

9. SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER.—Describes the *destruction* of King Solomon's Temple, and the carrying away of the Jews in captivity to Babylon.

10. "RED CROSS" OF THE UNITED STATES, CALLED IN CANADA "THE RED CROSS OF BABYLON," AND IN SCOTLAND "EXCELLENT MASTER," OR "BABYLONISH PASS."—Describes the *method* by which permission was obtained to *rebuild* the Temple, and the various *obstructions* met with and overcome by Z. and his companions on their *journey* from *Babylon* to *Jerusalem*.

11. HOLY ROYAL ARCH.—Describes the *way* in which the work of rebuilding the Temple of Jerusalem was conducted, and the *discovery* of the Sacred Treasures deposited in the S. V. as described in the S. M. Degree, (No. 5) and the finding of the *True Word*, for which a *substitute* was given in the M. M. Degree, (No. 6.) This degree is the summit and completion of ancient Masonry, as connected with the Temple at Jerusalem.

The above is the *proper Historical and Chronological Sequence* of the "Masonry of the Temple," worked in Canada, but in practice the Degrees are given in a sequence entirely different, viz: "Under the Grand Lodge Degrees. Nos. 1, 2, 6; Under the Grand Chapter, Nos. 3, 8, 7, 11; Under the Grand Council, Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10. As neither Grand Lodge nor Grand Chapter would permit any alteration in present arrangements, this "proper sequence" can only be looked upon as a "Masonic curiosity."

NOTES ON THE VARIOUS DEGREES PRACTISED IN CANADA, IN REFERENCE TO THEIR SEQUENCE AND CONNECTION WITH EACH OTHER.

ROYAL ARK MARINER.—This Degree does not properly belong to the series of Degrees practised in either the "York," or "Ancient and Accepted" Rite. It is based upon the Mosaic account of the Deluge, and can with propriety be given to any Master Mason.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

1. ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON.—First introduction of the Neophyte into Masonry.

2. FELLOW CRAFT MASON.—The Apprentice becomes a Workman and is entitled to wages, and learns the necessity of knowledge.

3. MASTER MASON.—Describes the death of H. A. B. previous to the completion of the Temple, and the reception of the Craftsman into the grade of Master with a substituted word. [Note.—The above three Degrees are not practised in Canada, or where the Craft Degrees of the "York Rite" are worked.]

4. SECRET MASTER.—This Degree originated immediately *after the death* of H. A. B. Seven of the most expert M. M.'s. were appointed special guardians of the S. S. and the Sacred Furniture of the Most Holy Place.

5. PERFECT MASTER.—Celebrates the *Obsequies* of H. A. B., and is the proper Funeral Rite of Members of this Rite.

6. INTIMATE SECRETARY.—This Degree illustrates the over zealous interference of an indiscreet friend between S. K. of I. and H. K. of T., and proves the sublime doctrine of the immortality of the soul. It is not connected with the Degree preceding or following it, but as it occurs during the period of mourning for H. A. B., it is, chronologically in its proper place and sequence.

7. PREVOST AND JUDGE.—Consequent upon the death of H. A. B., K. S. found it necessary to appoint several Officers, to keep order and decide disputes among the workmen, teaching justice as the necessary consequence of the relations between God and man.

8. INTENDANT OF THE BUILDINGS.—Five Superintendents were appointed by K. S. to supply the want of a Chief Architect, lost in the death of H. A. B.

9. KNIGHTS ELECT OF NINE.—This degree was established to reward the zeal of one of the favorites of K. S., who was the first to detect and bring to justice one of the murderers of H. A. B.

10. KNIGHTS ELECT OF FIFTEEN.—Recounts the mode of arrest and punishment of the other Assassins of H. A. B.

11.—SUBLIME KNIGHTS ELECTED.—Illustrates the reward bestowed by K. S. on 12 of the 15, who were instrumental in bringing to justice the assassins of H. A. B. This, with the two preceding Degrees, called the Elect or Elu, are intimately connected. The members are not "Knights," in the *Chivalric* sense, and might more properly be "Knight Masters." The term "Knights," however, is retained for reasons that every termed "Kadosh" will understand.

12. GRAND MASTER ARCHITECT.—This Degree was established as a School of Instruction for the best workmen of the Temple, to insure uniformity in work and design.