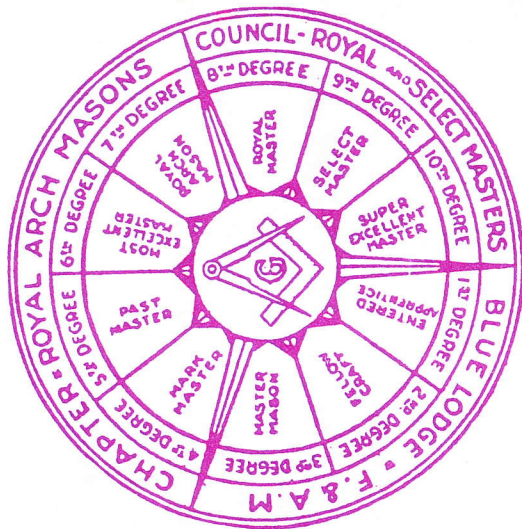


directs its activity toward the elimination of Parkinson's Disease. The Primary focus of our funding support expended by the Corporation, is to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

The noble heritage of Cryptic Masonry is yours to take. Not that decorations may be proudly worn. Not that you may be known as a Mason of High Rank, but that you may more abundantly realize in your own life the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, with a more complete knowledge of the mysteries of Free Masonry.

We invite you to claim this heritage , and further the completion of the building of the Temple of your life.

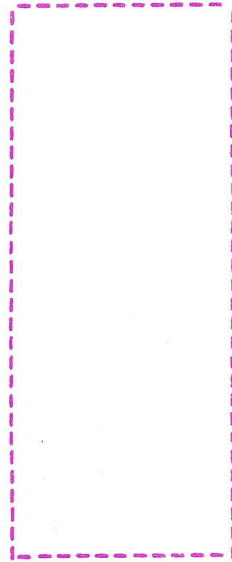
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Cryptic Masonry is part of the "York Rite of Free Masonry" and completes the Circle of Perfection.

The various Councils in the United States operate under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of their respective State, and confer three degrees, namely;

- 1) Royal Master
- 2) Select Master
- 3) Super Excellent Master

The Royal Master and Select Master degrees inform us that Masonry does not reveal her secrets to the thoughtless, nor all in one degree. There is one glory of the Sun, another glory of the Moon, and another glory of the Stars, says the Apostle, and one Star differeth from another Star in glory. So in Masonry, one degree differs from another in Beauty, Wisdom, and Truth. The moral truths of the Symbolic Lodge and the deeper philosophy of

the Royal Arch are only a part of Masonic teachings.

Surely it must be quite a disappointment to the average man on being raised to the sub-lime degree of Master Mason, to be told that he has not completed his work and the secrets pertaining to the ceremony will not be given him, but instead a substitute. This is indeed unfortunate, but the secrets and real word are given him in the Royal Arch. But, without the Royal Master and Select Master degrees neither the Master Mason degree nor the Royal Arch degree is complete, for they rationally account for the concealment and preservation of the treasures revealed in the Royal Arch.

Our three Grand Masters, knowing the dangers they might undergo were determined to prevent the loss of the Masters Word. When the Ninth Arch had been completed, they arranged for the deposit of the Holy Vessels

and the Furniture of the Lodge. Including a true copy of the Ark of the Covenant and the Book of the Law, an imitation of the Pot of Manna and an imitation of Aarons Rod. That it might be known for what purpose it was deposited, on the sides of the Ark were placed certain mysterious characters, the key or Cover words by which the Masters Word may be recovered. Thus was preserved the Long Lost Masters Word.

The Super Excellent Master degree is an honorary degree, to which any Cryptic Mason is entitled by virtue of his being in good standing in his Council. This is classed as the most dramatic and spectacular degree of all Masonic systems.

The Cryptic Mason's desire to help his fellow man is expressed by the Grand Council Charity Corporation, which