

**The Order of Royal and Select Masters is open to all Master Masons who are also Companions of the Royal Arch and Mark Master Masons. The four Cryptic Degrees, conferred in a Council, are described as follows;**

**Select Master**

This builds on the Mark Degree. It explains the background to the construction of a secret vault (or crypt) directly beneath the Holy of Holies of the Temple. In this vault copies of the most sacred treasures were to be placed to preserve them in the event that the Temple should be destroyed. The construction of the vault is carried out by a few Select Masons, sworn to secrecy and appointed by the three Grand Masters.

**Royal Master**

This takes place within the Holy of Holies very shortly before the completion of the Temple. Hiram Abif inadvertently explains to one of those Select Masters, Adoniram, why the Master Word will never be lost. This disclosure is made in what many consider to be the finest and most beautiful piece of Masonic ritual.

**Most Excellent Master**

This degree covers the final stages in the construction of King Solomon's Temple and its dedication. King Solomon rewards those most skilful workmen, including those who assisted in the construction of the secret vault, with the title of Most Excellent Master.

**Super Excellent Master**

This degree covers the invasion of Jerusalem, the siege and fall of the city and the eventual destruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar. The Jews are removed to Babylon where they remain in captivity. After a period of seventy years the Jews eventually return to Judah to begin the construction of the second Temple as described in the Holy Royal Arch.

On completion of the first Cryptic Degree, Select Master, a Companion is invested with the jewel of the Order, which consists of a skeleton equilateral triangle of white enamel, surmounted by a gold Imperial Crown suspended from a crimson ribbon.

When the three remaining degrees have been completed, he is entitled to wear the distinctive triangular apron of the order, which is of white kid with a border of crimson silk edged with gold braid. Officers of private Councils wear crimson collars, from which is suspended a gilt jewel of the emblem of their office..

**Why Should I Join ????.....**

Well if you have questions about the ritual and story in the Craft, Mark and Royal Arch degrees it is quite likely you will discover the answers in one or more of our ceremonies. For example, in the ceremony of Exaltation into the Royal Arch, certain significant secrets are re-discovered in a very special place. In our Select Master and Royal Master degrees you will learn how this place came into existence and how the secrets came to be placed there.

Interested ?.. Then please read on. Our Councils, are spread geographically across the three counties which make up our District and, wherever you live, you will not have to travel far in order to reach one of them.



<u>Councils Within the District of West Yorkshire</u>	
White Rose 17, Ripon. 2nd Saturday in March, June, September & December	
Three Grand Principles 189, Dewsbury. 1st Wednesday in February, July and October	
Hallamshire 200, Rotherham. 2nd Wednesday in March & 3rd Wednesday in July and December	
Pennine 327, Huddersfield. 5th Friday in the First, second and Fourth Quarter	
Leodis 253, Leeds 2nd Friday in April, June and November	
Ghyllkirke 261, Keighley. 4th Wednesday in June, August and November	
Yorkshire Council of Installed Masters 289, Huddersfield . 4th Friday in March and July	
Saddleworth 323, Oldham. 1st Friday in May, 4th Friday in August and 3rd Friday in October	

**For more information please visit**

[www.rsmwyorks.com](http://www.rsmwyorks.com)

Or email [districtrecorder@rsmwyorks.com](mailto:districtrecorder@rsmwyorks.com)



The Order of  
Royal and Select  
Masters  
District Grand Council  
of  
West Yorkshire  
District Grand Master  
Right Illustrious Companion

Fraser McPherson

Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To be Completed by the Candidate for Admission, Joining or Re-joining.

This form must be completed using typescript or block letters and sent within fourteen days of admission of the candidate via the District Grand Recorder to: The Grand Recorder, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, London SW1A 1PL

1. COUNCIL NAME										
2. NUMBER					3. DISTRICT					

4. COMPANION										
5. FORENAMES IN FULL										
6. DECORATIONS AND HONOURS	7. STYLE OR TITLE									
8. ADDRESS										
9. DATE OF BIRTH					(vi) POSTCODE					
10. TELEPHONE	HOME				WORK					
	MOBILE				FAX					
	E-MAIL									
*11. RAISED IN CRAFT LODGE	No.				ON					CURRENT RANK
*12. ADVANCED IN MARK LODGE	No.				ON					CURRENT RANK
*13. EXALTED IN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER	No.				ON					CURRENT RANK

*\*If constitution is not English please give details overleaf*

14. MMH MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	(if known)									
15. MOTHER R.S.M. COUNCIL	No.					NAME				
						CONSTITUTION				
						(if not English)				
DATE CHOSEN						DATE OF LEAVING				REASON FOR LEAVING
						(if applicable)				Resigned, <b>H</b> onorary Member, <b>S</b> entinel, <b>C</b> eased, Excluded, <b>W</b> arrant forfeited
16. T.I.M. OF R.S.M. COUNCIL	No.					DATE OF INSTALLATION				
17. PRESENT DISTRICT GRAND RANK										DATE
18. PRESENT GRAND RANK										DATE

PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF ALL THE R.S.M. COUNCILS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OVERLEAF

19. SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE										
20. SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER	21. SIGNATURE OF SECONDER									
22. THE CANDIDATE WAS ADMITTED/JOINED/RE-JOINED ON										
I hereby certify that the above is a correct record										
23. NAME OF RECORDER	(Initials & Surname)									
24. SIGNATURE OF RECORDER	DATED									

25. Enclosed is the Registration Fee of £					REGF07 + VAT of £					A Total Fee of £					GFDAR
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