

**THE BOOK OF THE CHAPTER: OR,  
MONITORIAL INSTRUCTIONS, IN  
THE DEGREES OF MARK, PAST  
AND MOST EXCELLENT MASTER,  
AND THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649076062

The Book of the Chapter: Or, Monitorial Instructions, in the Degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and the Holy Royal Arch by Albert G. Mackey

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**ALBERT G. MACKEY**

**THE BOOK OF THE CHAPTER: OR,  
MONITORIAL INSTRUCTIONS, IN  
THE DEGREES OF MARK, PAST  
AND MOST EXCELLENT MASTER,  
AND THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH**



THE  
BOOK OF THE CHAPTER:  
OR  
MONITORIAL INSTRUCTIONS,  
IN THE DEGREE OF  
MARK, PAST AND MOST EXCELLENT MASTER,  
AND THE  
*Holy Royal Arch.*

BY ALBERT G. MACKEY, M. D.,

GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHOR OF  
A "LEXICON OF FREEMASONRY," "PRINCIPLES OF MASONIC LAW," ETC.

"These mysteries are so profound and so exalted, that they can be comprehended by those only who are enlightened."—CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA.

FOURTH EDITION.

NEW YORK:  
CLARK & MAYNARD, PUBLISHERS,  
No. 5 BARCLAY STREET.  
1870.



HS 710  
.M25

Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1896, by  
**ALBERT G. MACKAY**  
In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the United States, for the District  
of South Carolina.

TO

HON. CHARLES SCOTT,

PAST GRAND MASTER AND PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF MISSISSIPPI,

THIS WORK

Is Dedicated

AS A

SLIGHT TOKEN OF THE SINCERE FRIENDSHIP

OF THE

AUTHOR.





## CONTENTS.

---

<b>BOOK I.—MARK MASTER,</b>	13
Symbolical Design,	15
Historical Summary,	16
Opening of the Lodge,	1b
Lecture and Ritual,	20
<b>First Section,</b>	20
Workmen from the Quarries,	21
Good Work—True Work—Square Work,	23
The Regular Mark of the Craft,	24
The Sixth Hour of the Sixth Day of the Week,	27
<b>Second Section,</b>	26
The Mark,	28
The Jewish Shekel,	30
Joppa,	31
Working Tools,	33
Keystone,	34
Mark Master's Song,	36
Wages of the Craft,	38
The Parable,	39
Symbolism of the Parable,	40
Charge,	42
Prayer,	43
<b>BOOK II.—PAST MASTER,</b>	45
Symbolical Design,	47
Historical Summary,	48
Opening of the Lodge,	51
Reception,	53

Ancient Charges, . . . . .	53
Giblemites, or Stone-squarers, . . . . .	54
Implements of a Past Master, . . . . .	54
Charge, . . . . .	59
Closing Prayer, . . . . .	61
<b>Book III.—MOST EXCELLENT MASTER,</b> . . . . .	63
Symbolical Design, . . . . .	65
Historical Summary, . . . . .	66
Temple of Solomon, . . . . .	68
Dedication of the Temple, . . . . .	72
Opening of the Lodge, . . . . .	73
Reception, . . . . .	75
A Most Excellent Master, . . . . .	76
Queen of Sheba, . . . . .	77
The Day set apart for the Celebration of the Cape-stone, . . . . .	79
Bringing forth the Ark of the Covenant, . . . . .	80
Most Excellent Master's Ode, . . . . .	81
Prayer of Solomon, . . . . .	84
The Fire from Heaven, . . . . .	86
The Reception and Acknowledgment, . . . . .	87
Charge, . . . . .	88
Closing of the Lodge, . . . . .	89
<b>Book IV.—ROYAL ARCH MASON,</b> . . . . .	91
Symbolical Design, . . . . .	93
Historical Summary, . . . . .	95
Opening of the Chapter, . . . . .	98
Clothing, . . . . .	100
Royal Arch Emblem, . . . . .	101
Charge at Opening, . . . . .	103
Lecture and Reception, . . . . .	104
First Section, . . . . .	106
Symbolism of the Veils, . . . . .	106
Second Section, . . . . .	107
First Clause, . . . . .	107
Isaiah xlii. 16, explained, . . . . .	108

## CONTENTS.

vii

Prayer, . . . . .	110
Duties and Obligations of the Degree, . . . . .	113
Burning Bush, . . . . .	114
Destruction of Jerusalem, . . . . .	116
Second Clause, . . . . .	117
Proclamation of Cyrus, . . . . .	117
Return of the Jews from the Captivity, . . . . .	118
The Tabernacle, . . . . .	121
The Signs of Moses, . . . . .	123
Symbolism of the Serpent, . . . . .	124
Symbolism of the Leprous Hand, . . . . .	126
Symbolism of Water turned to Blood, . . . . .	127
Signet of Zerubbabel, . . . . .	128
Incense burns day and night on the Altar of the Lord, . . . . .	130
Impostors among the Workmen, . . . . .	131
Working Tools, . . . . .	132
The Keystone, . . . . .	133
Three Squares, . . . . .	134
Ark of the Covenant, . . . . .	134
Book of the Law, . . . . .	136
Pot of Manna, . . . . .	137
Aaron's Rod, . . . . .	138
Mystic Key, . . . . .	138
Investiture, . . . . .	138
Ode for Investiture, . . . . .	139
The Tetragrammaton, . . . . .	142
The Triangular Plate of Gold, . . . . .	145
The Cubical Stone, . . . . .	146
Charge, . . . . .	146
Closing of the Chapter, . . . . .	148
Closing Prayer, . . . . .	148
ROYAL ARCH HISTORY—in three Lectures, . . . . .	149
Lecture I.—The Destruction of the Temple, . . . . .	149
Lecture II.—The Captivity at Babylon, . . . . .	156
Lecture III.—The Return to Jerusalem, . . . . .	164