

**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
IN VIRGINIA**

**LEADERSHIP CORRESPONDENCE
COURSE**

LESSON 1

NAME:

CHAPTER:

Instructions
Read Completely Before Answering Questions

Successful completion of this program will require the use of information which can be found in the Digest of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia (the 18th Edition, published Sept 2013) and the APPROVED EDICTS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIESTS AND APPROVED RESOLUTIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER attached thereto, and your general knowledge.

The latter information maybe garnered through discussion with your Companions and general Royal Arch literature and publications.

To answer the questions, the following steps are required:

- 1) For each question there is a reference source listed in bold type under the question.
- 2) To answer correctly: locate the necessary information from the reference material and circle your answer, showing the Section Number at Cit: _____.

All questions must be answered. A grade will be given for each Lesson and a Certificate indicating completing of the entire Course will be issued at the completion of the 3 Lessons.

References for each Lesson is as follows:

Lesson 1: Section 1 thru Section 87 of the Digest

Lesson 2: Section 88 thru Section 257 of the Digest

Lesson 3: Approved Edicts & Resolutions if the Digest

The Digest may be purchased through the Grand Secretary's Office of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

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Lesson 1 – 1

True or False

1. A Companion may represent up to four (4) Chapters at Grand Chapter provided he is a member of that Chapter or of some Chapter in the same District

T F

Cit: _____

2. A Grand Representative may be a High Priest or a Past High Priest.

T F

Cit: _____

3. A District Deputy Grand High Priest must have received the Order of Priesthood previous to his appointment.

T F

Cit: _____

4. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, the Junior Past Grand High Priest will preside of the meeting of Grand Chapter.

T F

Cit: _____

5. The District Deputy Grand High Priest entering upon his duties for the first time in any District, shall examine the by-laws of each Chapter in his District.

T F

Cit: _____

6. Except in matter of emergent necessity, a Chapter or a member of a Chapter shall not submit any question of Masonic Law or usage to the Grand High Priest except through the District Deputy Grand High Priest.

T F

Cit: _____

7. The first Grand High Priest in Virginia was Robert Brough.

T F

Cit: _____

8. The Grand King, by virtue of his office, shall always be in nomination for the office of Grand High Priest.

T F

Cit: _____

Lesson 1 – 2

True or False

9. The Grand High Priest and Past Grand High Priests shall be addressed as Most Excellent.

T F

Cit: _____

10. The Grand King in the event of the Grand High Priest's death, shall not succeed to His office.

T F

Cit: _____

11. The Grand High Priest must issue a dispensation before a public or open ceremony Can be held by a Chapter.

T F

Cit: _____

12. Any Grand Chapter Officer may be an officer in a subordinate Chapter.

T F

Cit: _____

Lesson 1 – 3

Multiple Choice

1. What is the date of the first recorded conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in the World?

November 10, 1740

August 20, 1750

December 22, 1753

None of the above

Cit: _____

2. Where was the first Royal Arch Degree conferred in the United States?

New York, NY

Fredericksburg, VA

Boston, MA

Philadelphia, PA

Cit: _____

3. When was the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, formed?

April 7, 1805

August 6, 1809

May 4, 1808

November 1, 1801

Cit: _____

4. Where was the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, formed?

Norfolk, VA

Fredericksburg, VA

Richmond, VA

Staunton, VA

Cit: _____

5. With what Grand Jurisdiction does the Grand Chapter of Virginia share concurrent Jurisdiction?

West Virginia

North Carolina

Maryland

District of Columbia

Cit: _____

6. Who is eligible to hold office in Grand Chapter?

Cit: _____

7. Identify the number of standing committees in Grand Chapter?

8

6

10

13

Cit: _____

Lesson 1-4

8. In order to dispatch business _____ Chapters must have legal representation present to constitute a quorum of Grand Chapter.

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| 8 | 10 |
| 5 | 11 |

Cit: _____

9. What are the inclusive dates of a Capitular Year?

Cit: _____

10. Which offices may a Grand High Priest hold in a subordinate Chapter?

- | | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Scribe | King |
| High Priest | None of the above |

Cit: _____

11. A fee of \$_____ is required to be paid to Grand Chapter for a dispensation to form a new Chapter.

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| \$25 | \$50 |
| \$30 | \$45 |

Cit: _____

12. What other Grand Chapter includes the Council Degrees in their system of Royal Arch Masonry?

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| Pennsylvania | West Virginia |
| North Carolina | Ohio |

Cit: _____

13. Who may appoint a Commission to investigate matters imperiling the harmony or intercourse of Capitular Masonry?

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| District Deputy Grand High Priest | Grand Secretary |
| High Priest | Grand High Priest |

Cit: _____