

## **The Degrees of the AMD**

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In the U.S.A., the degrees held by the A.M.D. are:

- Royal Ark Mariner
- Knights of Constantinople
- Architect
- Superintendent
- Master of Tyre
- Installed Sovereign Master
- Red Branch of Erie
- Secret Monitor
- Saint Lawrence the Martyr
- Grand Architect
- Grand Tyler of Solomon
- Excellent Master
- Installed Commander Noah
- Ye Ancient Order of Corks

None of these degrees are worked in any other body in the U.S.A. but the situation is slightly different in Canada. In this country, the Royal Ark Mariner and Installed Commander Noah have been controlled by the Royal & Select Masters or Cryptic Rite since before our Grand Council existed. We should NEVER emulate these degrees in Canada. We should also avoid studying the degrees within a tyled AMD Council unless we have sure knowledge that all present are members of a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners.

A question has also arisen about the Excellent Master degree since, in Canada, this forms the Veils Ceremony in the Royal Arch degree. We are on safer ground here because all of our members are Royal Arch Masons. It might be prudent, however, not to emulate it in Canada to avoid seeming to violate our oath to the Grand Chapter of which we are a member.

Excluding the above, the brethren of Canadian Councils are encouraged to emulate and study any of the degrees whose ritual is included in the book of rituals published by the authority of our Grand Council.

A number of Councils have been very active in this respect. It has come to our attention that the following Councils have emulated or studied some of our degrees.

- Medwayosh Council # 62
- York Council # 133
- Kawartha Council # 143
- Land O'Lakes Council # 150
- Capital City Council # 154
- Richmond Hill Council # 168
- > Secret Monitor
- > Saint Lawrence the Martyr
- > Secret Monitor
- > Knight of Constantinople
- > Superintendent
- > Knight of Constantinople
- > Grand Tyler of Solomon

If others have also been emulating the degrees, we apologize for not mentioning their names. It was more through ignorance than evil intent on our part that we stand before you thus charged (!).

Through the medium of the Association and the newsletter, we hope to draw our community together so that we may share our Allied experience. We encourage any Council who wishes to emulate a degree to contact others who have already done so for whatever guidance and information they can offer. The Editor will attempt to find answers for any questions you have. Please allow as much lead time as possible as some questions may require written communication with Grand Council to resolve.