



### *Royal Arch Charities*

#### **GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI FOUNDATION**

In 1943, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri received a gift from Walter J. Bublitz of Kansas City, Grand High Priest 1940-1941, to establish the Walter J. Bublitz Educational Fund, the proceeds of that fund to be used for charitable purposes.

April 28, 1965, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri Foundation was created as a successor of the Bublitz Foundation Fund, the income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts.

Since that time, the proceeds of this endowment have been used to make charitable donations to just about every conceivable charity around the world. Today, as in most recent years, 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.

Chapters are encouraged to have fund raisers to generate money for this fund.

#### **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE (RARA)**

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri's primary charity is Royal Arch Research Assistance, a philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International. This charity supports the Able Kids Foundation ([www.ablekidsfoundation.org](http://www.ablekidsfoundation.org)), a nonprofit organizations that partners with local, national, and international organizations and corporations to provide educational, research, service, and assistive devices that eliminate barriers and expand opportunities for individuals with central auditory processing (CAP) disabilities.

Chapter Secretaries are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 (a penny-a-day) towards RARA. For making this donation, the Secretary is to affix a "Penny-a-Day" RARA sticker to each contributor's dues card. Chapters and officers are encouraged to generate at least one dollar per member per year by having fund raisers and soliciting donations for RARA.



### *Cryptic Charities*

#### **THE GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND (CEF)**

The Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund was established by appointment of Most Illustrious Companion Lawrence R. Albright, II, newly installed Grand Master at the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, April 30, 1993.

Its purpose is endowing a fund to provide income for disbursement by the Grand Master for charitable purposes. Contributions have been annual made 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.

The first gift in establishing this fund was from Zabud Council No. 25, R&SM, Springfield, in honor of its member, Grand Master Lawrence R. Albright, II.

At the request of MIC Albright, the Charity Endowment Fund was made a memorial to the late MIC Bruce Harmon Hunt. By unanimous consent of the grand officers and the ratification of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly, May 8, 1998, the fund has become a living memorial to a great Missouri Freemason.

Council Recorders are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 (a penny-a-day) towards CMMR. For making this donation, the Recorder is to affix a "Penny-a-Day" CEF sticker to each contributor's dues card.

#### **CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CMMRF)**

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) was incorporated in the state of Oklahoma, March 6, 1986.

The Foundation funds research at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. Through this research, we hope the causes and eventually a cure will be found for atherosclerosis and its complications. Education is playing an important part in saving lives. More people are engaging in practical exercises, following recommended diets, refraining from smoking, learning to deal properly with stress and in general taking better care of themselves. We urge you to see a Doctor, if you are suffering from prolonged heavy squeezing pain in the chest, shortness of breath with nausea, radiating pain in the neck, shoulder or back or unexpected dizziness.

Angioplasty is also saving lives; however, 1/3 of these procedures have to be done again when the condition recurs. Dr. March, who is supervising our research, now has 40 patents. Two of the patents deal with administering medicine via a special made catheter directly to the damaged area. They hope that these inventions will prevent re-narrowing of the arteries after angioplasty. Dr. March is now experimenting with placing the medicine directly into the Pericardial Sac, as well as many other experiments.

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



### *Templar Charities*

#### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION (KTEF)**

The mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is to provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eye. This includes the correction of strabismus (cross-eyes) in children up to the age of 16 years.

Funds for the operation of the Eye Foundation are obtained in part from an annual assessment of each Knight Templar, contributions made by Masons from throughout the Masonic Family, fund-raising activities, memorials, wills and bequests, donations from endowment funds or similar sources. Special award programs for contributions include the Grand Master's Sword of Merit (\$25,000), Golden Chalice (\$10,000), Grand Master's Club (\$1,000), Grand Commander's Club (\$1,000 in \$100 annual installments), Patron Certificate (\$100), Associate Patron Certificate (\$50), and Life Sponsor (\$30). Those who are designated as a Life Sponsor or above are relieved from the annual assessment.

Since 1956, over \$98 million has been spent on approved cases, and applications have been received from 80,000 people. Research Grants totaling in excess of \$9.2 million have been awarded to researchers working in the fields of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Genetics.

Application for assistance from the Foundation can be made through a Knight Templar who is a member of one of over 1,200 Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Encampment.

Information is available from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I, Schaumburg, IL 60173, Phone (847) 490-3838; Fax (847) 490-3777.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is a co-sponsor of the Seniors EyeCare Program (formally known as the National Eye Care Project) with EyeCare America, a Public Service Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The Seniors EyeCare Program helps those persons 65 years or over who do not have an Ophthalmologist. Anyone wishing to contact the Seniors EyeCare Program may do so by calling 1-800-222-EYES and telling them you were referred by a Knight Templar.

#### **MISSOURI 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 EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, provides financial assistance in the way of low cost student loans to college juniors and seniors, as well as trade school students.

#### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND**

The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage 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 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*

#### **ANNUAL GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The annual golf tournament was started in 1995 by several Missouri York Rite members as a fun event held in conjunction with the Grand York Rite Annual Sessions. It is a means whereby anyone (public included) may play golf, sponsor a hole, sponsor prizes, or just come out and have fun riding around, the proceeds of which are split equally between the charities of presiding grand officers' choosing, generally RARA, CMMRF, and KTEF.

#### **GRAND YORK RITE OF MISSOURI PROGRAM BOOK**

This fund raiser is used to help offset the expenses of the annual Grand York Rite Sessions. Any person, business, or organization may sponsor an ad in the book. Generally, the program book raises upwards of \$2,000.00 per year, helping to keep annual grand budgets and per capita down.

#### **MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies should sincerely consider making memorial contributions to an appropriate York Rite charity for their deceased members. Contributions generally range from \$10 to \$25, 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 are to 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. Note on checks the specific charity on the FOR or MEMO line. Missouri Secretaries and Recorders may 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.

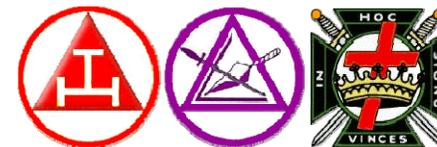


### *Charities of the Missouri York Rite of Freemasonry*

Next to a belief in Deity, Charity lies at the Foundation of Freemasonry.

Herein are described the charities of the York Rite of Freemasonry in Missouri. You need not be a member of the York Rite or Freemasonry to make charitable donations to any Masonic charity. We welcome 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.



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