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Royal Arch Masons

MILFORD

CHAPTER No. 35

One of the appendant bodies of the Milford Masonic Temple is Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch Masons, a Masonic body of the York Rite. The York Rite, just as the Scottish Rite, is available to Masons who desire more light in Masonry. The web site of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons offers the following information:

“The Royal Arch Degrees were considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge — from which all Speculative Masonry derives — that in 1813, when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter: ‘Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, viz., that of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.’ The landmark has never been changed and to this day no other degree has been officially recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge and every rite, system or additional degree in Freemasonry cannot confer its degree on a Master Mason until he has received the Royal Arch Degree. Naturally, this is as it should be, because a man is not a Master Mason until he receives the Master’s Word and he can only receive it in the Royal Arch. [Editor’s note: This practice is followed in the UK today.] The Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry consists of four degrees, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.”

In March 1977, Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch Masons requested permission to meet at the Milford Masonic Temple. In the April 1977, stated meeting of Milford Lodge No. 54 F.&A.M., an affirmative vote was taken inviting Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch Masons to begin its affiliation with the Milford Lodge No. 54 which continues today.

The York Rite stands for tradition. We believe in what Freemasonry stands for and what it should be. It is important for us to teach lessons to the candidates and continue these lessons to all Royal Arch Masons. As one definition is "Making Men better Men" the York Rite strives to "Make Masons better Masons" through our service to God, country, family and neighbors. We believe in this - not by conforming to the latest fads or trends of the day, but standing apart from others and being a "Light" for others to follow. Be assured only pure, traditional Masonry is practiced and as an appendant - Freemasonry will not be water down.

In joining the Royal Arch Mason Chapter, you must be a present Master Mason and receive a petition from one of our companions.

Remember - if you are thirsting for more "Light" in masonry - you will discover it in the York Rite.

To receive more information on Chapter No. 35 Royal Arch Masons, please contact Brother Harry Kacenski at 513-575-1235.