

Chapter degrees a mere qualification for some other rite

"The Chapter degrees should be taken by every Master Mason who desires to obtain the genuine secrets of the Master Mason's degree. These degrees are too beautiful and their teachings too important to be treated as a mere qualification for some other rite. For the Templar degrees the Royal Arch is a prerequisite. Those who drop the Chapter after becoming Knights should never have had the Capitular degrees conferred upon them.

"We know that there is a tendency on the part of some Royal Arch Masons, to insist that no Master Mason should be permitted to attain any so-called higher degrees whatever, without passing through the Arch. No thoughtful Mason will desire to proceed further before attaining all the genuine secrets of a Master Mason, and no candidate who is compelled to take the Capitular degrees as a pre-requisite to the Scottish Rite, against his own particular desire, will prove any credit to the Royal Craft. Royal Arch Masonry can afford to do without such members and is too valuable and too beautiful an organization to be used as a mere passageway to any other rite."

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