

Royal Arch



Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry with Holy Bible opened to proper Book, for Degree on Altar:

- Mark Master X St. Matthew XX
- Past Master X Ecclesiastes XII
- Most Excellent Master X 2 nd Chronicles VI
- Royal Arch X Ezra I

The Officers of the Royal Arch:

- High Priest
- King
- Scribe
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Captain of the Host
- Principal Sojourner
- Royal Arch Captain
- Master of the 3rd Veil
- Master of the 2nd Veil
- Master of the 1st Veil
- Chaplain
- Sentinel

The title of the High Priest is "Excellent". He represents Jeshua (*YeHeshua or Joshua*), the first High Priest of the Jews after their return from the Babylonian captivity. He is clothed in a robe of blue, purple, scarlet, and white, and is decorated with a breast plate of miter. His jewel is a miter.

The King represents Zerubbabel, a Prince of Judah, and rightful King, but owing to the

fact that Judah was a tributary Province, he was not permitted to assume the title, but was styled *Governor*. He is clothed in a scarlet robe, with a crown on his head and a scepter in his hand. His jewel is the level surmounted by a crown.

The Scribe represents Haggai, the Prophet. He is clothed in a purple robe, and wears a turban of the same color. His jewel is a plumb surmounted by a turban.

The Captain of the Host represents the General of the troops who returned from Babylon. He wears a coat of mail and a helmet, and is armed with a sword. His jewel is a triangular plate, on which an armed soldier is engraved.

The Principal Sojourner represents the leader of a small party of Jews, who came up from the Babylonian Captivity to assist in rebuilding the Temple. He wears a dark or drab colored robe, with rose colored border, and a slouch hat, and carries a pilgrim's staff. His jewel is a triangular plate on which a pilgrim is engraved.

The Royal Arch Captain represents the Captain of the Kings Guards. He wears a coat of mail and helmet, and is armed with a sword, and bears a white banner. His jewel is a sword.

The Masters of the Veils represent attendants on the Tabernacle.

The Master of the third veil wears a scarlet robe and turban;

The Master of the second veil a purple robe and turban;

The Master of the first veil a blue robe and turban.

Each is armed with a sword, and bears a banner of the same color as his robe. The jewel of each Officer is a sword.

The Treasurer, Secretary, and Sentinel have no historical reference, nor peculiar dress.

The jewel of the Treasurer is the crossed keys; Secretary the crossed pens or quills;

Sentinel the crossed swords.

All jewels are of gold or yellow metal suspended within a triangle of the same metal.



..."*The Triple Tau, { See pic above } in a triangle within a circle, is the emblem of*

emblems of a Royal Arch Mason, typifying the Sacred Name, the Author of Eternal Life. It is worn as a mark of distinction, separating Us who know and worship the true Name from those who are ignorant of this august mystery. May you ever wear it as one who, knowing and believing, may find in it the highest hope and faith ever given to man.

*The compasses are used by operative Masons to describe circles, every part of which is equally near and equally distant from the center. The circle is therefore, a striking emblem of the relation in which the creature stands to his Creator. As every part of the circumference of the circle is equally near and equally distant from its center, so is every creature whom **G~d** hath made, to him equally near and distant.*

*The equilateral or perfect triangle is an emblem of the essential attributes of **Deity**, namely Omnipresents, Omniscience, and Omnipotence; and as the three equal sides or equal angles form but one triangle, so these attributes constitute but the One True and Living **G~d**."*