



GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI FOUNDATION

The Grand Chapter Education Endowment Foundation was created to serve as an investment vehicle to generate income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. The proceeds of this endowment have been used to make charitable donations to just about every conceivable charity around the world. Today, the primary recipients of these proceeds of this endowment tend to be Missouri DeMolay, Missouri Rainbow for Girls, and Missouri Job's Daughters, all Masonic Youth Organizations, as well as any special charity of the Grand High Priest's choosing including state and local charities.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

The primary charity of the Grand Chapter is Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) a philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

Since its conception in 1974, RARA has become the leading, non-educational institution dedicated to helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. RARA does not directly fund treatment centers or hospitals, instead it focuses on funding researchers in CAPD, setting them on a lifelong career path to conquering the disease. RARA has special relationships with the Hearing Health Foundation and Autism Speaks whose board members suggest and vet researchers for RARA funding.



Chapter Secretaries are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65, (only a penny-a-day), towards RARA.

<https://moyorkrite.org/royal-arch-research-assistance/>



GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Since 1993 the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund (CEF) has been disbursing funds designated for charitable purposes. Contributions have been made annually to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF), the Missouri DeMolay, Missouri Job's Daughters, Missouri Rainbow for Girls, and other worthy charities as designated by the sitting Grand Master. Council Recorders are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 (a penny-a-day) towards CMMR. "Penny-a-Day" stickers are available for each contributor's dues card.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) is the primary philanthropy of the Grand Council and of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. The Foundation funds research at Indiana University School and the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine.

The life-changing work and research of CMMRF, the research, therapies and cures into Heart Disease, Diabetes, Blindness, Regenerative Medicine, Leg Circulation, Wound Healing, Arthritis, Stroke, and more benefits everyone from current patients and generations to come.



Council Recorders are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 towards CMMRF, and Councils are encouraged to have fund raisers to generate money for this fund.

<https://moyorkrite.org/council-charities/>



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

*Somewhere in the world,
someone goes blind every 5 seconds*

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is committed to support research that can help launch the careers of clinical and basic researchers focused on the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children. Grants supported by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. are awarded to impact the care of infants, children, and adults. Clinical and basic research on conditions that may be potentially preventable or correctable such as amblyopia, cataract, glaucoma, optic nerve hypoplasia, nystagmus, retinopathy of prematurity, and hereditary diseases that occur at birth or within early childhood, such as retinoblastoma, is encouraged. Proposals for support of basic research on eye and visual system development also are welcome.

We have learned over past decades that our efforts in funding pediatric ophthalmology research have been the primary reason that we have had fewer and fewer children with strabismus (crossed eyes) to treat. Our research dollars have helped develop new, non-surgical treatments for this problem, and additional research and endowment programs are all being funded as well by your faithful support.

Every donation will assist in making a tremendous difference in the lives of children by helping the Foundation to fulfill its mission. Sir Knights, aside from his salvation, there is no greater gift for man on this earth than the gift of sight.



Through your generous contributions, lives are being changed; research is being funded, which is allowing mankind to lead more fruitful and blessed lives.

<https://moyorkrite.org/commandery-charities/>

KNIGHT OF SILOAM

The Knight of Siloam special award program in Missouri was created by Sir Knights J. Edward Blinn, REPGC, and Danny L. Ferguson, REPGC, during the 93-94 Templar year as a means of recognizing those Missouri Sir Knights who make substantial contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and to encourage others to do so. A special medal and patent is presented to those who donate \$500.00 or more to KTEF either in a lump sum or in installments. The jewel is designated as a meritorious service jewel and may be worn on the Knight Templar uniform. Friends and relatives may honor any Sir Knight with the Knight of Siloam by making a like donation in his honor.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation provides scholarship funds to High School students through accredited technical school/college/university post graduate program students. These scholarships may be renewable but reapplication for such is required annually.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund is used to pay the expenses of sending a Minister to the Holy Land under the provisions of the Grand Encampment. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of the Grand Commandery can provide more information about qualifying Ministers.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund is an endowment, the interest of which is used to generate income for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund (above).

Commandery Recorders are to ask each Sir Knight on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 towards the Holy Land Endowment Fund, and Commanderies are encouraged to have fund raisers to generate money for this fund.

OTHER MISSOURI GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies should consider making memorial contributions to an appropriate York Rite charity for their deceased members. Contributions generally range from \$100 or more. Donations to RARA, CMMRF, and KTEF generate acknowledgement of your memorial to our departed member's family.

NOTICE TO MISSOURI SECRETARIES/RECORDERS

All donations to Missouri York Rite Charities should be sent to the Grand York Rite office. Checks should be made to the appropriate Missouri Charity or to the grand body for national charities, i.e., Grand Chapter of Missouri for RARA contributions, Grand Council of Missouri for CMMRF contributions, or Grand Commandery of Missouri for KTEF contributions.

Please note on checks the specific charity on the MEMO line.

Missouri Secretaries and Recorders should not send contributions directly to national charities. This is necessary for our reporting to the IRS and maintaining our charitable status.

For more information about wills, bequests, or donations from endowment funds, please contact the Grand York Rite office.

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CHARITIES OF THE YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Next to a belief in Deity, Charity lies at the Foundation of Freemasonry. Each body within the York Rite of Freemasonry supports a range of individual charities dedicated to the improvement of the lives of everyone.

You do not need be a member of the York Rite or a Freemason to make charitable donations to any Masonic charity. We welcome any and all donations in any form including charitable trusts, wills, and bequests.

Members are encouraged to make donations throughout the year as resources will allow. Membership desiring to make donations should do so through their local York Rite Secretary/Recorder.