



ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES – Part 1

At its core, any organisation or structure is shaped by its people. Without the people it would just be an empty shell. Having at its core the Brothers that have been a part of it or that are now, the Masonic Order is a living organism and, like any living organism, it has its own evolution.



Throughout the years, it morphed to fit the society at that moment in time. Sometimes that change meant shedding, voluntarily or involuntarily, some parts of said organism. The rituals of the Allied Masonic Degrees are an integral part of our Order. Over time some appeared, some were perfected and some disappeared being either abandoned or were let go on purpose.

Still, like with any living being, these rituals did not disappear completely. They remained a part of us and due to the care of some Brothers (usually anonymously) they were kept in safety.



Towards the end of the 1920s, some generous Brothers decided that these historical treasures should not be forgotten.



They decided to create a new Order, part of the Universal Regular Masonry with the purpose of keeping these rituals alive. Thus the continuous survival of these Degrees and Rituals was guaranteed giving them the only thing they were missing - life. Life given by humans. In 1931, after the necessary talks with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons from North Carolina the first AMD Councils were formed. They were later named St. Andrews in America No. 1A, Howell No. 3A and Cassillis No. 2A. In the 16th of April 1932, the General Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees was formed in the US, in Salisbury, North Carolina.

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