ Business ☐ Home Address above

   My e-mail Address is: _____ My Wife's Name is: _____

6. I am a Member in Good Standing, as of the date of this petition, in _____ Lodge No. _____
   (F&AM / AF&AM), State of _____, having received the Degree of Master Mason in
   _____ Lodge No. _____ on _____ (date), in the State of _____

7. My Residence in California dates from _____ (date). *(Six months' residence required for Chapter Membership, one year for Commandery)*

8. I ☐ have ☐ have never   presented a petition to, or been rejected by any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (other than for the Mark Master Degree Only), Council of Royal and Select Masters or Commandery of Knights Templar. If so, state when and by which Chapter, Council, or Commandery: _____

9. I am now a member, or have petitioned: _____ Chapter No. _____, located at
   _____ or, _____ Council No. _____, located at _____

10. I am a firm believer in the Christian Religion ☐ Yes *(Required for Petitioners for the Orders of Knighthood ONLY)*

11. I now, of my own free will, respectfully request that the Degree and/or Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry be conferred upon me and that I may become a member of the respective Chapter, Council and/or Commandery named above. Should my petition be granted, I promise cheerful compliance with all the Ancient Customs and Usages, Statutes, Laws, Edicts, and Regulations of the Body(ies) petitioned:

    ☐ The Degree of Mark Master only I submit no fees with this petition. However if I am elected, and if I subsequently wish to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and/or Royal Arch Mason, I will submit the fee for degrees of $35.00 before receiving any of these additional degrees.
    ☐ The Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason in your Chapter
    ☐ The Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master in your Council.
    ☐ The Orders of Red Cross, Malta, and Orders of the Temple in your Commandery.

12. I have read this petition, completing all required information and statement and now sign my name in full thereto:

Signed: _____ Dated at _____, on _____
       (First, Middle, Last)   (Location)   (Date)

We vouch for the good character and Masonic Standing of the Petitioner and recommend his admission:

Royal Arch Masons Chapter:	**Cryptic Masons Council**	**Knight Templar Commandery**

1. Signature _____
   Print Name _____
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2. Signature _____
   Print Name _____
	2. Signature _____
	   Print Name _____
		2. Signature _____
		   Print Name _____

Petition Received: _____   Petition Received: _____   Petition Received: _____

Petition Balloted: _____   Petition Balloted: _____   Petition Balloted: _____

Amount: $_____   Amount: $_____   Amount: $_____