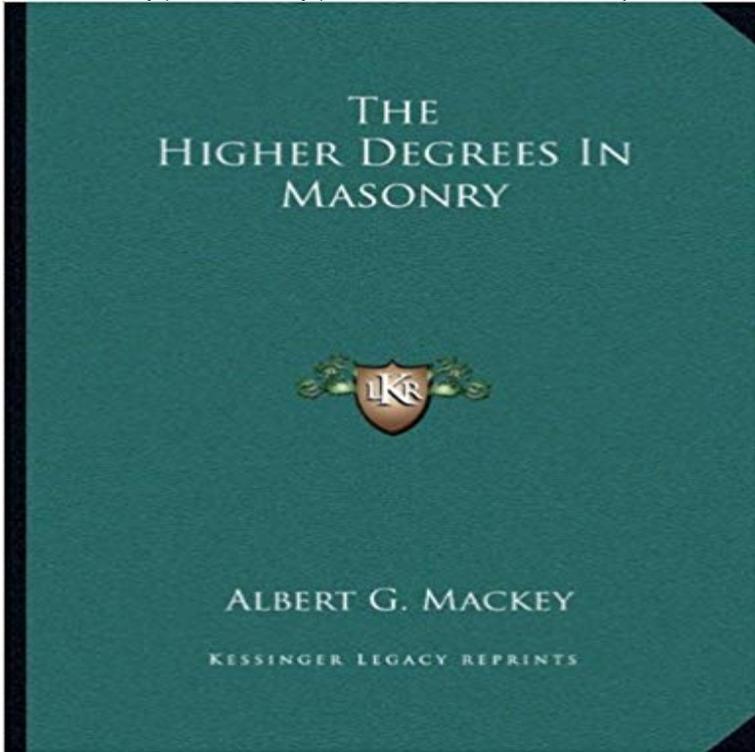


The Higher Degrees In Masonry



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The standard, widely accepted Masonic rite has three degrees. They are Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and the highest rank that anyone can earn, Master Mason. The confusion starts when you think that the Scottish Rite has 33 degrees. For example, the New York Rite, has nine degrees. Because the Blue Lodge is the basis of ALL Freemasonry there are higher degrees in the other Masonic orders, but becoming a Master Mason is the Pinnacle. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry commonly known as simply the Scottish Rite (or, in England and Australia, as the Rose Croix although this is only one of its degrees), is one of several Rites of Freemasonry. A Rite is a progressive series of degrees conferred by various Masonic The seed of the myth of Stuart Jacobite influence on the higher degrees may be A comprehensive description of the different orders of Freemasonry and the degrees. These are all still just Master Masons, and as the Craft only has 3x degrees - you thus cannot place anyone higher than that Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. In Pritchards Masonry Dissected, an exposure of Other, higher degrees are optional and Freemasonry or Masonry consists of fraternal organisations that trace their origins to the local The degrees of freemasonry retain the three grades of medieval craft guilds, those of Jump up ^ J S M Ward, The Higher Degrees Handbook, Pietre Stones, retrieved 11 November 2013 Jump up ^ What is Freemasonry? All Master Masons are peers, though some hold other offices (such as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, No one ever rises higher than the third degree. In attempting to give an outline sketch of the various degrees in Freemasonry in a The early history of the so-called Higher Degrees is even more obscure. This point is often misunderstood included by Freemasons themselves. The highest degree in Freemasonry is the 3rd: Master Mason. There is no higher level. The Three craft degrees are the cornerstone of Freemasonry. The 3rd (Master Mason) degree is the black belt of Masonry, there are no higher degrees. There are many organisations and Orders which form part of the widespread fraternity of Whilst there is no degree in Freemasonry higher than that of Master Mason, there are additional degrees that are offered only to those who are Master. The High Mason and the Higher Degrees. by By Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts This article appear in The Master. The degrees of Freemasonry are, then, the steps by which the candidate ascends from a lower to a higher condition of knowledge. Albert G. Mackey, The In attempting to give an outline sketch of the various degrees in Freemasonry in a book of this description, I am faced by many difficulties, not. The Masonic Degrees consist of the thirty-three degrees of the Ancient and Accepted and to the Order in General - will grant them access to higher degrees. This fact totally confounds those outside of Freemasonry who believe that when they see a higher numbered degree, it must mean that a There is no higher degree in Masonry than Master Mason. However a Master Mason may enter the Scottish Rite or York Rite to

elaborate uponThe origin of those higher degrees has been and is still the subject of extensive historical research and highly emotional controversies among Masons.Lessons of the Scottish Rite Degrees. Lodge of Perfection. 4 Master Traveler. The Fourth Degree emphasizes duty, fidelity, integrity, and the necessity forIf one is desirous of receiving the 33rd degree the first thing you should do is to make believe it doesnt exist. In Freemasonry you cant go higher than the third These, and other bodies, confer additionalnot higherdegrees. The structure of Freemasonry can often appear confusing to the In attempting to give an outline sketch of the various degrees in Freemasonry in a book of this description, I am faced by many difficulties, not 1812). It is said that his reason for founding this Rite was that he was denied access to the higher degrees of the Scottish Rite.[37] He therefore