

# THE WORKMAN



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### Grand High Priest's Message

#### ORIGIN OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH

Dear Companions:

You have probably become used to those handsome pictures (and biographies) of our Grand Officers, with two published in every edition of this newsletter this Capitular Year. The trouble is, we have run out of officers – so I have no more handsome pictures to share with you.

But we have a worthy substitute.

I have recently asked each of our 2015 High Priests to do what they can to strengthen his Chapter's program for sharing information about the Royal Arch Degrees – and to start such a program now, if they did not inherit one. In support of that effort, I want to share with you an informative article I recently read about the historical development of the Royal Arch Degree.

The "article" was the 1972 Prestonian Lecture for the United Grand Lodge of England, presented by the Brother who was then the Assistant Librarian for that Grand Lodge. It is a long lecture, focusing on several changes that have occurred in the development of our ritual over the last 300 years or so.

I have asked our Editor to print only the portion of that Lecture focusing on the development and introduction of the Royal Arch Degree as a part of the prominent Masonic Degrees. It is the last two pages of this edition.

I know many of you will be aware of much of the information in the re-print, But it is a fresh telling of a familiar story. And, for those unfamiliar with it, my hope is that it will fill out their understanding of the importance of the work we are doing, in perpetuating one of the principal and pre-eminent degrees developed during the formation of Freemasonry.

On an unrelated subject – there are only a few more days left to register for attendance at Grand Sessions in May. It is important that you be there, to renew your inspiration for your Chapter and to help the rest of us make the decisions important to our future. See the website at [ca-gyrs.org](http://ca-gyrs.org) for forms, reservation details and schedules. I hope to see many of you there. Until then,

**JON D. HUMPHREYS**  
**Grand High Priest**

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## **CHAPTER OFFICERS** **OFFICERS' SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

The School of Instruction in Bellflower this last weekend was well attended with 18 Chapters represented and 50 companions in attendance. The Ritual Staff will be conducting one additional Officers' Schools of Instruction this month:

Apr 18<sup>th</sup>: Siminoff Lodge  
34400 Mission Blvd  
Union City, CA

We will cover Opening and Closing Ritual, Balloting, various Administrative matters. We will also do some exemplification in the four degrees, as well as consider proposed enhancements. Please bring Companions who may be interested, especially if they work on Degree Teams, or are in your progressive line.

The meetings will begin at 8:30 am, lunch at noon, and breakup when we are done – no later than 3:00 pm

RSVP is a must, by email, to [philipandnancy@aol.com](mailto:philipandnancy@aol.com).

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## **GRAND SESSIONS**

Below you will find the registration form for the Grand Sessions this May. Now is the time to act, personally, to arrange for a room and meals, and other activities. And it is time also for your Chapter to take out an Ad in the session brochure – this is important to help defray the expense associated with organizing and managing this five-day affair for the three bodies.

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## **GRAND CHAPTER** **SCHOLARSHIPS**

For info about Scholarships, go to the following website:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html>

**If you have the resources, please consider making a significant donation on behalf of our Masonic Youth. Send any excess cash (!) to the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program at 11428 E. Artesia Blvd, #13, Artesia, CA 90701-3872**

**Remember that all donations to the Scholarship Program are Tax Deductible, so keep this in mind as you plan your annual giving and when you pay your dues.**



## **LEADING CHANGE**

### **Contemporary Leadership Challenges**

In their book on Organizational Behavior<sup>1</sup>, Stephen Robbins and Timothy Judge discuss the roles of leadership in terms of the unique demands placed on leaders today. They acknowledge that the roles leaders engage in today are changing. Leaders are finding themselves in position of needing to be mentors, to guide and encourage their organization in the direction they want to go. They are finding that there is more face-to-face interaction required between leaders and those they are trying to lead. They concluded that there are four critical areas that today's leader need proficient in. First, organizations today find that the traditional organization structure, though hierarchical in nature, is evolving towards teams to get the current activities done. What does this mean to

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<sup>1</sup> Stephen P. Robbins and Timothy A. Judge, Organizational Behavior, Prentice Hall.

today's leader? It means that their authority, given by a hierarchical structure, needs to be augmented by guiding their organizational members to work together, to work in teams, to accomplish their objectives.

Second, leaders may find it is important to become a mentor to their organizations members. They need to not only sponsor people through the organization, but that they also need to support their members and be teachers of the organization's membership. They need to council members, share experiences with them, develop friendships and be a role model.

Third, they need to develop self-leadership. Simply stated, this means to encourage the group's members to develop their own skills to lead themselves and control their own behavior. Fourth, since in today's world organizational members are frequently separated by physical distance or by so much traffic that a short distance may consume too much time to bridge, they need to develop skills in digital communications. This is not as simple as it may sound. Studies indicate that we have lost some of the pleasant skills of writing letters by being too abrupt, being too direct or simply no longer possess good writing skill.

An Article Submitted by Arthur H. Walton

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## **OPERATIONS & TRAINING** **MANUAL**

For decades, we have all clamored for a single document that gives us what we need to effectively run our organizations. General Grand Chapter has now produced the Manual which meets this need for Chapters – and each Chapter should acquire at least one copy for use by its Dais Officers. Councils and Commanderies can benefit from this production as well. Although it is oriented to the Chapter needs, and contains some info specific to the capitular ritual, it does contain the following chapters, which will be found to be useful by all bodies:

- A. The Art and Science of Leadership
- B. Officer Selection & Development
- C. Protocols and Governance
- D. Membership Management
- E. Presentation and Education
- F. Dues, Fees and Budgets
- G. Communications and Public Relations
- H. Strategic Planning and Development

This new Manual is well worth the cost of \$25.00. It can be ordered from the General Grand Chapter as follows:

By writing to General Grand Chapter RAM, PO Box 128, Greenfield, IN 46140; or via email at: [ramintl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ramintl@sbcglobal.net)

## INFORMATION ON RECEPTIONS, FESTIVALS & DEGREES

At the very end of this Newsletter you will find copies of flyers for many of the activities throughout the year – some, but not all, Receptions as well as Degree conferrals, whether individual or part of a Festival. For other events not included here, refer to the Grand High Priest Calendar summarized below, or with full details, at the Grand York Rite website.



## COMPTCHE OUTDOOR DEGREES

The 43rd Annual Comptche Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees are scheduled this year for June 26th at Tunzi Ranch. All four Degrees will be conferred on Saturday, with the Prologue

beginning at 8:30 a.m. The reservation deadline is June 18th. You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to setup from June 23rd through the 28th. There are no 120V hookups but there are chemical toilets in the meadow. There is a hot water shower in the restroom shack, as well as men's and women's bathrooms.

- Fish Fry Friday night -- \$15.50
- Breakfast Saturday morning -- \$10
- Dues Registration -- \$12
- Companions Lunch -- \$12.50
- Tri-tip Barbeque Saturday Night -- \$20
- Breakfast Sunday morning -- \$10

Children half-price; only companions pay the registration. Make checks payable to COMPTCHE OUTDOOR DEGREES, and complete and send the registration document below to Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952-3609.



## THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$75.00 plus tax and shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$87.00 plus tax and shipping for sizes 50 to 60, also in short, regular, and tall. Purple Jackets are little more expensive at \$95.00 for the smaller and \$107.00 for the larger. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: [www.mpenterprises.weebly.com](http://www.mpenterprises.weebly.com); or directly to his email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

## ENCOMPASSER

The **April 2015** edition of the Encompasser has been mailed and is now on the website. Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left hand toolbar. **You can help us control cost by letting us know you are willing to take the Encompasser by email only.**

**Check out the new format available – you can now read the Encompasser online! No need to even print it out. Many thanks to our web-master, Excellent Companion Richard Thornton, for his efforts in applying this technology to our needs!**

### GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR FOR APRIL AND MAY 2015

Date	Event	Location
April 18	Grand Lecturer's School of Instruction	Union City
April 30	3-way York Rite Reception	Nevada City
May 9	Official Visit to Sacramento Chapter No. 3	Sacramento
May 16-20	California Grand York Rite Sessions	Bakersfield

Details available on York Rite website at: <http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghpcalendar.html>



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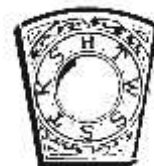
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[WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG](http://WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG)

**GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES**  
Website:

[WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG](http://WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG)



April 30, 2015

Time: 6:00 P.M.

108 1/2 N. Pine Street  
Nevada City, CA  
95959

Contact: Gary Schlusser  
530-277-2490

**2014/15 GRAND OFFICERS RECEPTION**



## Nevada City York Rite Bodies

2014 - 2015 California Grand York Rite Officers Reception



On April 30, 2015 Nevada City York Rite Bodies will co-host a reception of the 2014-2015 California Grand York Rite Officers with Auburn, Folsom and Sacramento York Rite Bodies. We invite you to share a dinner of Pot Roast or Chicken (by special request only) and meet the 2014-2015 Grand York Rite Officers. The price for dinner will be \$15.00 payable in advance. Reservations are required. Please RSVP using the reply card attached below, by April 15, 2015.

**Highlights**

- 6:00 P.M. Dinner
- 6:30 P.M. Introduction of Officers from each co-host York Rite Body
- 7:00 P.M. Presentations in the Dining Room

Nevada City York Rite Bodies

RSVP Gary Schlusser  
17954 Satellite Drive  
Grass Valley, CA  
95949

Phone: 530-277-2490  
E-mail: garytoo@theunion.net

**PLEASE CLIP OUT AND MAIL BACK THIS RSVP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Felix's Pot Roast \$15.00 each	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Request Only! Chicken. \$15.00	_____	_____

# 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL COMPTCHE OUTDOOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES



Tunzi Ranch - Comptche, CA  
Saturday - June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

All four degrees will be conferred on Saturday. The Prologue begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Reservations:** Deadline is Sun., **JUNE 21<sup>st</sup>**. The remote location, price of gasoline, and the cost of food require us to charge 20% more after that date. Mail your Reservation form (below) and check to: Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, call Guy at 707-477-3046.

**Climate & Misc.:** The coastal climate is either foggy and cold, or hot; Think layers. Dress attire is always casual. There's plenty to do so come a couple of days early. This is a cattle ranch so watch your step. No dogs allowed. In the town of Mendocino, 10 miles away, you can visit historical landmarks, go salmon fishing, or just enjoy the scenic coastline. Ft. Bragg, 8 miles north of Mendocino, is also historical and a great place to visit.

**Accommodations:** You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up from 6/24 - 6/29. Campfires only in designated areas. There are no 120v hookups but there are chemical toilets in the meadow. Restrooms at the degree site have a hot water shower in the men's, available to women. Motels and rental RV's are available at the coast, 30 minutes on a dark and winding road from the RAM site. Call as soon as possible for your reservations, it's a popular tourist area.



RV's and Tent Campers Welcome



Comptche Cook Shack

TRADEWINDS LODGE (707) 964-4761    SURF MOTEL (707) 964-5361  
SURREY SUPER 8 (800) 206-9833    FOOLS RUSH INN (707) 937-5339  
HARBOR LITE LODGE (707) 964-0221    SEA FOAM LODGE (707) 937-1827  
RESERVE EARLY!!    COAST VACATION TRAILORS (707) 962-9294

<i>Reservations for the EBQ site requested</i>			<i>(under 12 half-price)</i>			<i>For Association Membership and Communion</i>	
			Comp.	Lady	Child	Name and Address	
<u>Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup></u>						_____	
6:00 p.m. ....	Fish Fry	\$15.50	___	___	___	_____	
<u>*Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup></u>						_____	
7:00-8:30 .....	Breakfast	\$10.00	___	___	___	_____	
Comps. ....	Association Expense	\$12.00	___	___	___	_____	
Noon .....	Companions Lunch	\$12.50	___	___	___	Lady's Name _____	
5:30 p.m. ....	Barbeque	\$20.00	___	___	___	Telephone Number (    ) _____	
<u>Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup></u>						Royal Arch Chapter Number _____	
8:00 a.m. ....	Breakfast	\$10.00	___	___	___	Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> RV <input type="checkbox"/> Tent <input type="checkbox"/> Motel	
<i>Association meeting after Sudy's breakfast and leftover sale</i>						RV Arrival date/approx. time _____	
Total - Check enclosed		\$ _____				Are you a Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No	
						*Need Chapter pennies	

Make payable to: Comptche Outdoor Degree Association

\*The degree site and shower restroom are men only on Saturday from 9am - 3pm

Send by JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> - Thank you!  
Add 20% to your total after that date.



# 2015 Grand York Rite Sessions May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Bakersfield, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form. Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge.  
 Do you prefer your confirmation by:  email (default)  none  phone call (latest time to call \_\_\_\_\_)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady / Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lady / Guest Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Shuttle Requested?  No  Yes  
 (Enter travel details in comments section)

I am a member of: **RAM #** \_\_\_\_\_ **CM #** \_\_\_\_\_ **KT #** \_\_\_\_\_  Drill Team Participant

\*R.O. is Reservation Only. There is no charge for the event. However, if you plan to attend, please mark it on your reservation form

Day/Date	Time	Please enter the number of Meals/Events you are requesting	Price	Total
Sat - 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 AM	AMD In-Gathering Registration Fee _____ Your AMD Council Number _____	\$3.00	
	11:00 AM	• AMD Lunch _____	\$10.00	
	12:15 PM	• Degrees: Excellent Master _____ Knight of Constantinople _____	\$15 ea	
	5:30 PM	• Ye Ancient Order of Corks _____	\$20.00	
		• Festive Board Table Lodge Dinner (Open to all Master Mesons) _____	\$50.00	
Sun - 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Something for the Ladies – Bunco Tournament? _____	\$5.00	
	11:30 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Beef Fiesta Tostada Salad _____	24.00	
	4:00 PM	Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) _____	*R.O.*	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet Marinated Flank Steak _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Eggplant Parmesan _____	\$39.00	
		Shortly after the banquet Order of the Golden Poppy _____ (Open to all Mesons)	\$15.00	
Mon - 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Scrambled Eggs & Ham _____	\$25.00	
	10:00 AM	Ladies Masonic Information Session S.O.D.B. Meet and Greet _____	*R.O.*	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon: Clam Chowder _____ Potato Soup _____	\$25.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon: Oriental Chicken Salad _____ Veg _____	\$24.00	
	1:30 PM	Leadership Seminar "Light" Session _____	*R.O.*	
Tue - 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) French Toast _____	\$25.00	
	10:00 AM	Ladies Masonic Information Session (Topic TBA) _____	*R.O.*	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon: Buffet (Burgers and Hot Dogs) _____	\$25.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon: Fiesta Tostada Salad _____ Veg _____	\$24.00	
	1:30 PM	Royal Arch Research Chapter _____	*R.O.*	
Wed - 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage _____	\$25.00	
	10:00 AM	Ladies Masonic Information Session Masonic Protocol Lesson for the Ladies _____	*R.O.*	
	12:00 PM	RAM Ladies Luncheon Croissant Club Sandwich _____ Egg Salad on Croissant _____	\$25.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon Croissant Club Sandwich _____ Egg Salad on Croissant _____	\$25.00	
	1:30 PM	York Rite College Meet and Greet _____	*R.O.*	

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed payable to Grand York Rite of CA  
 Invoice me via  PayPal  check to be paid by Mar. 31 (after option only available for forms sent by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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More information on the other (or back) page.



**2015 Grand York Rite Sessions May 17<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – Bakersfield, CA**

**Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:**

CA-GYRS PO Box 402 Penryn, CA 95663-0402

Reservation forms **postmarked after 04/18/14** are subject to a **25% late fee** –

Forms submitted onsite will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee

Contact the **Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel**

3100 Camino Del Rio Ct Bakersfield, 93308 @ (800) 222-TREE(8733)

tell the agent that you are in the **Grand York Rite Group**

for your hotel reservation **before 04/10/15** Room rate: \$94.00 for balcony rooms

(\$10 more per night if you requested a courtyard/pool facing room) +taxes

There is also a link on [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org) to make your hotel reservation online

Questions, the GYRS phone number is 1 844 4CA-GYRS or email the following below:

(1 844 422 4977 you will be prompted for the extension for the person to reach)

- **General Chairmen:** Paul Erickson & Fred "Tiny" Potter [chairmen@ca-gyrs.org](mailto:chairmen@ca-gyrs.org)
  - **Executive Officer:** James Baum [executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org](mailto:executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org)
  - **Meal/Event reservations:** Dave Glass [reservations@ca-gyrs.org](mailto:reservations@ca-gyrs.org)
- No refunds after May 04<sup>th</sup>, 2015 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee.

**More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master & Past Commanders Association), menus and schedule are available from [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org).**

**AMD In-Gathering:**

**Excellent Master & Knight of Constantinople Degrees:** each includes degree certificate, card & lapel pin

**Ye Ancient Order of Corks:** (Net proceeds will benefit a local children's charity)

Available for all who attend the dinner for the one time degree fee of \$20, which includes a degree certificate, life-time Cork membership card, lapel pin and special challenge coin. All future Festive Boards will honor your challenge coin and/or membership card. Membership is open to AMD members only.

**Festive Board Feast** A seven-course formal black tie dinner. Reservations only.

**Bunco Tournament.** \$5 Buy in. Prize pool: First Place Winner: 40% of the proceeds, Second Place Winner: 20% Third Place: 10%. Final 30% divided to the York Rite Charities

**A few words about Reservation Only ("R.O.") events:**

Although there is no charge for these events, please enter in a numerical value for the events you want to attend. This provides a headcount for the preparation of the event. Also, if the event is cancelled or changed you can be notified.

**Sunday Vesper services.** Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend.

**The Ladies Masonic Information Sessions** are designed as an informal gathering in the Lake Rooms for our Ladies during the Business Meetings.

Monday will be a Social Order of the Beauceant.

Tuesday is still under discussion – we will have that posted later on the website.

Wednesday will be the "Protocol" section of the Leadership Seminar designed for the Ladies.

Get a sampling of the **York Rite Leadership Seminar** on Monday afternoon in the Lake Rooms

Members of the **Royal Arch Research Chapter** (and those that want to join) will be gathering on Tuesday afternoon in the Lake Rooms.

Learn about what the **York Rite College** does at the Meet and Greet on Wednesday afternoon in the Lake Rooms.

— — *Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.*



# 2015 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

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Camera ready ad material is preferred (Black and White or Gray scale only). We can assist you in creating your ad. Provide on a separate page, the exact wording of your ad. Submit logos, pictures (original B&W or Gray scale only—no color or "scanned pics") or business cards that are to be used in the ad on an accompanying sheet.

Payment must accompany Ad request, payable to "Grand York Rite of CA" or we will invoice you via PayPal to use your credit card.

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## **A STUDY IN CHANGE**

by T.O Haunch. M.A.

Prestonian Lecture 1972

Assistant Librarian, United Grand Lodge of England

Past Master, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076

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*[After explaining the history of the original (“Moderns”) Grand Lodge and the second rival (“Ancients”) Grand Lodge, and their origins and differences, and writing of the origins of the first three degrees of Masonry, the author writes of the Royal Arch as follows.]*

### **THE ROYAL ARCH**

The Antients were, as we have seen, quick to charge the Moderns with having made innovations in Masonry, but it was they who adopted and fostered the biggest innovation of all in 18th century Freemasonry, the Royal Arch, together with a series of ‘side’ degrees out of which have grown some of the present day additional degrees and orders of Freemasonry.

The Royal Arch degree had made its appearance some time during the 1740s and the Antients Grand Lodge, under Dermott’s leadership, were quickly to become enthusiasts for it. Their lodges worked this degree (and others) under the aegis of their Craft warrant and they did not admit the necessity of any separate authority or organization for doing so.

The preamble to their Rules and Regulations for the Government of Holy Royal Arch Chapters (1794) led off with the statement that Ancient Masonry consists of Four Degrees. “The apprentice, the Fellow Craft...the Sublime Degree of Master, (and) The Holy Royal Arch,” and it continued: ‘It follows, therefore, of course, that every Warranted Lodge possesses the Power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several Degrees; the last of which, from its Pre-eminence, is denominated among Masons a Chapter.’”

The premier (Moderns) Grand Lodge, on the other hand, did not recognize the Royal Arch as part of the original system of Freemasonry, although had it been so disposed it could presumably have done so within the power Grand Lodge had reserved to itself by the 1723 “no innovations” resolution.

It preferred however to remain completely apart from the Royal Arch and so a quite separate organization came into existence in 1766 to control the degree among the Moderns – the Grand and Royal Chapter of the Royal Arch of Jerusalem.

The (Moderns) Grand Secretary at that time), Samuel Spencer, went so far as to say in writing to a correspondent: “. . . the Royal Arch is a Society which we do not acknowledge, and which we believe to have been invented to introduce innovations and to seduce the brethren from the true and original foundations which our ancestors laid down.”

In other words it was not an innovation which the premier Grand Lodge was prepared to accept into the 'Body of Masonry' in the way that, in the formative stage of its development, it had accepted the tri-gradal system which, as we have seen, was certainly not laid down by any who might be deemed to be the ancestors' of the speculative Freemasons of the mid-18th century.

Nevertheless, in spite of the premier (Moderns) Grand Lodge's non-recognition of the Royal Arch— and I use the neutral term “non-recognition of” in preference to “opposition to” as more nearly defining the attitude of Grand Lodge in the matter— the degree grew in popularity among the Moderns and indeed many of the leading figures in the premier Grand Lodge joined it.

They were not opposed to it, but they would not mix the Royal Arch with Craft Masonry in their Grand lodge nor allow their private lodges to do so— although here and there they occasionally did.

As it was put by a later Grand Secretary,(Moderns) James Heseltine (himself a Royal Arch Mason and a founder of the Grand Chapter), displaying a more tolerant outlook than his predecessor and one better reflecting the position taken up by Grand Lodge on the subject: “. . . the Royal Arch is a private and distinct society. It is a part of Masonry, but has no connection with Grand Lodge.”

Then again later, writing apropos the Royal Arch degree, he commented “. . . its explanation of Freemasonry are very pleasing and instructive.”

This fundamental difference in their attitude to the Royal Arch by the Moderns and the Antients was one of the more important points at issue which had to be reconciled before a union between the two could be effected.

The compromise that in this instance did so was the statesmanlike concession by the premier Grand Lodge in 1813 that the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch was, after all, part of pure Antient Masonry, and the legal fiction by which it was acknowledged as “the Perfection of the Master's Degree,” thus leaving intact the body of pure Antient Masonry as consisting of “three degrees and no more.”

An equivocation, perhaps, but one which, happily, was to prove a firm foundation for the United Grand Lodge of England..