

To the outside world

"To the outside world the organization known as Royal Arch Masons is comparatively little known. The fraternity of Free Masons is of course known the world over. It has given words to the language, ideas to humanity and its works are beheld, as well as mentioned by men. Master Masons are seen in public processions — now engaged in the last remnant of operative work — the laying of corner-stones — -and now in solemn train accompanying the body of a deceased brother to his last resting place. The organization of Knights Templars, with its plumed and belted hosts, is no strange sight in our cities, and its uniformed, well-drilled Commanderies give the world an opportunity to become acquainted with the outward form and ceremony of Christian knighthood. But Capitulary Masonry, as it is called — the degrees under the control and rule of the Royal Arch Chapters, standing midway between the Blue Lodge and the Commandery — is never seen outside of its own temple. It has no work to do that the world may see. No procession to form — no drill to catch the eye. Unseen and quietly it goes on its way, and what it does is done for the eyes of its own members and the eye of God."

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