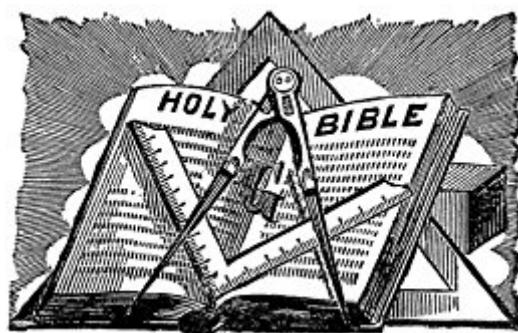


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Synopsis

This book presents details of Masonic initiation rituals, along with grips, passwords and regalia. Written in the 19th century, Duncan's Ritual, as it is known, has been republished numerous times. It includes the three basic degrees of the Ancient York Rite, and four additional advanced degrees. There are over a hundred illustrations, all reproduced here, which show important details of the rituals, including gestures and symbolic pictures. Duncan's Ritual is careful to note known variations where they exist. This book will be of interest to beginning Masons who want a roadmap of the craft, as well as experienced Masons who need a review. -sacredtextsThis book will be a cherished possession of any Mason who receives it. Retaining all the traditional charm of McKay's Standard Edition, this gift volume includes both the Guide to the Three Symbolic Degrees of the Ancient York Rite and to the degree of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, as written by Malcolm C. Duncan and explained and interpreted through copious notes and numerous original engravings.

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This is the one Masonic ritual every Mason should own and every Masonic lodge should at least

recommend for study, if not for ceremony. On the surface, Duncan's rendition may not appear much dissimilar from other rituals, but it may contain subtle and cryptic clues to Freemasonry's origins and true nature where others don't. (Maybe that's not something to imply here. But it's something for Freemasons to consider.) In my empirical opinion: if earnestly contemplated, Duncan's ritual will help the diligent Freemason unlock the "secrets within the secret." Of course, there is ultimately much more to Masonic practice and ritual than what meets the blindfolded eye. The book's illustrations, rendered quite generously throughout, often gives lay readers an invalid impression that they finally know all about the goings-on in Freemasonry. Therefore, for non-masons who are simply curious about Freemasonry (as they so often are), there is a lot here to entertain the eye and bedazzle the mind. But nothing here is a substitute for actual lodge experience. My advice for non-masons: Don't try this stuff at home! And I doubt if most Freemasons realize that the parade of illustrations, while for the most part do accurately depict some Freemasonic lodge activity, may also be the author's cleverly placed distractions-- for the profane (non-masons)-- from what he is really putting down in the book. For instance, not only do I find clever clues and key words with cryptic connotation in the text, I also discern inscrutable configurations in the illustrations. Am I a loon? Maybe. But then, Freemasons are accused of discerning Masonic symbols in the layout of Washington, D.C..

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