

13. ROYAL ARCH OF ENOCH, OR KNIGHTS OF THE NINTH ARCH, OR ROYAL ARCH OF SOLOMON.—This Degree forms the climax of Ineffable Masonry. It is the Keystone of the Arch, and discovers that which is revealed and explained in the succeeding Degree of "Perfection."

14.—GRAND, ELECT, PERFECT AND SUBLIME MASON.—This Degree describes the S. T. under the S. V., in which is the P. of B. and the Holy four-letter name. In this Degree the Temple is completed. It also narrates the death of Solomon and the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem.

15. KNIGHT OF THE EAST OR SWORD.—This Degree relates to the Babylonish Captivity, and the return of the Captives to Jerusalem.

16. PRINCE OF JERUSALEM.—This Degree is intimately connected with the preceding one, and relates the difficulties upon the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem and the final success of the undertaking. This is the last of the series of the Ancient Degrees, as found in strict chronological order. The preceding Sixteen Degrees of this Rite may justly be considered as being in strict sequence to each other, both as regards Time and Circumstances. They form a very perfect History of Masonry, in respect to the Temple at Jerusalem.

17. KNIGHTS OF THE EAST AND WEST.—They may be considered as the first of the Modern series of Degrees in this Rite. It figuratively represents the building of the Third Temple in the heart of man. The ceremonies are very impressive and are almost entirely drawn from the Book of Revelation.

18. KNIGHT OF THE ROSE CROIX.—This Degree is plainly Christian in its teachings. It symbolizes the *Crucifixion*, *Descent*, and *Ascension* of our Lord, and teaches the final victory of the principle of good over evil. It is quite out of place in the A. and A. Rite, and properly belongs to the *Knights Templar*, within whose Preceptories it was formerly practised.

19. GRAND PONTIFF OR SUBLIME SCOTCH MASON.—This Degree is founded upon certain mysteries relating to the New Jerusalem; it inculcates the three virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity, and is purely Christian in its teachings.

20. GRAND MASTER OF ALL SYMBOLIC LODGES, OR MASTER AD VITAM.—This may be considered as a "Chair Degree," similar in many respects to that of "Installed Master" in the "York" Rite. It teaches the proper mode to govern in all symbolic Lodges.

21. NOACHITE, A PRUSSIAN KNIGHT.—This Degree was formed at the time of the Crusades. Its object was, in a time when general disorder and lawlessness were spread over Europe, to enforce Law and Justice, and they called themselves "Noachite Masons, because they aimed at imitating the justice and purity of the Patriarch Noah. The Order was in several parts of Germany popularly known as the "*Holy Vehm*."

22. KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL AXE, OR PRINCE OF LIBANUS.—Alludes to the felling of the Cedars in Lebanon for the Temple. Its proper place in this Rite would appear to be immediately after the 2nd or Fellow Craft Degree.

23. CHIEF OF THE TABERNACLE.—Describes the form of the Tabernacle erected by Moses in the Wilderness.

24. PRINCE OF THE TABERNACLE.—Describes the sacerdotal ceremonies of the Levitical Priesthood. It is a continuation of the preceding Degree.

25. KNIGHT OF THE BRAZEN SERPENT.—Relates to the time when the Camp of the Israelites was pitched at Punon, when the plague of "fiery Serpents" was sent among them for their unbelief. This, with the two preceding degrees, together with the "Royal Ark Mariner," might be designated as "Mosaic Masonry," and they have no particular propriety or significance as part of the A. and A. Rite.

26. PRINCE OF MERCY, OR SCOTTISH TRINITARIAN.—This is a strictly Christian Degree, and shows the alliance between the "Natural Law," "The Law of Moses," and "The New Covenant of Christ," hence its name of "Trinitarian." It originated when Domitian was Emperor of Rome, and when in fear of persecution and death, the Christians held their Religious Assemblies in the Catacombs.

27. GRAND COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE.—This degree originated at the siege of St. Jean de Acre, when the Knights nursed the sick and wounded by night and fought the Saracens by day. It appears to have been in imitation of the "Templar" Order, and is the first "strictly" Christian Degree of the A. and A. Rite.

28. KNIGHT OF THE SUN.—This is the Grand Philosophical Degree of the A. and A. Rite. It teaches that there is but One God, uncreated and Eternal, and whose Divine attributes are Reason, Truth, and Justice. This Degree stands alone in the Rite, totally unconnected with any other, and teaches the theory of the *Universal Religion*.

29. KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW, OR PATRIARCH OF THE CRUSADES.—This Degree teaches *Equality among Knights*, that is, that the poor Knight is equal to the Monarch. It also teaches the requisites of Knighthood.

30. KNIGHT KADOSH, ALSO STYLED WHITE AND BLACK EAGLE, AND GRAND ELECTED