

Non Recognition of other than three Craft degrees

"After an interval of thirty-six years, over a third of a century, the writer again resumes the reportorial work of this Grand Chapter. The growth and prosperity of Capitular Masonry within the period named is simply marvelous."

"The disciples and loyal members of Capitular Masonry are to be congratulated upon its high standing in the Masonic field. While it has had, and has yet, its narrow-minded detractors who would ignore all other degrees of Freemasonry than the three Craft degrees, and who have used their best efforts to shape Grand Lodge legislation into non-recognition of any other grades, under the specious and illogical plea that as Master Masons they cannot have any knowledge of any other than the first three degrees, ignoring the well-known fact that prior to the year 1800, in the United States and in many other Grand Jurisdictions, the Capitular, Cryptic and Templar degrees were conferred by the authority and under the auspices of Grand Lodges, and that all legislation and business affairs of Freemasonry, except that pertaining to the ritualistic work of the degrees, was transacted in a lodge of Entered Apprentices in the United States — and is yet in many Grand Jurisdictions — until in 1843, when, without cause, the degree was shorn of its inherent right and privileges, and thereby landmarks violated by so-called progressive (!) theorists."

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