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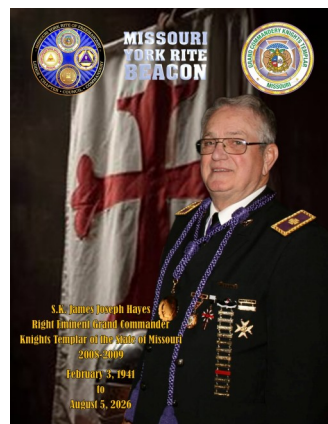
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***M ..:E..: C..: James McManigle, Grand High Priest
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of the State of Missouri***



Here we are with summer half over. It has been a busy couple of months since our Grand Session. We have made a visit to the Northeast part of the state, Shelbina Chapter Number 99. Then to Tyrian Chapter Number 52 in Neosho, and on up to Lexington Chapter Number 10. We were happy to represent the Grand York Rite at Job's Daughters International "Ignite Your Imagination" Supreme Session. Job's Daughters came here from all over the world to Springfield. The energy in the room was tremendous and invigorating. We have many more visits planned in the coming months, and I am looking forward to seeing as many chapters and their members as possible.

Two questions keep coming up on my visits that I thought I would try to answer. How did I get started in Masonry? And What did I do in the Navy? I think it might be easiest to answer both at the same time as they overlap so much.

My Masonic career started in DeMolay, St Louis – Harmony Chapter. My Father had been a Mason, my uncle was Past Master of his lodge, and my grandfather was also a Mason. DeMolay was a natural step. I met many great Brothers in DeMolay, all too many have passed on, but one from St Louis - Harmony is still around, M.E.C. Dr. John Siscel III. Yes, John and I were in DeMolay together, he is the older one, I am the better looking one.

After graduating Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, and attending community college for a year or so, I was invited to join the Army, so I immediately went and talk things over with my local Naval Recruiter and joined the Navy instead. So, begins my 20 plus years of naval service. My first duty station was in Pensacola, Florida. While there I turned 21 and presented my petition to the lodge of my Father and Uncle, America 347 in St Louis, now Craftsman 717. Courtesy work was requested so I could receive my degrees in Pensacola with Escambia Lodge No. 15, F. & A.M. After Pensacola I transferred to Memphis for Aviation Electronics school. After completing school, I received orders to Guam after some leave at home. It was at this time that I joined the Eastern Star. My Mother was Associate Conductress of Pomegranate Chapter at that time, so she conducted me through the initiation. She was smiling from ear to ear that night. I went to Guam only to return 2 weeks later as my mother had passed away.

After Guam it was back to Memphis for advance electronics training, then off to Rota, Spain. Join the Navy and see the world. While I was back home before heading to Spain, I joined the Scottish Rite in St. Louis and Moolah Shrine. Rota was good, we started a Masonic club on base with some 20 to 30 members. Some of those Brothers and I crossed paths many times over the years. After Rota, I went back to Memphis for yet another more advanced electronics schooling. My next duty station was a patrol squadron out of Barbers Point, Hawaii. While with VP-17 I applied and was accepted into the Navy's Limited Duty Officer Program, (LDO) and received my commission as a Naval Officer. I spent nine years in Hawaii at Barbers Point in two squadrons, VP-17 and VP-6 and ended with a tour at the Air Station. My last two years I was the Security Officer for the base, chief of police. Those were fun times.

After Hawaii I returned to the mainland and San Diego, where I joined my first ship-based squadron, VS-29, assigned to the USS Carl Vinson, CVN-70. Upon completing that assignment and a short tour with another squadron in San Diego, I retired from the Navy and started a second career as an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance. The best part of that decision is that I met my wife, Yvonne, while working in insurance. We both retired from insurance, me after 20 years, and Yvonne after some 30 years. We chose to settle in Bolivar, Missouri.

At this point I had the time to get active in Masonry. I transferred my lodge to Bolivar No. 195, and got active there going through the chairs to become its Master. I joined their York Rite Chapter and Commandry and the Council in Springfield, where I have been the head of all three bodies. I'm an active member in several appendant bodies and have held the top office in a couple of them. I enjoy Masonry for the fellowship and the camaraderie, the belonging to something that makes me better than I can imagine.

Now you know my story. Like any good story, there is more to tell. I'm a sailor, I can always tell a tail or two. Thank you and May God Bless you all.

Jim McManigle



***M.:I.:C.: Taz A. Meyer Grand Master
of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of the State of Missouri***



Warm fraternal greetings Companions,

And boy, do I mean WARM! This recent heat wave has brought record setting temperatures all over our great state. And due to our intense Missouri humidity, heat indices across the state topped 100 degrees, reaching 111 degrees in my home county of St. Charles. As it turns out, I have avoided much of the extreme heat wave thus far, as I was in Rochester, Minnesota at the Mayo Clinic for a week, with my wife as she was having back surgery.

Most, if not all of you, are aware of the incredible reputation Mayo Clinic maintains regarding medical care and cutting-edge research. The place is truly amazing. But are you aware of the connection to Freemasonry? Dr. William Worrall Mayo, who established the private medical practice that eventually became the Mayo Clinic, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1863. One of his two sons, Dr. Charles Horace Mayo, was a very active Mason. A member of Rochester Lodge Number 21, he was active in the York Rite and Scottish Rite, receiving the 33rd degree in 1935. His son, Dr. Charles W. Mayo, was also a member of the fraternity. In addition, the first offices of the Drs. Mayo were located on the lower floor of the Rochester Masonic Temple. After multiple expansions within the building, the practice moved out in 1914 into a separate building bearing the name Mayo Clinic. From the very beginning, Masonic principles such as relief and “brotherly cooperation” were integrated into the Clinic’s philosophy. The Mayos pioneered a collaborative practice model where physicians openly shared information for the benefit of the patient, a rare approach at the time. The Clinic’s ties to the fraternity were so strong that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota stationed a special Masonic Patient Representative at the Clinic for decades. His job was to assist fellow Masons who traveled from all over the world to receive care at the Clinic.

Activity has picked up since my last communication, Companions. Your Grand Council Officers have resumed our monthly virtual meetings. I had the opportunity to make my first official visit to Trinity Council Number 47 in Hannibal on August 6th. In addition to Trinity, Companions were in attendance from Kirksville Number 44 and Shelby Number 59. I was accompanied by MIC Joe Elsen and VIC David Goring. I want to thank the Companions from Region 1 for the warm welcome and hospitality. I was able to see many of you at the Red Cross of Constantine Statewide Conclave on August 8th. And on August 9th, Region 5 hosted their monthly Council School of Instruction where we practiced the opening and closing and walked through the Royal Master degree. If you haven’t reviewed your ritual in a while Companions, it’s time to get after it! Especially if you are moving into a new office this term. My Companions, your ritual WILL leave an impression on your candidates and fellow companions. It’s up to YOU whether that impression is positive or negative. Please take this responsibility seriously. I’m looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible during my future travels.

Yours in Cryptic Masonry,

Taz Meyer
Grand Master



***S.K. Terry Coppotelli, Right Eminent
Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri***



It's never too early to start planning. Most of our commandery activity will start picking up when we get to September. That being the case, I hope all commanderies have a schedule and plan for the ensuing year. Please make a point to place these on the MoYorkRite calendar. Things like conferral of the orders, Christmas and Easter observances, Table Commanderies etc. If you are in doubt, submit it. We will never be able to eliminate conflicting activities, but if we get these dates posted as soon as a date is selected, it will make it easier for others to schedule around.

There are two events already on the MoYorkRite calendar that should also be posted in your trestle boards:

- First, the Annual Drill competition has been set for April 10, 2027, in Columbia. Next to the annual Grand Session, this is our largest event. Now is the time to start building and strengthening your teams. The more time to practice, the better the results.
- Second, the Grand Master's Crusade is scheduled for May 15, 2027, in Springfield. Sir Knights, this is one of our best opportunities to showcase our fraternity, and it is also an opportunity to revisit the lessons and meanings of being a Knight Templar.

To do it correctly, it takes many people. I have asked the Grand Lecturers to begin filling the slates now. With the time we have available, every part can be learned and internalized. Please let your Regional Grand Commander know if you are interested, and they will have someone get in touch with you.

Finally, I need to say a few things about last weekend and the passing of Past REGC Joe Hayes. I had the opportunity to meet him early in my York Rite journey. Joe had already been a York Rite Mason for many years when I joined, and from my very first interaction with him, I remembered him as friendly, humble, patient, and fun to talk to. Even though we had just met, he made me feel as if I had known him for years. When he came into the room, you knew it—not because he was loud or boisterous, but because he had a smile and personality that lit the whole place up. He was what we call “good people.”

When he passed away last week, I was of course saddened at the loss of a friend. But I was also concerned we would not be able to honor him appropriately. We had very short notice of his services. And as fate would have it, one of the larger York Rite appendant bodies was having its annual ingathering at the exact same time his funeral was being conducted. One thing we can all count on is that death is never convenient.

A frenzy of activity took place across the state. In the end, there was no need for concern. The brethren of Salem Lodge, Joe's home lodge, conducted a beautiful Masonic ceremony. It had all the ritualistic touchpoints a Masonic funeral service needs. What touched us most, though, was that the funeral team interjected personal anecdotes about Joe, which helped us see him as the wonderful human being he was.

Joe had not asked for a Knights Templar service, but he did request a Templar Honor Guard. There, Missouri's Sir Knights exceeded my wildest expectations. Three Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, two Grand Line officers, the Grand Chaplain, six Sir Knights, and I took turns posting an Honor Guard for almost two and one-half hours. I was proud of Missouri's Templars and the fraternity, and I was touched by everyone's dedication to doing this right.

In closing, I ask we honor Joe not only by remembering him well, but by showing the same patience, humility, warmth, and dedication in our own service to the Craft. Thank you.

**GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
STATE of MISSOURI**



Sir Knight James Joseph Hayes
Grand Commander 2008-2009

Born
Greeley, Missouri
February 3, 1941

Died
Salem, Missouri
August 5, 2026

*As a tribute of respect, the Constituent Commanderies will drape
their Charters in mourning for a period of thirty days*



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Memorial

Sir Knight James Joseph Hayes, PGC

To all Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and holding Allegiance to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Greetings Sir Knights,

Freemasonry has lost another Jewel in its Masonic Crown. Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight James Joseph "Joe" Hayes, 85, cast off the chains binding him to this Earthly realm to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Joe was born on February 3, 1941, in Greeley, Missouri. He was the son of Earnest and Doris Anna (Miner) Hayes. Joe was married to Darlene "Sue" Hayes.

Joe was committed to the Masonic Fraternity. He was an active member in many Masonic Bodies, including: Rolla Lodge No. 213, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons; Rolla Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons; Rolla Council No. 39, Royal & Select Masters; Rolla Commandery No. 59, Knights Templar. He was a Past Commander and member of the Missouri Past Commanders Association.

He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, 2008-2009, and was a member of the Past Grand Commanders Association known as the Old Buzzards.

He received many awards over his Masonic career, including the Lewis and Clark Award in 1999 from the Grand Council, the Lewis and Clark Award in 2021 from the Grand Commandery, the Lewis and Clark Award in 2012 from the Grand Chapter, and the Cryptic Mason of the Year in 2005 from the General Grand Council.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Darlene "Sue" Hayes; son, Dennis Hayes; parents, Earnest and Anna (Miner) Hayes; grandson, Christopher Polk; siblings, Ray Hayes, Arzetta Smith and husband Stewart, Harry Hayes and wife Donna, and Clyde Hayes and wife Carol; and brother-in-law, Wilburn Ritter.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Denise Polk and husband Gary of Salem, MO; grandchildren, Derrick Hayes and Andrea Kennedy of Mountain Grove, MO, Vanessa Williams and husband Thomas of West Plains, MO, DeeAndra Thompson and husband Jordan of Salem, MO, Zachery

Hayes of West Plains, MO, Whitney Polk of Springfield, MO, and Hayden Polk of Jefferson City, MO; sister, Ann Ritter of Rolla, MO; seven great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Joe will be missed by his family, friends, and the many members of the Masonic community who had the privilege of calling him a Brother, a Companion, and a fellow Sir Knight.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm on Saturday, August 8, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel. Masonic Services to be held at 12:30 pm by Rolla Lodge No. 213 and Rolla Commandery No. 59. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, August 8, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel. Burial to follow in the Crossville Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Wilson Mortuary of Salem.

Condolences may be left online at www.wilsonmortuary.com.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Joe to St. Jude Children's Hospital and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Fraternally,



Terry D. Coppotelli
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Missouri

CC: SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC, Grand Recorder
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Tonight marked the first official visit of M.I.C. Taz A. Meyer as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri!

Companions from across Region One (Northeast Missouri) gathered at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, Missouri, to open the stated assembly of Trinity Council Number 47 R. & S.M., and receive the new Most Illustrious Grand Master on Thursday, August 6th, A.D. 2026 | A.Dep. 3026.



Following the opening of Trinity Council, M.I.C. Meyer gave remarks on the importance of remembering our "why"; providing a worthwhile Masonic experience to support the retention of members; remembering our charitable obligations, especially to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (C.M.M.R.F.); and emphasizing the importance of regional cooperation, as was demonstrated at this very assembly.

M.I.C. Meyer was accompanied this evening by M.I.C. Joseph P. Elsen, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, 2017-2018, and V.I.C. David D. Goring, Grand Steward and Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One of the Grand Council.



Tyrian Chapter Number 52, Royal Arch Masons was please to confer the Mark Master and Past Master Degree on two candidates in addition to hosting M.E.C. Jim McManigle, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri.

Also present V.E.C. Jonathan Turner, Past Assistant Grand Sentential, V.E.C. Derik Campbell, D.D.G.H.P. of Region 7B, VEC Matt Ruth, D.D.G.L. of Region 7B & Grand Historian, VEC Dale Roller, Grand Chaplain, V.E.C. Greg Walker, Grand Captain of Host, and V.E.C. Chad Wagoner, Past Grand Sentinel.



Red Cross of Constantine 41st Annual State Assembly

Hosted by St. Chrysostom Conclave on August 7-8,
2026 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Jefferson City.





**More Light in Freemasonry
Begins with the Royal Arch and
continues on through
York Rite Freemasonry**



From then to now...

Assembled by: Larry Wilson

Our past affect the future. They are the building blocks upon which we shape our future. So, with that thought in mind, I reflected on where we came from. In Missouri Royal Arch Masonry that is. What I found was that every number once carried a name. Some numbers carried several names, and some names carried various numbers. As I looked further into this research project, I discovered that there might be grounds to reinstitute a Chapter back into a town like Moberly, Boonville, Eldon, etc...I am not picking on those town, just using them as example. I hope you enjoy the look back. Black for open and red for closed Chapters.

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A look to the past at one of our Grand Chapters Seals.



My life has had many positive influences. Of course, my parents were great loving people. Mom made sure that I kept busy with things such as Cub Scouts. Upon growing into Boy Scouts, my Dad became our scout leader, and in those roles we enjoyed many great adventures together. However, as time went on I started to feel restricted. I wanted a little more freedom. Maybe some more independence. So, my Dad and I had a conversation and came to an agreement. Dad would limit his time with the scouts so I wouldn't be overshadowed by our relationship. I think that was why that when our son went into Cub Scouts, I would only remain a Cub Master for seven years. This would be to allow our son to enjoy a larger part of Boy Scouts experience without me trying to overshadow everything he did. Doing this to help allow him to grow-up and become a more independent man.

After college my son would become a professional scouter. Verlee and I were very active in scouting for many years. I was a Unit Commissioner for both Cub and Boy Scouts in the Lawson area. When in a meeting with my Area Commissioner, Leonard Moore, he asked me if I had ever considered joining the Freemasons. I had never heard of the group and asked him what it was. Leonard said it was like Boy Scouts but for adult men. I considered this, and when 9/11 collided with our world I felt like I needed to do something more. However, at 48 years old what could I do. This group of Freemasons seemed to be a good challenge, so I gave it a try. After being initiated, passed and then raised in January 2002. I was immediately put in the Junior Deacons chair. After elections that September, I was appointed to Senior Deacon. In November the Senior Warden moved to Florida, and the Junior Warden didn't want to move up (a story for another time). So, I was elected Senior Warden that November. It felt strange that this would all occur in the same year that I was raised. During this time, I had been going to study clubs and traveling with brothers to other lodges, learning everything that I could. Our Worshipful Master was also the City Manager of Lawson. Once a month he would

hold his city meeting the same night as our lodge meetings. So, once a month starting that following January, I became acting Worshipful Master. If it hadn't been for the support and training I received from my Brothers, our lodge would have most definitely suffered. One of my mentors was R.W.B. Wayne Dugan, a past Grand Lecturer. He must have seen some potential in me for after my year as Master of our lodge, he asked me to take on the role of D.D.G.M. for the 16th Masonic District. I told him that there were several people with a lot more experience in Freemasonry that were better suited for this position. Yet, Wayne felt that my leadership training was just what our district needed. I would serve as D.D.G.M. for two years when our DDGL would suddenly pass away. It was at this point that I would ask Wayne to move me to Grand Lecturer. In this position I would serve the craft for seven years. In 2005, I joined the Scottish Rite and would retire from the Boy Scouts in 2006. By 2007, Wayne would prod me into joining our Liberty York Rite.

During this time my wife, Verlee, would stay active with the Boy Scouts, and the United Methodist Women (UMW) at the district and state levels. She was as busy as I was. Verlee also became active in the Missouri Women's Republican Party at the local and now the state level. Verlee has since retired from both the Boy Scouts and U.M.W. I am so very proud of this sweet and intelligent woman. Who in October of 2026, I will have had the pleasure of being married to for 50 years. I also have a daughter and 5 grandchildren. All of whom live within a 12-hour drive radius.

The last two years have been challenging for me because our Grand Lecturer Rick Kingcade asked if I could fill in as D.D.G.L. for the 8th Masonic District. I truly enjoy being D.D.G.L. and helping others with their ritual. I think that I might do this for one more year. However, I feel that I need to quit soon so I can focus more on my duties with our Grand Chapter.

Yours in Freemasonry,

REC Don Gilkerson

My Masonic Story

Articulating the goals, purposes, and benefits of Freemasonry isn't easy. Encapsulation of the history, the meaning, the symbolism, and esoterism doesn't come as part of an elevator speech. Why are you a Freemason, and what you get out of it isn't a soup question.

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Let your story resonate with those who want to be a part of something larger than themselves, who want to grow spiritually, who want to be better and do better, who need to be— and should be a Freemason.

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From the Editor...

Greetings All,

Welcome to August's issue of the Beacon Magazine. When I was young, my Dad would tell me that as I got older, time would move faster, and boy was he right on that one. We are now two months out of Grand Session and one the third issue of your magazine since then. With that, the articles continue to flow. Thank you my Companions and Sir Knights, you are wonderful.

In this issue we are dealing with a lot of material. From our loss of S.K. James Joseph Hayes, Past Grand Commander, to a historical lists of chapters, and My Masonic story once again. Oh, for those of you who skip over advertisements, I would strongly suggest that you do not. These ads list information on our Triennial to the South Central Conference, a fish fries to our AMD conference, and our York Rite Cruise. In other words, something for everybody.

Finally, check out those who have received their Ritual Certificates. This is work well done and they should be congratulated for it.

Well, that all we have for you this month. May God shine down on your families and until next time we will see you on down the trail.



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2026-2027

Greg Walker, Chairman

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Activity vs. Achievement

RESK Terry Coppotelli has created a program titled, “Activity vs. Achievement” for Commandery this year and it only makes sense to join forces rather than do something different. We are asking each Chapter to call every member on the rolls just to check in on them. This should be separate from the annual dues calls that are made and any call for request for donations to charity or other fundraisers. It is suggested that each member be contacted at least twice in the year just to see how they are getting along and remind them that their Chapter is there for assistance as needed.

To accomplish this the High Priest should request the Secretary to print a Membership Report that includes the name, address, email, and phone number of all members. That list can then be divided into small segments of 8-10 members each and given to the officers and volunteers as their list to call.

This call should be a general check in or wellness check, if you will. Suggested questions and information to discuss during the call include:

1. How are you feeling and is there anything we can do to support you right now?
2. Do you need assistance with anything right now?
3. Do you need assistance getting to the meetings if you are able to attend?
4. Share a quick update on what’s going on in Chapter/Council/Commandery
5. Remind them meeting times and dates for the Chapter/Council/Commandery
6. Invite them to the Past High Priest/Past Illustrious Master/Past Commander’s dinner and include them on any years of service celebrations.
7. Call them on their birthday or anniversary of their Exaltation/Greeting/Knighting

Our numbers will only grow if we initiate more members than we lose. Losing members through death is something we cannot control. And while we cannot force a member to stay, we can make it a more difficult decision for them to drop their membership if we stay in contact with them.

We need to get back to our core values of Brotherhood and Companionship. We must remember to do that which we do really well, which is fellowship with one another. Only then can we avoid stagnation. Only then will we experience growth in the York Rite.

Fraternally Yours,

Greg

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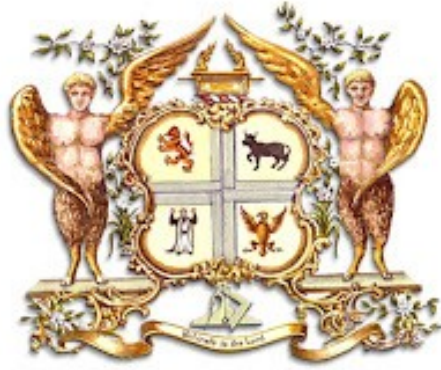
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The Royal Arch Banners

By MEC Albert G. Mackey-1873

Much difficulty has been experienced by ritualists in reference to the true colors and proper arrangements of the banners used in an American Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. It is admitted that they are four in number and that their colours are blue, purple, scarlet, and white; and it is known, too, that the devices on these banners are a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle; but doubt is constantly arising as to the relation between these devices and these colours and as to which of the former is to be appropriated to each of the latter. The question, it is true, is one of mere ritualism, but it is important that the ritual should be always uniform, and hence the object of the present article is to attempt the solution to this question.

The banners used in a Royal Arch Chapter are derived from those which are supposed to have been borne by the twelve tribes of Israel during their encampment in the wilderness, to which reference is made in the second chapter of the Book of Numbers, and the second verse: "Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard." But as to what were the devices on the banners, or what were their various colors, the Bible is absolutely silent. To the inventive genius of the Talmudists, are we indebted for all that we know or profess to know on this subject. These mystical philosophers have given to us with wonderful precision the various devices which they have borrowed from the death-bed prophecy of Jacob and have sought, probably in their own fertile imaginations, for the appropriate colours. The English Royal Arch Masons, whose system differs very much from that of their American Companions, display in their Chapters the twelve

banners of the tribes in accordance with the Talmudic devices and colors. These have been very elaborately described by Dr. Oliver in his "Historical Landmarks" and beautifully exemplified by Companion Harris in his "Royal Arch Tracing Boards."

But our American Royal Arch Masons, as we have seen, use only four banners, being those attributed by the Talmudists to the four principal tribes: Judah, Ephraim, Reuben, and Dan. The devices on these banners are, respectively, a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle. As to this, there is no question; all authorities, such as they are, agree on this point. But, as has been said before, there is some diversity of opinion as to the colours of each and necessarily as to the officers by whom they should be borne.

Some of the Targumists, or Jewish biblical commentators, say that the colour of the banner of each tribe was analogous to that of the stone which represented that tribe in the breastplate of the high priest. If this were correct, then the colours of the banners of the four leading tribes would be red and green, namely: red for Judah, Ephraim, and Reuben; and green for Dan; these being the colours of the precious stones sardonyx, ligure, carbuncle, and chrysolite, by which these tribes were represented in the high priest's breast-plate. Such an arrangement would not, of course, at all suit the symbolism of the American Royal Arch banners.

Equally unsatisfactory is the disposition of the colours derived from the arms of speculative Masonry, as first displayed by Dermot in his "Ahiman Rezon," which is familiar to all American Masons from the copy published by Cross in his Hieroglyphic Chart." In this piece of blazonry, the

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We must, then, depend solely on the Talmudic writers for the disposition and arrangement of the colours and devices of these banners. From their works, we learn that the colour of the banner of Judah was white; that of Ephraim scarlet; that of Reuben purple; and that of Dan blue; and that the devices of the same tribes were respectively the lion, the ox, the man, and the eagle.

Hence, under this arrangement—and it is the only one upon which we can depend—the four banners in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, working in the American Rite, must be distributed as follows among the banner-bearing officers:

- 1st. An eagle, on a blue banner. This represents the tribe of Dan, and is borne by the Grand Master of the first veil.
- 2nd. A man, on a purple banner. This represents the tribe of Reuben, and is borne by the Grand Master of the second veil.
- 3rd. An ox, on a scarlet banner. This represents the tribe of Ephraim, and is borne by the Grand Master of the third veil.
- 4th. A lion, on a white banner. This represents the tribe of Judah, and is borne by the Royal Arch Captain.



Dr. Albert Gallatin Mackey

After completing his early education, Albert Mackey taught school for some time to earn money for medical school. He graduated from the medical department of the College of South Carolina in 1832. He settled in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1838 he was appointed demonstrator of anatomy in that institution.

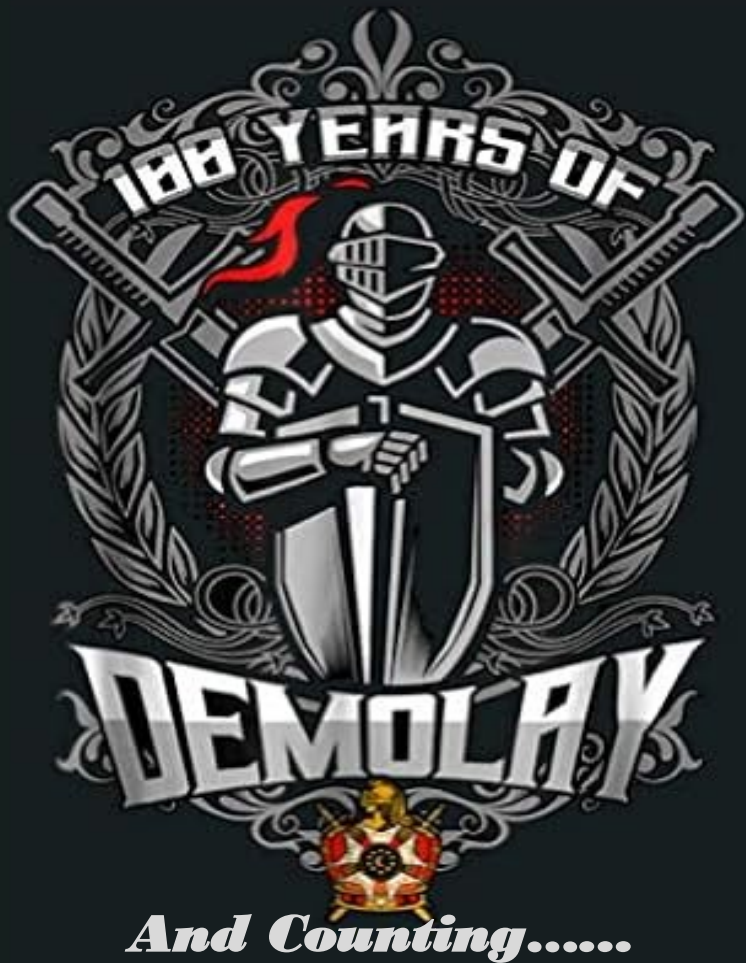


In 1844 he abandoned the practice of medicine. For the rest of his life, he wrote on a variety of subjects, but specialized in the study of several languages, the Middle Ages, and Freemasonry. After being connected with several Charleston journals, he established in 1849, "The Southern and Western Masonic Miscellany", a weekly magazine. He maintained it for three years, mostly at his own expense. He conducted a Quarterly 1858-1860 which he devoted to the same interests.

He acquired the Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and continental languages almost unaided, and lectured frequently on the intellectual and moral development of the Middle Ages. Subsequently, he turned his attention exclusively to the investigation of abstruse symbolism, and to cabalistic and Talmudic research.

Mackey was the Master of Solomon's Lodge No.1 in 1843. He served as Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of South Carolina, as well as Secretary General of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Mackey was a Union sympathizer during the Civil War and in July 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed him Collector of the Port of Charleston. He was a delegate and president of the 1868 South Carolina Constitutional Convention. He ran for the United States Senate in South Carolina in 1868 but was narrowly defeated by Republican Frederick A. Sawyer. He died in Fortress Monroe, Virginia in 1881.

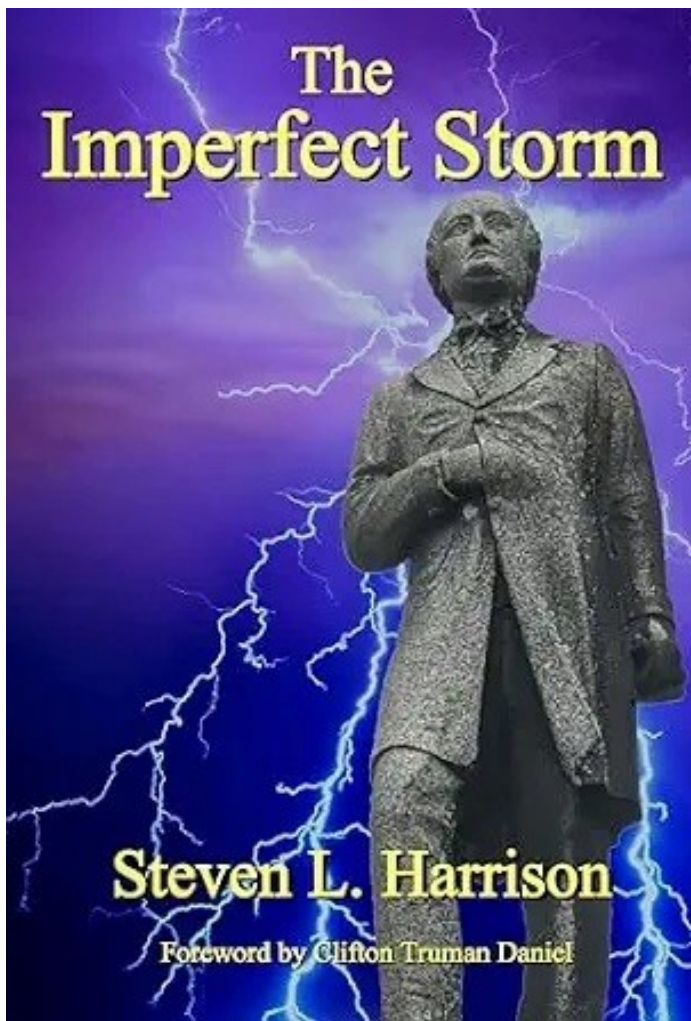


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Writer's Corner

Welcome back to the Writer's Corner. This month we will be covering Bro. Steven Harrison, who has written several book on our Fraternity. We hope you pickup a few of them and enjoy yourselves with a wonderful novel.



The Imperfect Storm: Stolen Freemasons' secrets, a 19th century cold case, and the modern-day key to unlocking the mysteries of the baffling crime known as the Morgan Affair

In 1826, word got around a man named William Morgan was going to reveal the secrets of the Freemasons in a book he was writing. Some Masons took offense and kidnapped Morgan. After that, no one knows what happened to him. The mystery remained unsolved as it gripped the country throughout the 19th century. Today, modern science

steps in to unravel the Gordian Knot known as The Morgan Affair.



Freemasonry... "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols;" and seen by many outside the fraternity to be shielded in mystery and intrigue. Members have been presidents and kings, the famous and infamous, men, and yes, even a few women. Like everyone, they all have stories.



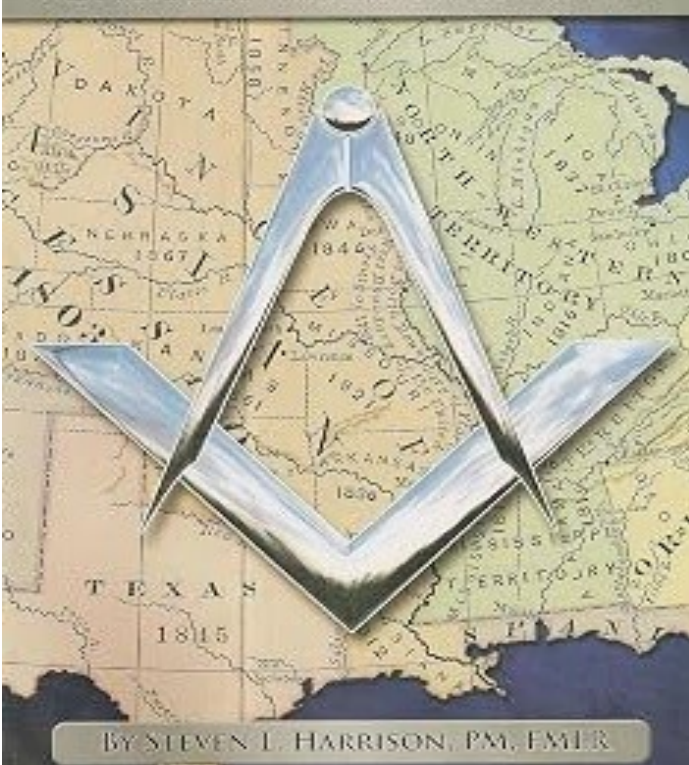
Masonic Memoranda of Frederick L. Billon

Steven L. Harrison, Editor



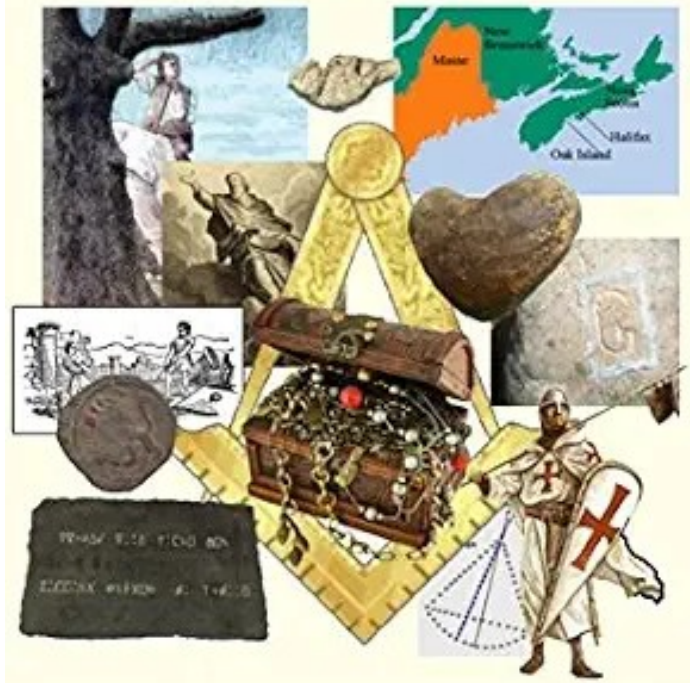
Frederick L. Billon lived for most of the 18th century. A Missouri pioneer and ardent Freemason, he kept a thorough journal of the Masonic history of his era. This book brings that era to life.

FREEMASONRY CROSSES THE MISSISSIPPI



By the end of the 18th century, Freemasonry in America had advanced to the shores of the Mississippi River. With the advent of the Louisiana Purchase, the population began to shift westward. Freemasonry followed suit and, in many cases, led the way. This book tells the story of how Freemasonry got started west of the Mississippi and also includes biographies of famous Freemasons who come from the area.

Freemasons at Oak Island Speculation about a real National Treasure site



Steven L. Harrison, 33°, FMLR

Past Master and Fellow of the Missouri Lodge of Research

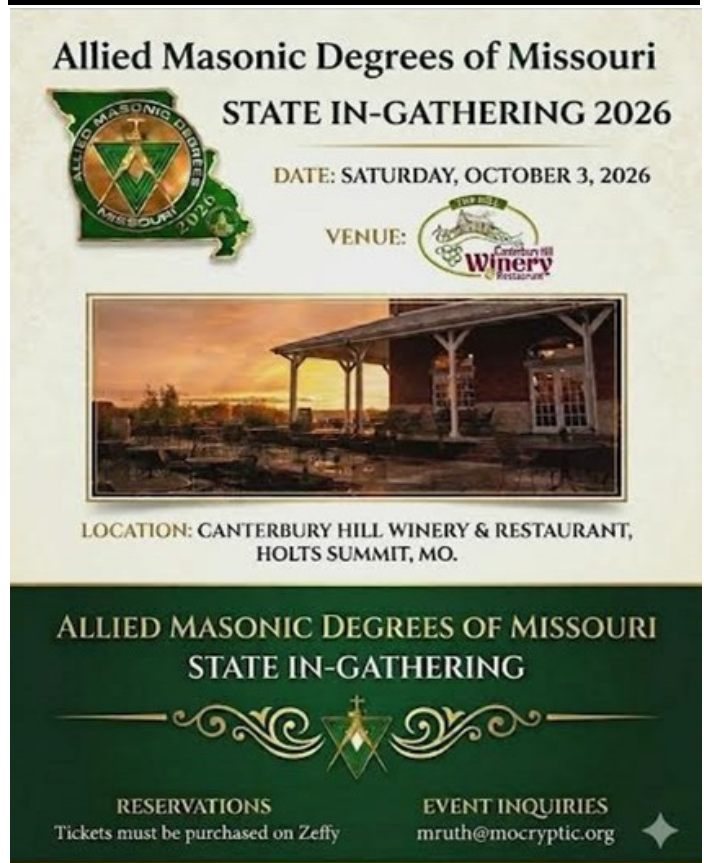
For over two centuries a small patch of land on an obscure island has baffled treasure hunters and scientists alike. Tantalizing clues indicate it may be the site of the world's greatest treasure, or it might be history's most elaborate hoax. Speculation about who is responsible for its puzzling origin runs the gamut from pirates to space aliens; but when the facts are laid out the evidence on mysterious and enigmatic Oak Island points to one group... the Freemasons.





Brother Steve Harrison, 33°

Brother Steve Harrison, 33°, is Past Master of Liberty Lodge #31, Liberty, Missouri. He is also a Fellow and Past Master of the Missouri Lodge of Research. Among his other Masonic memberships are the St. Joseph Missouri Valley of the Scottish Rite, Liberty York Rite bodies, and Moila Shrine. He is also a member and Past Dean of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Brother Harrison is an emeritus member of the Midnight Freemasons blog and has written for several other Masonic publications. Brother Steve was Editor of the Freemason magazine for a decade and has been a regular contributor to the Whence Came You podcast. Born in Indiana, he has a Master's Degree from Indiana University and is retired from a 35-year career in information technology. Steve and his wife Carolyn reside in northwest Missouri. A frequent speaker at Masonic events, he is the author of dozens of magazine articles and four books including Freemasonry Crosses the Mississippi, Freemasons — Tales From the Craft and Freemasons at Oak Island. His latest book, The Imperfect Storm, reveals new, never before published information about the William Morgan Affair and has won acclaim from outside the fraternity as well as from nationally-known Freemasons.





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.



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.

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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.



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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

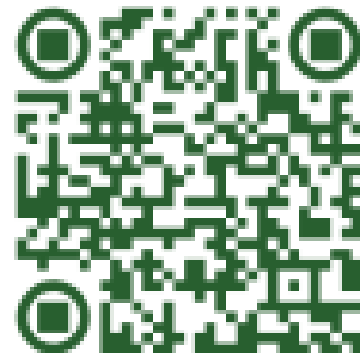
The Knights Templar Educational Foundation provides scholarship funds to High School students through accredited technical school/college/university post graduate program students. These scholarships may be renewable but reapplication for such is required annually.

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.



Missouri Grand York Rite Bulletin Board

Past Grand Officers

History is a wonderful thing. It reminds us of our great accomplishments and mistakes. Either way, we learn something from both. However, below are links to our Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Commanders here in Missouri. Take a look, one of them might be a relative you did not know had been honored by these great positions.

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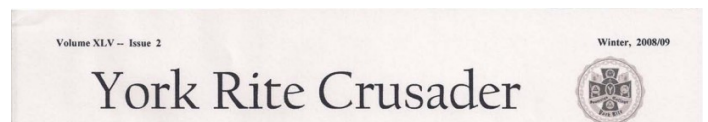
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