



## What is the York Rite of Freemasonry?

The Blue Lodges, together with the Royal Arch Chapters, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commanderies of the Knights Templar constitute the YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY. "Further Light" and the long lost Master's word may be found by completing all Degrees and Orders of the York Rite.

There are various Masonic related organizations for the whole family, such as the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Shriners, Social Order of the Beauceants, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, the Orders of Knights of Saint Andrew, DeMolay Boys, Rainbow Girls and a multitude of other Masonic Organizations, which expand on these teachings of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Together, they touch many lives through community service or financial contributions to approved 501 (c) 3, et. al. organizations such as the Masonic Charities of Hawaii, the K.T. Foundation of Hawaii, the Shriners Hospital for Children Honolulu, the Royal Arch Research Assistance, the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and others.

The York Rite Legend, its esoteric secrets and Constitution have been the predominant factor in Freemasonry from the year 926 A.D. down through the years when the first Speculative Grand Lodge was formed in England in 1717 with its Charter largely based on the York Rite Charter, when it expanded across the continent of Europe and to the four corners of the earth. Therefore, every Grand Lodge of today is a lineal descendant of the 926 A.D. York Rite Assembly of Masons. Its members include men from all walks of life, including monarchs, presidents, military, business and community leaders. The Grand York Rite Bodies of Hawaii consist of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and its subordinate York Rite Bodies.

The **Kalakaia Templar Foundation of Hawaii** is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt charity. Its Vision is to build in a Private / Public Partnership, a "**Young Adult Leadership & Community Center**" with programs that will inspire our Youth in Hawaii on their journey to become well educated, articulate, responsible and passionate leaders through scholarships and leadership programs. Other programs at the Center will focus on inter-generational Day Care services for the Intellectually/Developmentally Disabled (I/DD), Wounded Warriors, and our Kapuna (Elderly), thereby stimulating "Service above Self". The Foundation Hopes to strengthen its support for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, the Royal Arch Research Association (RARA), the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF), the Shriners Hospital for Children, the Masonic Charities, as well as other worthy community organizations and events or scholars.

