

York Rite Membership Inquiry

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LODGE NAME & NUMBER: _____

CITY _____

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IF ACCEPTED I AGREE TO CONFORM TO THE
ANCIENT USAGES AND CUSTOMS OF THIS
CHRISTIAN FRATERNITY AND ITS PREREQUISITE
BODIES.

SIGNED: _____

DATE ____ / ____ / ____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____



Charity

Like most Masonic groups our members love charity. We operate three primary charities. The largest is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation dedicated to the elimination of blindness. Another charity sends clergy on intense educational tours of the Holy Land, while a third program provides scholarships. The space here isn't adequate to describe the incredible things being done by these programs but more information can be found on our websites.



The Holy Land Pilgrimage

sends credentialed Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical/cultural immersion experience who would not otherwise have the opportunity.
http://www.kemerley.com/Freemasonry/KT/HLP/Holy_Land_Pilgrimage_INTRO.htm



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation

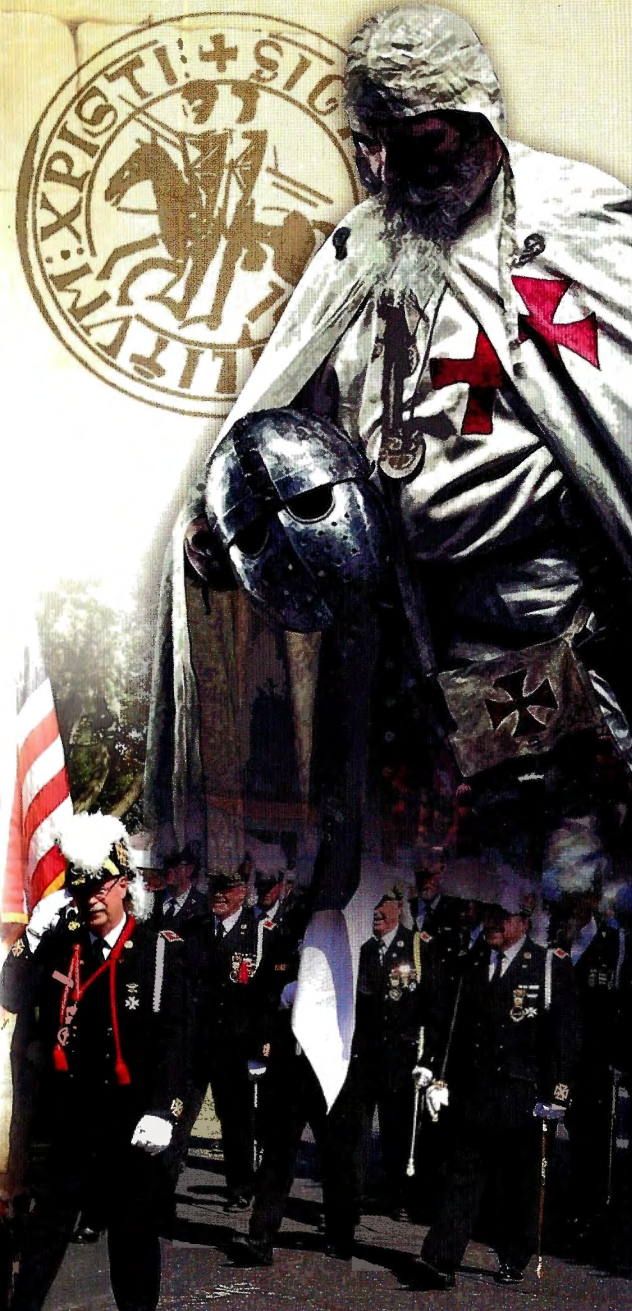
designs and funds programs to fulfill its mission "to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care."
www.knightstemplar.org/ktef/



The Knights Templar Educational Foundation

provides financial assistance to students who meet the required qualifications, which may vary from state to state.
www.knightstemplar.org/KTEdF.pdf

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WWW.KNIGHTSTEMPLAR.ORG

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Who are the Knights Templar?

The Knights Templar were formed in the year 1118 as a crusading order mainly engaged in escorting pilgrims to the Holy Land. They became and remained immensely powerful until their sudden and dramatic official end in 1307-1314.

Since the 1780s, the Masonic Knights Templar has memorialized the comradery, commitment and pious faith of those Templars.

The Masonic Connection.

Our Knights Templar is part of the Fraternity of Freemasons, the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. While the Masonic Lodge and its degrees are fundamental and central to all of Freemasonry, many desire to enhance that experience by also becoming a Knights Templar. We are a part of the system known as the York Rite of Freemasonry. Membership is limited to those who profess a faith in Christianity and are members of a Masonic Lodge and other bodies in the York Rite system.



Grand Encampment Knights Templar

Knights Templar join and are members of a local Commandery. Commanderies of a region, usually a state, are governed by a Grand Commandery which in turn is governed by The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. All members of the more than 20 countries in the Grand Encampment use the same ritual and are equal members.

Do members wear uniforms?

Yes, Templary is the only uniformed body in Freemasonry. Though the uniforms may differ from state to state, the uniform is an unmistakable part of Templary.

Activities

The activities of our Order vary as significantly as the imagination of our members in local Commanderies. Activities also occur at international, regional, state and in local areas. Commanderies interact with each other more than typical Masonic Lodges and it is common for Commanderies to work together on a variety of events.

This broadens the spirit of Fraternity far beyond a single local group.

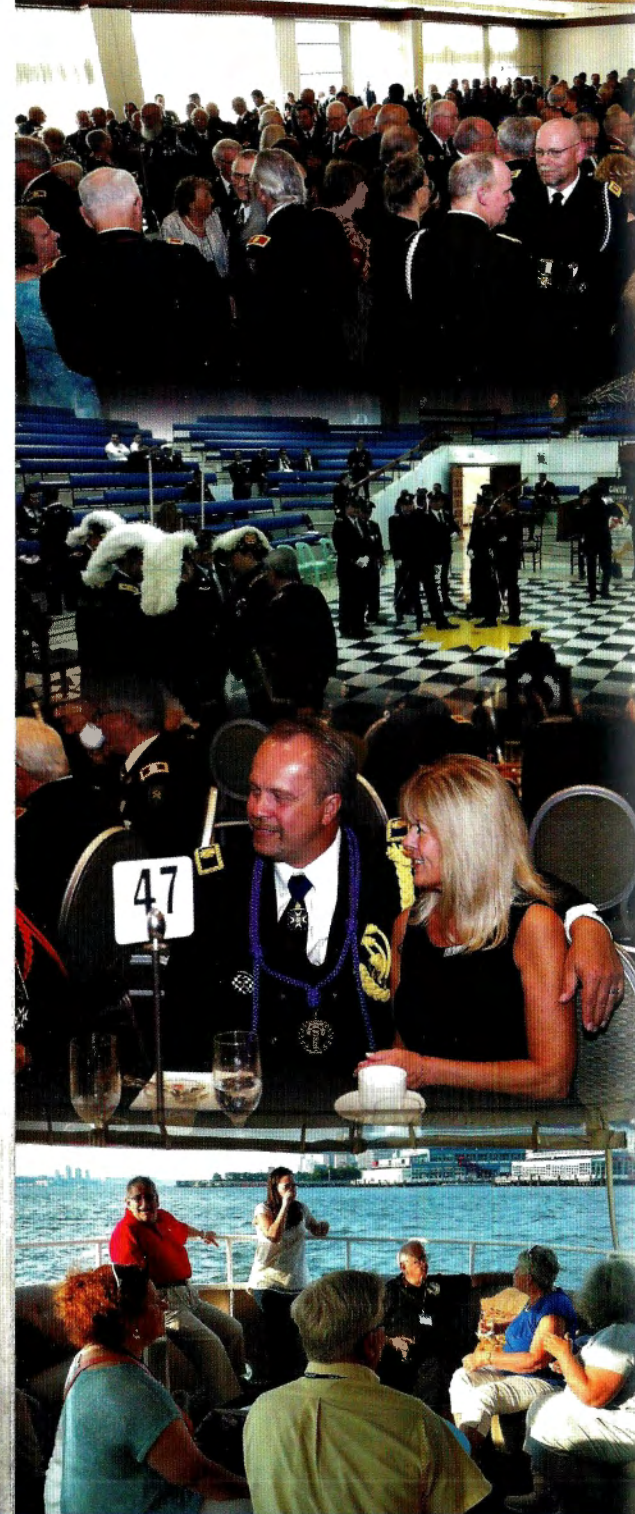


The Chivalric Orders

ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS—The first order conferred in the chivalric system is the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the story contained within predates the era of the Crusades. The candidate represents Zerubbabel who is well familiar to the Royal Arch Mason (a requirement for admission) at the time of King Darius. Zerubbabel visits the king in order to convince him of his commitment to the Jewish people and in the process is asked to take part in a debate over which has greatest sway in the kingdom - wine, women or the king. The end result of the debate being the candidate offering a fourth option and an excellent argument is made on the power of Truth.

ORDER OF MALTA—This is the first of the Christian Orders contained in the Chivalric system and relates the story of St. Paul's arrival on the island of Melita which we know today as Malta. In the next portion of the Order the history of the Knights of St. John (Knights of Malta) is explained and the periods of the Order's history are paralleled with the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—Many consider the Order of the Temple the most beautiful in the series. During the ceremonies the candidate represents a knight of the era that succeeded the Crusades and vowed to visit the Holy Sepulcher. As a trial of his worthiness he is assigned seven years of preparation. At the end of this preparation he is made a Knight and a member of the Order. The ritual teaches beautiful lessons on the death and ascension of our Savior and the candidate is at last received into full fellowship in the most solemn manner. Unlike most branches of Freemasonry, wherein the Candidate need not follow a particular faith, the Chivalric Orders of Masonry require a belief in Christianity.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PATH TO BECOMING A KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ONLINE AT WWW.KNIGHTSTEMPLAR.ORG