

SECRET SOCIETIES

same day as the Persian (and Afghan) Nev Roz festival. Further the degrees of initiation, although seemingly artificial ones coupled with some of the degrees of Freemasonry, were also eight, and there are parallels in the naming of the individual degrees. Like the Roshaniya, the Illuminati stated that they had the objective of gaining important converts for the purpose of improving the state of the world. A comparison of the degrees shows the similarity:

<i>Roshaniya:</i>	<i>Illuminati:</i>
Seeker	Apprentice
Disciple	Fellow-craft
Devotee	Master
Enlightened One	Illuminatus major
Master	Illuminatus dirigens
Commander (emir)	Prince
Priest	Priest
King, Chief	King

The early stages of initiation were designed to admit people

Comparison of Roshaniyah and Illuminati Degrees in page no 226 of History of Secret Societies By ARKON DARAUL (PEN NAME OF IDREIS SHAH OF SUFIS)