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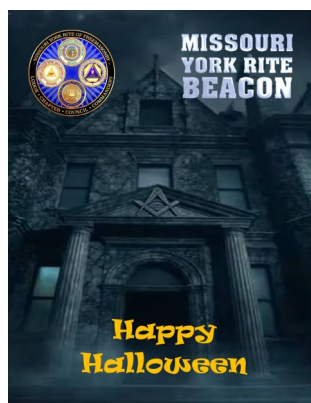
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M...E... C... James McManigle, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri



Companions,

Is it Fall yet? We still have high temperatures across the state. It is Missouri, you never know what the afternoon will bring or even the next hour.

It was a busy September; we had the South-Central Conference in Little Rock. What a great time that was. Missouri York Rite was well represented. It was a chance to meet our new General Grand High Priest, Chadwick Burk and our new General Grand Illustrious Master Keith Powell. Both are great individuals. The presentations at the meetings were informative and enlightening. Of course, the best part was the socializing, renewing old friendships and making new ones. I never realized how many Companions I have met over the years till you see so many in one place. Then we moved on to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Congratulations to our new Grand Master Keith Bail. I am looking forward to an outstand year working with MWB Bail and seeing him receive his Royal Arch Degree in March at the Grand Master's Royal Arch Class in Jefferson City. That is going to be an awesome event this year with the Grand Master as a candidate.

We have continued our chapter visits around the state. The warm and enduring welcome I have received is beyond words. We still have several more visits on the schedule, so I look forward to seeing many more of you in my travels.

Please continue your support of RARA. Royal Arch Research Assistance does great work in funding research in many different hearing disorders. The RED Boxes are out in your chapters please fill them with what ever you can afford to give.

Remember that Together Everyone Achieves More. That is what T.E.A.M. means, and each of you is an important part of our T.E.A.M.

Have you seen Jimmy the Fish's duck? I hear he has been showing up in some peculiar places.

Thank you and May God Bless,

Jim McManigle
Grand High Priest





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



Greetings Companions,

Well, Fall is finally here...technically anyway. But the weather sure doesn't seem to indicate it. It's hard to think of this being Fall when the heat index topped 100 degrees in the St. Louis region this week! However, the autumnal equinox was September 22nd, so hopefully we will start experiencing more seasonal temperatures in the very near future.

I had the honor and privilege of representing the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri last month in Kansas City. It was a great experience, and I enjoyed attending the various meetings and events alongside many of you. I also attended the annual Truman Club Dinner supporting the Masonic Home of Missouri on Saturday evening prior to Annual Communication. As always, this was a great event, and if you are not a member of the Truman Club, I encourage you to check it out. It is a wonderful way to support the Masonic Home.

Congratulations to Most Worshipful Brother Emmett Bryson on an exceptional year as Grand Master. I also want to congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Keith Bail on his election and installation as Grand Master for the ensuing term and look forward to his entry into the York Rite Bodies in the coming months. The Grand Master's Cryptic Day will take place on April 3, 2027 at Acacia Twilight Lodge #114 in Columbia. I hope you will make plans to attend.

I had the opportunity to attend the Missouri AMD Statewide In-Gathering on October 3rd in Holts Summit, along with many of you. If you were in attendance, I am sure you would agree that it was an awesome day!

Thursday evening, October 8th, I traveled to Poplar Bluff for an official visit to Poplar Bluff Council #27. I truly appreciated the warm welcome I received from the companions and the opportunity to share my vision for the future of Cryptic Masonry in Missouri.

Lastly, I want to encourage all of you to attend the Grand Lecturer's Statewide Council School of Instruction being held Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 AM to Noon at Acacia Twilight Lodge #114 in Columbia. I hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

Taz Meyer, Grand Master





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



Sir Knights,

If you are like me, you have heard of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for as long as you have been a Templar. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity that raises funds for research into conditions that can cause blindness in infants and children. It supports both patient care and research by awarding grants to laboratories and scientists worldwide. Although this work may sound abstract, last month we had the opportunity to see it firsthand.

Thanks to your donations, Washington University's Dr. Wei Li received a \$99,000 grant to study a condition in which a signal causes infants' lenses and corneas to develop incorrectly. Missouri Templars had the opportunity to meet the researchers, tour the laboratory, and hear a firsthand explanation of their work.

On September 9th, we gathered at McDonnell Sciences at Washington University's medical facilities in downtown St. Louis. Our Department Commander, SK Bob Rolseth, accompanied SK Glenn Parker, EG Generalissimo; SK Jeff Knight, EG Junior Warden, and his wife, Polean; SK Dave Whittaker, EG Sentinel; SK Moreland, REPGC of Missouri; and me. Our host, Dr. Donna MacKay, led us through the facility, which occupies an entire floor of the building. We toured the laboratories, saw the equipment in use, and met researchers who answered our questions about their tools and work. We then gathered in a presentation room, where Dr. Li and Dr. Wang spent about 40 minutes explaining their findings and plans for continued research. I will be honest: much of the subject matter was over my head, as it should have been. These brilliant people are doing important humanitarian work, and we left confident that our donations are being put to good use.

Here is a link to their website article about our visit and some of their work:

<https://ophthalmology.wustl.edu/knights-templar-eye-foundation-visits-washu-medicine-labs-to-support-vision-research/>

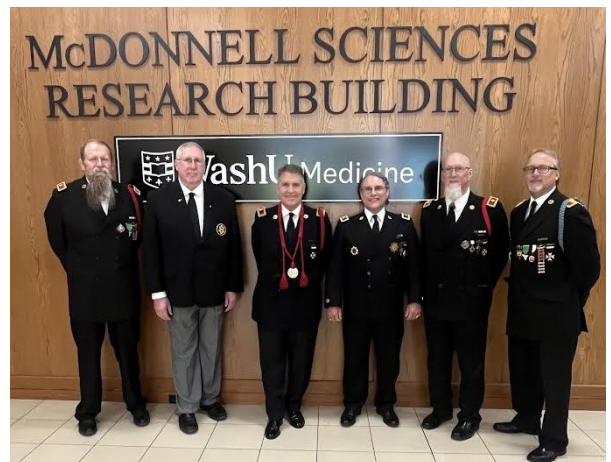
In closing, there are several ways to support this work and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. One is through the Grand Masters Club. A \$1,000 donation qualifies you for membership and one of the medallions many members wear on their uniforms; the contribution may also be made in ten annual installments of \$100. You can also support the cause by becoming a life sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for \$30. The Grand Encampment's goal is 100% participation in every state. Some states have reached 200% or 300%, while Missouri currently stands at only 13%.

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Fraternally Yours,

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Thank you to Sir Knights Gary Woodruff, Allen Ward, and Johnnie Bryant of Rolla Commandery No. 59 Knights Templar for their awesome work presenting the Colors at Rolla Lodge No. 213 Installation of Officers yesterday evening.





M.E.C. Jim McManigle made his official visit to Liberty Chapter Number 3, on Monday, September, 21st. There were over 20 Royal Arch Masons present for the occasion. There have been several unique twists this year to add to the visits of the Grand High Priest and Liberty Chapter did not disappoint. A full form opening on the Mark Master degree was exemplified and then an outstanding Mark Master degree was conferred by the members! Liberty Chapter is one of the oldest in the state, but their passion and excitement for growth is strong!



Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery representing at the 204th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

A thing happened last night that is unfortunately all too rare in Royal Arch Masonry. No less than 26 Royal Arch Masons attended the Stated Convocation of Bolivar Chapter Number 5 on Wednesday, June 19th. It was a display of Fraternal visitation generated by the desire to Arrest the Traveling Keystone. Five Companions from Lebanon Chapter Number.64 and Five Companions from Springfield Chapter Number.15 were present. Based on the rules in the case of a tie, the Keystone goes to the Chapter that traveled the farthest. Lebanon Chapter Number 64 seized the Traveling Keystone!!! Bolivar Chapter Number.5 had 16 members present! Royal Arch Masonry is alive and well in Southwest Missouri !!



THE HISTORY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY INTERNATIONAL

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FOUNDED IN 1797

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International (GGCRAMI) was founded in 1797 in Hartford, Connecticut, as a governing body for Royal Arch Masonry in the United States and beyond.



ESTABLISHED FOR UNITY AND STRUCTURE

It was established to provide structure, uniformity, and support for Royal Arch Chapters, which had been operating under various independent jurisdictions. Recognizing the need for coordination and shared governance, representatives from multiple chapters came together to form a central authority.



A LEGACY OF LIGHT AND LEADERSHIP

Since its inception, the General Grand Chapter has worked to promote Masonic education, charitable endeavors, and fraternal unity among its members worldwide.



TRIENNIAL SESSIONS: A TRADITION OF SERVICE

It meets in Triennial Sessions—held every three years—to conduct official business, elect officers, amend its constitution, and discuss matters affecting the fraternity. These sessions serve as a platform for delegates from affiliated chapters across the globe to collaborate, celebrate Masonic traditions, and ensure the continued growth and development of Royal Arch Masonry.

OUR HERITAGE. OUR PURPOSE. OUR FUTURE.

THE HISTORY OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

OUR PURPOSE

The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International (GGCCMI) was organized for the sole purpose of watching over, and protecting the interests of Cryptic Masons in the States, Districts, and Territories which recognize its jurisdiction; also to give advice and instruction as might seem most conducive to the peace, advancement, and perpetration of Cryptic Masonry.

THE PATH TO UNION

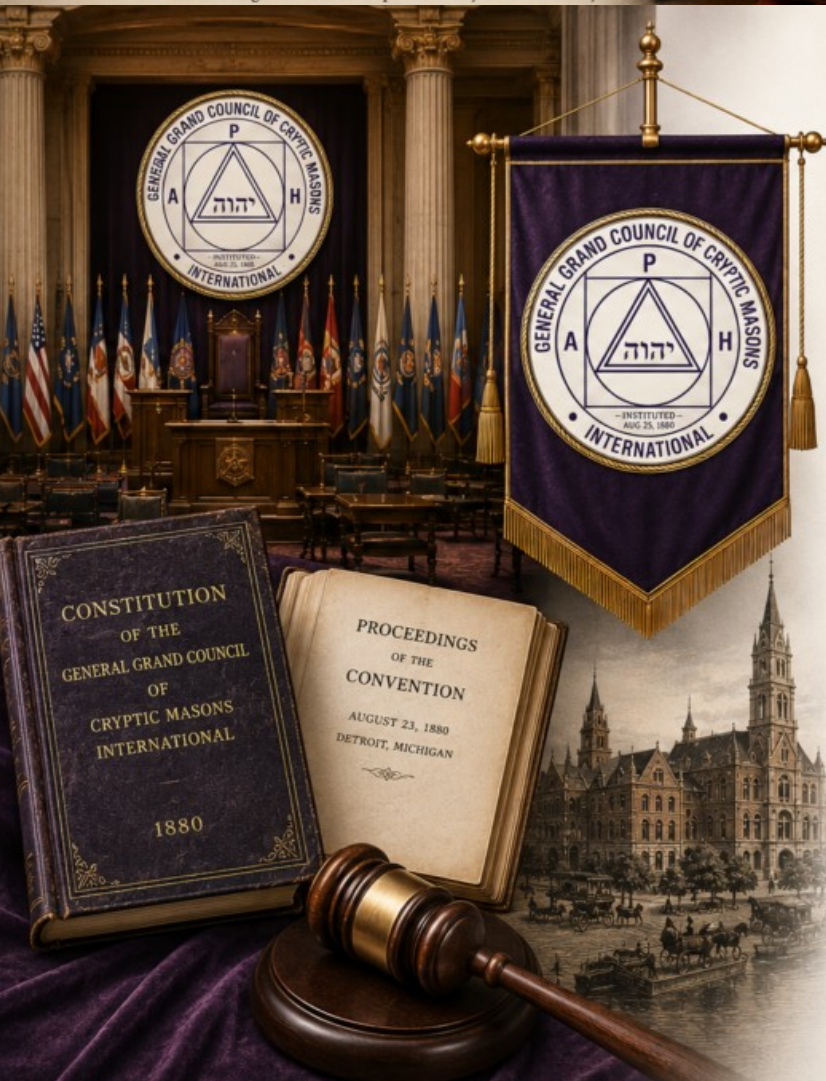
In New York on June 12, 1872, several representatives from Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Brunswick, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C., met for the purpose of organizing a National Cryptic Rite.

THE FOUNDING

Conventions were held in New York in 1873, New Orleans in 1874, Buffalo, New York in 1877, and in Detroit in 1880. The Convention held on August 23, 1880 in Detroit, saw the formation of the General Grand Council. It was headed by Josiah H. Drummond, a great Masonic leader of that day.

A LASTING FOUNDATION

By 1881, the necessary number of nine states had ratified the new constitution, and the General Grand Council became a going concern. Since that date, the General Grand Council has met in triennial meetings at the same time and place as General Grand Chapter.



Happy Halloween From the Grand York Rite of Missouri



A Selection of F. Brad Fowler's Works

The Sword Is Not the Lesson

The sword is one of the most recognizable symbols associated with the Knights Templar.



Yet its deepest lesson may not be about fighting.

A sword requires discipline.

Left uncontrolled, it becomes dangerous. Properly governed, it represents strength placed under the authority of principle.

That distinction matters.

The world rarely suffers from a shortage of strong opinions. What it often lacks are men who possess strength and also know when, where, and how that strength should be used.

Templary asks something more difficult than simply being strong. It asks us to place our strength in service to faith, duty, truth, charity, and the protection of others.

That may mean speaking when silence would be easier.

At other times, it may mean remaining silent when anger encourages us to speak.

It may mean defending someone who is absent, helping someone who cannot repay us, admitting when we are wrong, or standing firmly for what is right when doing so carries a personal cost.

The disciplined man is not the man who never draws the sword.

Nor is he the man who is always eager to draw it.

He is the man who understands why he carries it.

For the modern Sir Knight, perhaps that is the enduring challenge:

Possess strength, but make certain principle holds the hilt.

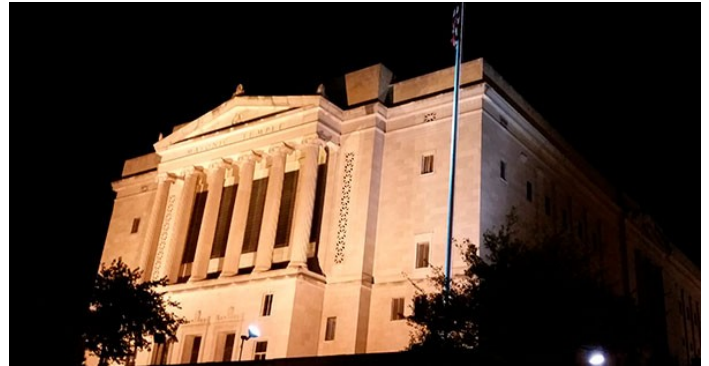




Welcome back to the second edition of Haunted Freemasonry, and you know what that means? We are in October and approaching Halloween!!! Okay, so I probably enjoy the holiday a little bit more than I should. However, this is the time of year for great stories, wonderful candies, and a nice scare of two. So, why don't you sit down in your comfortable chair, dim the lights, and enjoy some tales of the unexpected!!!



We begin our journey in Newfoundland, which is an island off the eastern coast of Canada. There we enter into an old Victorian brick building which is now being used for the Spirit of Newfoundland Theatre Company. However, it was originally built in 1894 and used as a Masonic Lodge from 1896 to 2007. Our story begins on a sunny afternoon; the caretaker John Warren was checking that all the doors and windows were closed and locked when he discovered that his cell phone was missing. When he eventually found the phone, he tried to pick it up, when he bumped into someone or something. As he turned around to apologize for his carelessness, Warren came face-to-face with a partial figure wearing workman's boots, dark green pants, a dark green jacket, a light green shirt, and a black tie. The apparition eventually vanished.



Our next destination is the Dayton Masonic Center, in Dayton, Ohio. This is a historic 1928 Classical Revival that paranormal researchers consider haunted. According to local ghost lore, a friendly, portly, and jolly spirit named George is believed to be a former member, or custodian, who wanders the grand corridors and stairwells of this massive building. Visitors and researchers have reported unexplainable footsteps, cold spots, and even physical interactions with this subject. One account describes the ghostly encounter as a gentleman matching George's description physically guided a visitor by the elbow toward an archive photo of a past Masonic graduation class, where the jolly spirit was later identified in the picture. Other unexplained activities beyond George, report unexplained elevator movements disembodied footsteps echoing through the upper floors and third-level mezzanine areas.

Following this stop, we head east to a Masonic Lodge located in Matawan, New Jersey. There we find an 1847 building that is prominent in local lore and alleged paranormal activity. Built in 1847, this originally housed various first-floor businesses (such as a grocery and furniture store) while the top floor served it was used as an Odd Fellows Hall. In 1901 a fire devastated downtown Main Street, but this building fortunately survived. In 1911, Freemasons began renting the upper floor before purchasing the building. Paranormal investigation teams have



explored the lodge and reported various sights, sounds, and lingering energies. Investigators have noted significant electromagnetic field (EMF) spikes in areas like the first-floor kitchen, where a voice appearing to answer as "Steve" was recorded. Crew members also reported anomalous occurrences, such as a laptop waking from sleep mode, and detected alleged spirit communications naming individuals



like "Steven," "Maxwell," and "Tony" in the main hall.

At this point, we will jump across the pond to Newcastle, England, at the Maple Terrace Masonic Temple. Stepping inside the building we find a lodge that has functioned for over 100 years. Villagers have said that this Masonic Hall has been used for ceremonies and celebrations for over a century and believe its walls may have absorbed more than just its tradition. In this location, people have reported seeing dark shadow figures, unexplained mists, Poltergeist activity, a robed figure walking the halls, and voices echoing through empty corridors.



A short journey up the street we end up at Clifton Hall in Birkenhead, England. This is a mid-19th-century residence which was turned into a Masonic lodge. This building has gained a reputation as Merseyside's most haunted building. Staff and visitors have reported an eerie, damp presence and unexplained water-related disturbances. Caretakers have reported doors slamming, a feelings of being watched, and heavy footsteps echoing through empty corridors. Investigators have reported unexplained scratches and marks appearing on their arms after spending time in specific rooms within the three-story building.

The unknown and unexplained interest everyone. Even more so around Halloween each year. Whether you are a believer or not, just tell someone a ghost story in a crowded room and see how people get quiet just to listen to your tales of the haunted and macabre. May you all have a safe and Happy Halloween and release the ghouls.





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Greetings Companion & Sir Knights,

You might be wondering why this month is so heavily influenced by the Knights Templar. Well, it is because we are in the month of October and on the 13th day of this month, the Knights Templar were arrested by King Phillip the Fair. So, that is the connection and significance behind that thought process of this issue. Well, partially. The other thought is that of Halloween. We love Halloween!!! Okay, I love Halloween and since I am the driving force behind this issue, I am taking full advantage of the love of the season and holiday. Spooks, ghost, goblins, and all the spooky of the world come together on this one date, October 31st.

Thus, we at the Beacon have taken full advantage of the season. We have searched the world and found some more haunted lodges this year. On the outside, it does not seem so bad, but try living there and you will find a new respect for these haunted locations.

Freemasonry has been around for a minute or two and our fraternity can be tracked back to the 1700s. So with that much history, I am sure that there are a few stories out there of ghostly tails that have not been told yet. We at the Beacon would love to hear them. If so inclined, just shoot us an e-mail of your tails for future issues to come. It might be fun and interesting to hear and share.

Additional to this issue we will once again examine the end of the Knights Temple by the King of France and the Catholic Church. It is a bloody and sad part of our history, but an important one. One should never forget what man is willing to do to his fell man out of greed and desire.

As you can see, we have returned the calendar to the magazine after numerous requests. This come with a warning though. We cannot stay current to everything that is going on in Freemasonry. It

changes daily, and we will not pretend to be the keeper of schedules. In the title, we have the date of when this calendar was added to the magazine. After that date, it cannot be claimed to be correct. We get all our information from the Missouri Grand York Rite Website. If you want the correct, most current information, we suggest you go there. A hyperlink has been added to the title of this page to direct you to the webpage.

A few things to keep in mind that are in this issue:

- Coin sales for the Grand Officers.
- Links to various online Masonic Magazines
- Link to Palmyra Chapter Historic Chapter membership.
- Link to Chapter, Council, and Commandery locators in Missouri.
- Missouri Grand York Rite Alaskan Cruise.
- Grand Charities explanation and links.
- Grand Encampment's 70th Annual Triennial
- Washington Lodge Annual Haunted House.

As you can see, there is numerous fabulous thing happening in York Rite Freemasonry. If you look hard enough, you could find something happening every night throughout the State of Missouri. Look them up and go have some fun with your fellow Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights. I know that they would enjoy your company and you will have a fun time as well.

Well until next time, we hope that you all stay healthy, wealthy, and wise. That God's Blessings shine down on you and your families. And we will all be seeing you all down that haunted dusty trail.

Peace be with you all,

Editor

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



October carries a special significance to the Knights Templar. It was the beginning of the end of this great group of men. Created by the Church and destroyed by the Pope under the orders of the King of France. So, in remembrance of these honorable men who were dedicated to God and their fellow man, we dedicate this article to you. Rest well and know that we carry the love of God and our fellow man on for you.

The stories of the Knights Templar are many, but the outcome is the same. Their downfall was not of their doing, but that of King Philip IV of France. At the time (1306-1307), France was heavily in debt due to its extravagant policies and military losses. Philip had approached the Templars for a loan but was denied. This infuriated the King and this became the beginning of the end of the Knights Templar. The Templars, having lost the Temple of Solomon to the Mamluk Sultanate, only a decade earlier, were in a campaign to try and get it back. Grand Master Jacques de Molay, the Templar's last Grand Master, was touring the nations of Europe, in an attempt to

gain support for another attack to regain control of the Temple.



Philip IV
(1268–1314)

To understand how this all came to be, we must understand the people and circumstances of the time. Pope Clement V was elected in June of 1305 after an 11-month conclave in Perugia, Italy. Through political influence and maneuvering of King Philip, French Archbishop of Bordeaux, Bertrand de Got, was finally elected Pope and took the name of Clement V. In an unprecedented move, King Philip had Bertrand coronated Pope in Lyon, France, in a move to show his power.

Using that newly found influence, King Philip, with the support of the Church, raided numerous Templar locations and arrested many of their Order. This included their Grand Master Jacques de Molay, all done on Friday, October 13, 1307. (Thus, the unluck Friday the 13th was formed) These arrests were made simultaneously, and this surprise led to

the prevention of word spreading to the other Templars for possible escape.



Pope Clement V

The members of the Order were accused of serious offences. Including heresy, blasphemy, idolatry, homosexual practices, and financial corruption. These accusations were contrived to gain public opinion against the order and secure ecclesiastical approval.

Pope Clement V was initially reluctant to take action against the Templars, as they were directly subordinate to the Church and had been loyal for centuries. However, under the strong influence of Philip IV and his threats, Clement felt compelled to act. In November 1307, he issued the papal bull *Pastoralis praeeminentiae*, which ordered the arrest of the Templars throughout Europe. In the following years, ecclesiastical and royal investigations took place in various countries to examine the accusations against the order. While some countries, such as England and Portugal, treated the Templars less harshly, the procedure in France was particularly rigorous, as Philip had control over the trials there.

In 1312, the Order of the Knights Templar was officially dissolved by the papal bull *Vox in excelso*. This decision was made during the Council of Vienne, where the accusations against the Templars were discussed. Although many of the accusations

could not be clearly proven, Clement decided in favor of Philip and dissolved the order for political reasons. The Templars' enormous fortune was officially transferred to the Order of St. John, but much of it ended up in the hands of secular rulers, particularly in France.



Soon after, in 1307, the Pope sent two cardinals to interview Jacques de Molay and Hugues de Pairaud. At that time, they recanted their confessions and told the other Templars to do the same.

Of the various trials held in France, the first, and one of the larger trials, ran from 19 October to 24 November 1307, and was held in Paris. A total of 138 prisoners gave a full testimony, and almost all admitted guilt to one or more charges. Since torture was used to elicit these confessions, the reliability of their testimony before this and other inquisitional tribunals remain questionable. What is known is these earlier confessions contradicted later testimony before the 1310 papal commissions in Paris. Another important trial that was held at Poitiers between 28 June and 2 July 1308 where at least 54 Templars testified before the pope and his commission of cardinals. Here too a considerable number of defendants confessed to one or more of the charges. When asked if their statements were freely given many said that, while they had been tortured or threatened, restricted to bread and water and other forms of harsh treatments had been imposed on

them, their confessions were not the result of any torture. But in 1310 at least three said they had lied in front of the Pope and now wished to defend the order.

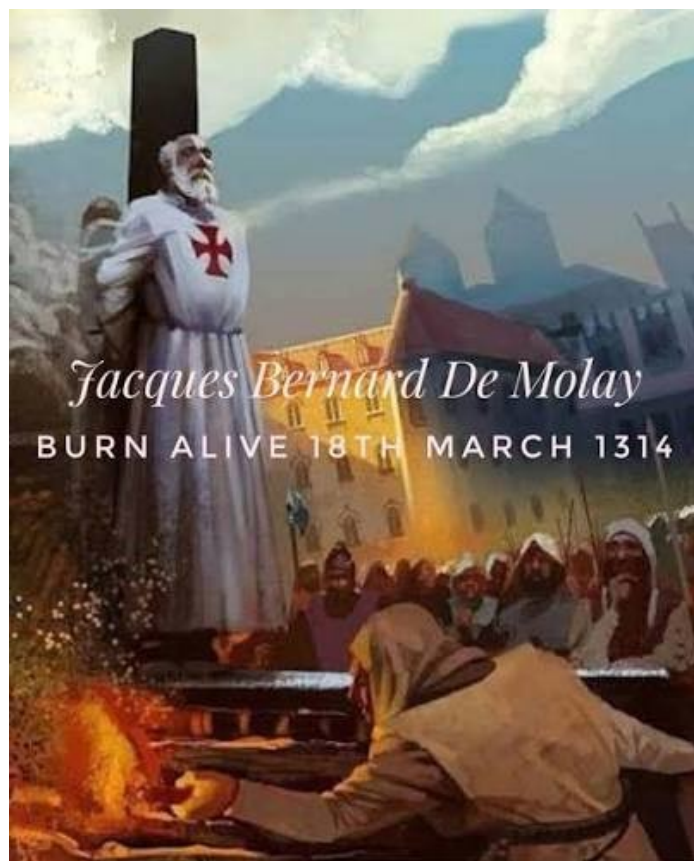
Templar Peter (Pierre) of Bologna was trained as a canon lawyer and was the Templar representative to the papal court in Rome. On 23 April 1310, Peter, with others, went before the commission and demanded what amounts to full disclosure of their accusers and all the information and evidence gathered in the case. They also requested a ban on witnesses conversing with one another, and that all proceedings should be kept secret until they were sent to the Pope.

In May 1310, the Archbishop of Sens, Philippe de Marigny, took over the trial of the Templars from the original commission. De Marigny conducted the proceedings against the Templars until his death in 1316. Pope Clement V interceded and directed that actual trials take place; however, Philip sought to thwart this effort, and had several Templars burned at the stake as heretics to prevent their participation in the trials. Two days after this change, 54 Templars were burned outside of Paris. When the papal commission met on 3 November 1310, they found the Templars had no defenders and adjourned until 27 December. At this time the prisoners insisted that Peter de Bologna and Renaud de Provins again defend them but were told the two priests had appeared before the commission of the Archbishop of Sens and that both de Provins and de Bologna were found guilty and had been imprisoned. Peter de Bologna, however, had managed to escape his confinement.

Eventually King Philip's Inquisitors succeeded in making Jacques de Molay confess to the charges. On 18 March 1314, de Molay and de Charney recanted their confessions, stating they were innocent of the charges, and they were only guilty of betraying their Order by confessing under duress to something they had not done. They were immediately found guilty of being relapsed heretics, for which the punishment was death. This effectively silenced the other Templars. Philip continued to pressure and threaten the Pope to officially disband the Order, and things came to a dramatic end in 1314 with the public

execution by burning of leader Jacques de Molay and Geoffroi de Charney.

After commissions of the Council of Vienne had reviewed all documents regarding the Templars, on 22 March 1312, Clement V issued the Papal bull *Vox in excelso* suppressing the Order of the Templars. In May 1312 by the bull *Ad Providam* he provided that all assets of the Order of the Temple were to be given to Knights Hospitaller, to maintain the original purposes of the gifts to aid the Holy Land. It further made a distinction between Templars who remained unrepentant and those not found guilty of any crimes or who had been reconciled to the Church. Philip IV, however, confiscated a huge sum from them in "compensation" for the "costs" of the proceedings against the Templars. Also, in England, where inventories were made of Templar lands and assets, the papal order had no immediate effect. There were so many delays and stalls in handing over these lands that even as late as 1338 the Hospitallers had only nominal control of former Templar lands.





HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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.

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.



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.

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

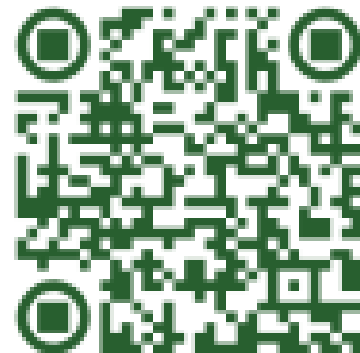
The Knights Templar Educational Foundation provides scholarship funds to High School students through accredited technical school/college/university post graduate program students. These scholarships may be renewable but reapplication for such is required annually.

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.



Upcoming Events

*Current as of September 28, 2026, off of Grand York Rite Calendar
If current events is needed, please visit Grand York Rite Event page.*

October 2026

- Friday, October 16, 2026 to Saturday, October 17, 2026:** Scottish Rite Reunion-Valley of St. Louis
- Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm:** Grand Council Officers Meeting, by Invitation Only.
- Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm:** Grand High Priest's Official Visit to Wilson Chapter No. 75.
Excelsior Lodge, Jackson, Missouri.
- Friday, October 23, 2026– Saturday, October, 24, 2026:** Scottish Rite Reunion-Valley of Joplin,
- Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 9:00 am:** Grand Council of Instruction, Acacia Twilight Lodge Columbia, Missouri.
- Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.:** Grand Commandery Officer & RGC Zoom Meeting. By Invitation Only.
- Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:** Royal Mater Degree Conferral-Zabud Council No. 25, Springfield Masonic York Rite Temple
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm:** Grand Masters Official Visit to Hiram Council No. 1, Masonic Center of St. Louis, Missouri.
- Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm:** Allied Masonic Degrees—Mid-Missouri Council No. 291/
- Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 9:00 am:** Appendant Body Day-Springfield Masonic York Rite Temple.
- Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 8:30 p.m.:** York Rite Sovereign College—Bruce Harmon Hunt No. 162, Abigail-Freedom Masonic Temple
- Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.:** Knight Masons—Limerick Council No. 88, Abigail-Freedom Masonic Temple

November 2026

- Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.:** Grand High Priest's Official Visit to Kansas City Chapter No. 28, Ivanhoe Masonic Temple
- Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.:** Most Excellent Master Degree Conferral—Springfield Chapter No. 15.
- Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.:** Royal Arch Chapter and Cryptic Council Degree Conferral—Region 5, Webster Groves Masonic Temple
- Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 12:30 a.m.:** HRAKTP—Our Lords Tabernacle LIV, Lunch at 12:30 p.m. and meeting at 2:00 p.m. at Buckner Masonic Temple
- Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.:** HRAKTP—Lord of Lords Tabernacle LI, Jefferson City Masonic Center
- Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.:** Red Cross of Constantine—St. Chrysostom Conclave, Jefferson City Masonic Temple.
- Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.:** Grand Council—Region 5 School of Instruction, Moolah Shrine Temple.
- Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.:** Grand Chapter Line Officers Meeting—By Invitation onley
- Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.:** Grand High Priests Official Visit to Columbia Chapter No. 17
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.:** Royal Arch Degree Conferral—Lebanon Chapter No. 64
- Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.:** Yeomen of York—Columbia Preceptory, Columbia Masonic Temple.
- Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.:** Red Cross of Constantine — St. Christopher, Springfield Masonic Temple



Grand Encampment



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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.

Past Grand High Priests:

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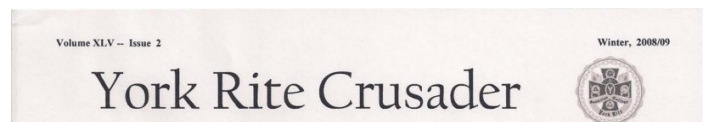
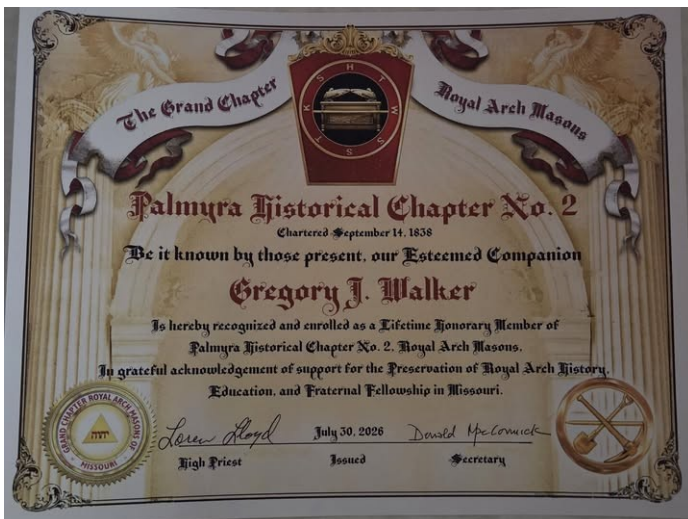
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2026-2027

MEC James E McManigle Grand High Priest Coin



2026-2027

MIC Taz A. Meyer Grand Master Coin



2026-2027

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Right Eminent Grand Commander Coin 2024-2025

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