

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN VIRGINIA

1. Name the six degrees in Royal Arch Masonry in Virginia.
2. Who was the first Grand High Priest in Virginia?
3. On Dec. 22, 1753 the first conferral of the Royal Arch Degree in the world occurred where?
4. Where was the first Grand Chapter held?
5. What are the names of the chapters 1,2 and 3?
6. Name the Cryptic Degrees?
7. What other state combines the Council Degrees with the remaining Royal Arch Degrees?
8. What office did John Dove hold in the Grand Chapter from 1818 to 1875?
9. Where and when will the next Charlie Cave Royal Arch School be held?
10. How many districts are in the Grand Chapter?
11. What is the number of this District?
12. What is the principal charity of the Grand Chapter?
13. What are the names of Noah's three sons mentioned at the Second Veil?
14. What are the working tools of the Mark Master?
15. Who was Zerubbabel?
16. What are the beginning and ending dates of a Capitular year?
17. What degree must a High Priest have before he is declared a Past High Priest?
18. Which officers are elected by the Chapter?
19. What is the minimum number of candidates for a festival?
20. How shall the Grand High Priest and Past Grand High Priest be addressed?

Answers

1. The Senior Warden pays wages one penny at a time when a craftsman thrusts his right hand through a lattice window with his mark in the hand and giving the proper token.
2. Wages are paid on the eve of the sixth day of every week.
3. Wages are paid in the apartment of the Grand Senior Warden, where the Grand Senior Warden stands behind a lattice window.
4. Unworthy workers were distinguished by having their work inspected by the three overseers and it was rejected if unfit for use.
5. The punishment for attempting to receive wages when none were due was striking off the right hand.
6. The purpose of a Craftsman's mark was to distinguish the work from the others' work whereby it was known and rejected if not fit for use.
7. The Craftsman's mark is placed in the center of the circle of letters: H T W S S T K S.
8. The name of the grip of a past master is the three-fold grip.
9. The lessons that are necessary are: learning the use of the gavel, addressing a point of order, handling an appeal of the Master's decision to his lodge, dealing with a motion to lay a topic on the table, and how to properly close a lodge.
10. The grip of the Past Master originated when King Solomon became aged and infirm and two Giblymites or stone squarers helped him get in and out of his Oriental Chair.
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12. The secret word of a Past Master is Giblym or stone squarer.
13. The first three Most Excellent Grand Masters were building a secret apartment underground, beginning at King Solomon's most retired apartment and ending under the Sanctum Sanctorum or Holy of Holies.
14. The Fellowcraft's name was Adoniram.
15. Adoniram recanted because he feared that the conspiracy to extort the secret word of Master Mason would eventuate in Grand Master Hiram Abif's death.
16. The secret word was not truly lost because it was buried in the 9th arch of the secret apartment below the Holy of Holies, as per Grand Master Hiram Abif's instructions.
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18. The ceremony of dedication occurred at the completion of the temple. King Solomon inspected the temple while the Chief Priests and Elders were in the Hall of Audience, and then King Solomon addressed the crowd, prayed, and then fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offerings.
19. The workers were freed and allowed to travel to foreign countries, and to work and receive wages.
20. King Solomon retained a suitable number of craftsmen to maintain the temple and organized them into a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters.
21. The City of Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed after the Israelites continued to violate the law, despite many prophets warning them of the consequences.
22. The Jewish King when the Temple was destroyed was Zedekiah.
23. Zedekiah's eyes were put out and he was taken into captivity in Babylon. He remained a prisoner until he died.
24. Cyrus the Great freed the Jews and ordered the temple to be rebuilt. He was carrying out the Word of God.
25. Zerubbabel was the Jewish Leader who redirected the rebuilding of the Temple. He was assisted by Joshua, and later Nehemiah helped also.
26. The following were discovered beneath the ruins of the temple during the rebuilding: the keystone of a Mark Master; the three squares/jewels of the three Most Excellent Grand Masters; and the copy of the Ark of the Covenant containing copies of a pot of manna and Aaron's Rod, and also the Book of the Law with the key to the mysterious characters inside it.
27. The secret word was originally given to Enoch, one of the great patriarchs before the Flood. Enoch never died and was carried up to heaven in a cloud.