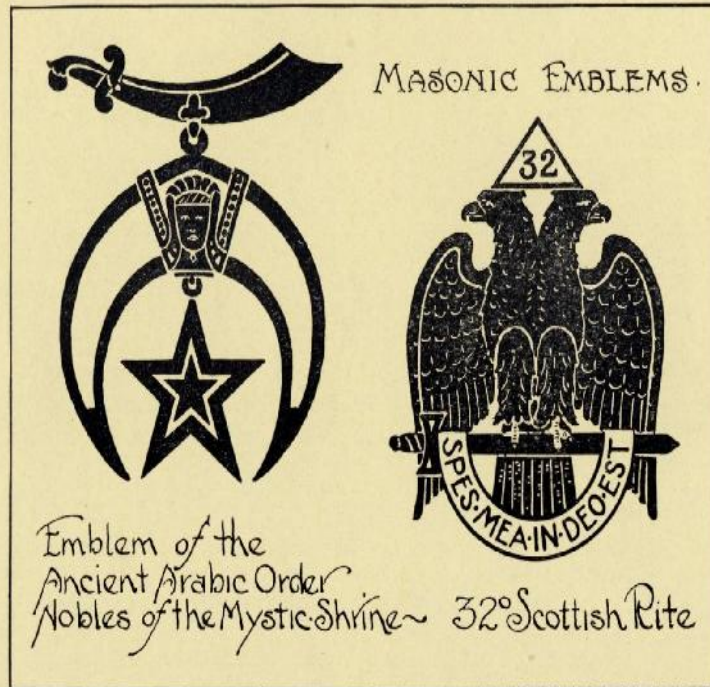


## The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry



**C**ONTRARY to the suggestion made by its name "Scottish Rite", this rite of Freemasonry originated to a very large extent in France. Early in the 18th century a multitudinous array of Scottish degrees became evident in France and other continental countries. Many of these were consolidated into various rites, some of which were exclusively Masonic and others formed into separate and distinct organizations.

In 1754, the Chevalier de Bonneville organized the Rite of Perfection or Rite of Heredon at Paris with twenty-five degrees that previous to this time had been floating around for many years in France entirely detached

from each other. This Rite of Perfection was the fountainhead of our present Scottish Rite system.

In 1761 a patent was granted to Stephen Morin to establish the Rite of Perfection in the West Indies and America. He made his headquarters at San Domingo and in 1770 established the Rite in Kingston, Jamaica, but never personally came to America. Shortly after his arrival in the West Indies, Morin deputized Henry A. Francken to establish the Rite in the American colonies. Francken came to New York and established a Lodge of Perfection in 1767 but it became dormant in 1774 and remained so until

1821, when it was revived and it is still in existence.

The real beginning of our present system of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was on May 31, 1801 when the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third Degree for the United States was organized at Charleston, S. C. This was the beginning of the present system in America and developed into what is now known as the Southern Jurisdiction.

There are at the present time two systems of Scottish Rite Masonry in America, the Southern Jurisdiction with headquarters at Charleston and the Northern Jurisdictions with headquarters at New York. In both jurisdictions the Rite is divided into four bodies, as follows:

Southern Jurisdiction—

- Lodge of Perfection (4th to 14th degrees inclusive.)
- Chapter of the Rose Croix (15th to 18th degrees inclusive)
- Council of Kadosh (19th to 30th degrees inclusive)
- Consistory (31st and 32nd degrees)

Northern Jurisdiction—

- Lodge of Perfection (4th to 14th degrees inclusive.)
- Council of Princes of Jerusalem (15th and 16th degrees.)
- Chapter Knights of Rose Croix (17th and 18th degrees)
- Consistory (19th to 32nd degrees inclusive.)

In the Northern Jurisdiction the degrees are termed grades.

The Emblems—

The interests of memorial craftsmen who are not members of the order will be centered primarily in the jewel or emblem of

the order which they are called upon from time to time to reproduce on memorials and caution should be taken before executing the work to find out definitely the correct design necessary.

The original Scottish Rite jewel was that of the Thirty-third degree and is a double-headed eagle, in the attitude of flying, with a crown resting on both heads, or rather, between the two heads. In its claws it grasps a wavy sword, which typifies "cherubic fire." In a scroll beneath is the motto, "Deus meumque jus."

The eagle with extended wings has always been the emblem of imperial power. Marius, the consul, first consecrated the eagle, about eight years B. C., to be the sole Roman standard at the head of every legion, and hence it became the standard of the Roman Empire ever afterward. As the single-headed eagle was thus adopted as the symbol of imperial power, the double-headed eagle naturally became the representative of a double empire; and on the division of the Roman dominions into the Eastern and Western Empire, which were afterward consolidated by the Carolingian race into what was ever after called the Holy Roman Empire, the double-headed eagle was assumed as the emblem of this double empire; one head looking to the West, or Rome, the other to the East, or Byzantium. It was adopted as a Masonic symbol in 1758, when the body calling itself the Council of Emperors of the East and West was established in Paris.

The double-headed eagle is undoubtedly a most ancient symbol of Asiatic origin. In some of the

every case the wholesalers sold the stock back to this disreputable dealer at a small percent and let them continue in business. If they have not resorted to this method, they let this same dealer continue to sell the stock at any price he can get, thus knifing all the legitimate dealers who discount their bills. If this is just, Calvin Coolidge is a "chatter box".

Hoping that your article may bear fruit and that these discussions may pave the way for a reform in the Credit System, I remain,

Very truly yours,  
E. G. Williams, President of Memorial Craftsmen of Nebraska and of the North Platte Monument Co., Inc., North Platte, Nebraska.

We are very grateful for these expressions from dealers regarding Mr. Oogard's Credit System. We are pleased to publish these letters and we hope to have more from the members of the craft which will be published from time to time through this publication. Dealers names will not be mentioned in connection with the articles if so requested.

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ancient cults it stood for a union of solar and celestial forces; as a royal crest it signified dominion and power; and as a religious seal it typifies truth and justice.

The design of the Northern and Southern Jurisdiction 32d degree emblems differ from each other to a small extent and differ

also from the 33d degree emblem and it is in these slight differences that the memorial designer or craftman must use his knowledge.

The emblem of the 32d degree Northern is the double-headed eagle with the points of the wings extended upward at a 45 degree angle. On the breast of the eagle is a triangle in the center of which are the numerals 32. The scroll which loops over the two ends of the sword forming a curve under the eagle contains the motto: "Spes mea in deo est."

The emblem of the 32 degree Southern is the double-headed eagle with the tips of the outspread wings pointing straight downwards. The triangle with the numerals 32, instead of being on the breast of the eagle, rests jointly on the two heads. The motto is the same for both Jurisdictions. Our drawing illustrates the emblem of the 32 degree Southern Jurisdiction.

A widow visited a spiritualistic medium, who satisfactorily produced the deceased husband for a domestic chat.

"Dear John", the widow questioned eagerly, "are you happy now"?

"I am very happy", the spook assured her.

"Happier than you were on earth with me"? the widow continued, greatly impressed.

"Yes", John asserted, "I am far happier now than I was on earth with you".

"Oh, do tell me, John", the widow cried rapturously, "what is it like in heaven"?

"Heaven"! the answer snapped. "I ain't in heaven"!