

Chronology of the York Rite

Relative to Cryptic Masonry in Texas

926

Legend says Prince Edwin receives Charter of York from King Athelstan at York, England, organizing a General Assembly of Masons.

1390

Regius Manuscript, earliest document, and copy of a much earlier one, which makes reference to the York Assembly of Masons and recites 15 articles and 15 points and ordains that an assembly be held each year.

1600

Landsdowne Manuscript further embellishes the story of King Athelstan and Prince Edwin.

1705

Establishment of the Grand Lodge of All England at York in Yorkshire. This is the first organized Grand Lodge to be formed anywhere in the world.

1717

Formation in London of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England. This Grand Lodge was later known as the "Moderns."

1723

Dr. James Anderson compiles Constitutions for the Grand Lodge in London and repeats story of York Assembly of Masons in 926 when King Athelstan gave Prince Edwin the First Masonic Charter.

1738

Revised editions of Anderson's Constitutions again relate and further embellish the story of the York Assembly, King Athelstan and Prince Edwin.

1751

Founded at London the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the old Constitutions. This Grand Lodge became the champion of the Royal Arch Degree and dubbed itself the "Antients."

1756

First Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons formed by the "Modern" Grand Lodge at London.

1771

Antients also form a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in London in competition to the "Modern" Grand Chapter.

1792

Henry Wilmans organizes Grand Council of Select Masons at Baltimore, Maryland.

1797

Established on October 24 at Boston, Massachusetts, the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A.

1813

Two English Grand Lodges merge to form the United Grand Lodge of England.

1816

Founded at New York, NY, on June 22, the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

1817

Two English Grand Chapters merge to form the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

1818

Combination of Cryptic System forming Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

1837

Formation of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of the Republic of Texas.

1841

Formation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

1855

Formation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Texas.

1856

Formation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

1864

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas in repose.

1880

Established at Detroit, Michigan, on March 10 the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the U.S.A.

1907

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas is rehabilitated.

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