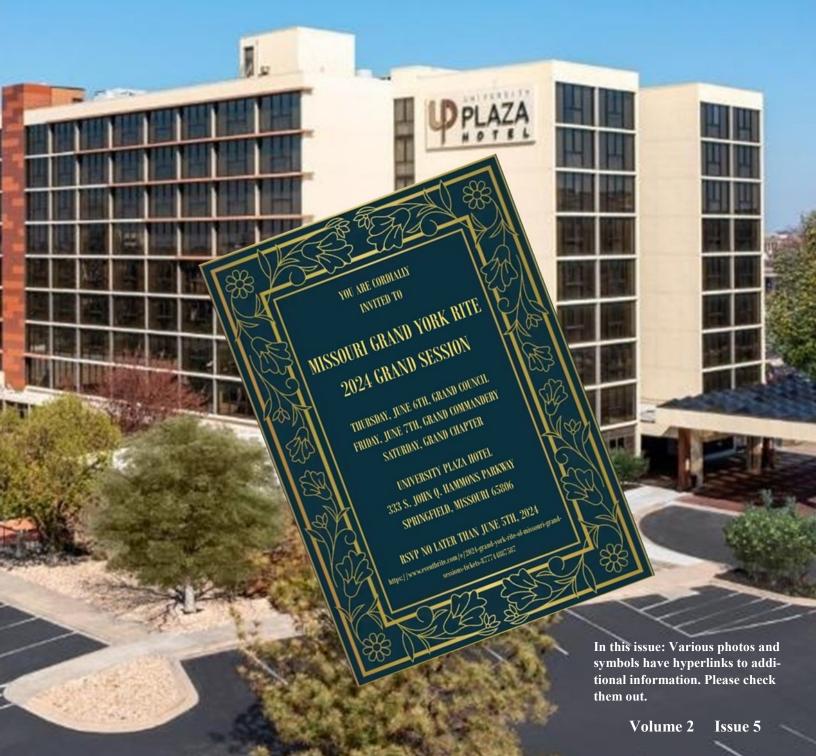


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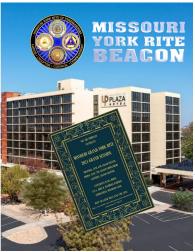
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A Message from the Grand High Priest

MEC Mark A. Bean Grand High Priest



My Companions,

As the sun sets on my time serving you in this Office, I reflect on how it is I came to be here. I never sought to be in this position, in fact I did my best to avoid it. However, MEC Loren Lloyd saw something else though, and with the help of my Lady Margaret, here I am.

I have tried to do my best to be a servant leader for you: The Grand Chapter of Missouri. Serving you with the dignity and Honor you all deserve. As I prepare to leave this Office, I know we will all be in good hands with the Officers that are coming up to lead us forward into the future.

However, I will not be fading into the sunset, I will continue to serve our gentle craft however, and wherever, I may be needed. What we do for ourselves dies with us, what we do for others is eternal.

Stay safe and keep the Faith,

MEC Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri



Message from the Grand Master

MIC Dr. Paul L. Daniels Most Illustrious Grand Master

Companions,



It is hard to believe that the York Rite Masonic year is coming to a close. As with many Masonic offices it seems that once you get the hang of it, it's over. It has been a great year. I was able to do many things I like such as travel to new places, meet new people and do new things. I wish to thank MIC Joseph Elsen for appointing me to the Grand Council line and the Companions for their vote of confidence. I hope that I have served you well.

It has been an outright pleasure and very beneficial to serve with my other two Amigos Grand High Priest Mark A. Bean and Grand Commander Kevin B. Sample. It has been helpful for us all to work together for the ultimate benefit of York Rite Masonry in Missouri. As I have said before, we all need to co-exist and support each other. Structurally, if something needs to be changed in one body, it probably needs to be changed in the others as well. Yes, there are three separate bodies but collectively we are the York Rite and we need to stand together. The Three Amigos have traveled a great deal within Missouri but also represented Missouri in the South Central States and at the Triennial last year. It has been an honor to ride with my Amigos this year. We have definitely had a lot of fun!

One of the new developments for this year was the Missouri York Rite Beacon. The Publications Committee has done an excellent job in producing a quality publication. We should all be proud of their work. A special thanks to VEC Larry Wilson for his hard work and dedication which was much appreciated. Thank you to all the contributors as well.

The Grand Sessions are rapidly approaching. I want to emphasize to the Companions that the Grand Session is our annual business meeting, but it is also a celebration. It is a celebration of Missouri York Rite. We have several fun activities planned for all, so come and help us celebrate! For those of you who have not been traveling like I have, this is a good time to see other Companions throughout the State that you don't see very often, renew friendships, network, and make new friends as well. I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

Thank you to the Companions who offered support and guidance this year. It was much appreciated. Fraternally,

Dr. Paul L. Daniels



Message from the Grand Commander

SK Kevin B. Sample Right Eminent Grand Commander



How does one wrap up in a few words one's thoughts of a lifetime of appreciation and not sound like a blubbering fool? First, I would not be here at all without the respect and appreciation I had for my father, Sir Knight Kenneth Gerald Sample, Sr., Past Regional Grand Commander, Region 6. It was he who I always looked up to and wanted to impress. It was he who taught me to do something right or don't do it at all. It was he who taught me to lead, follow, or get out of the way. I have endeavored to live up to those key attributes my whole life. And, it was he who recommended me to the Grand Commandery leadership all those years ago. We fought like two alpha dogs in the same pen, but I miss him every day and I regret he could not see the fruits of his labors. I hope he would have been proud of his number ten son.

It has been said by many in Freemasonry that we stand on the shoulders of giants. In this fraternity, I have been so lucky and honored to know many Masonic giants over the many years. They are too numerous to mention but they read like a Who's Who of Missouri Freemasonry. However, as long I may live I will continue to strive to be worthy of the confidence they had in me.

As I told the Deputy Grand Commander on several occasions, my desire coming into this office this year was to not break anything. I hope that I have brought honor to the Sir Knights of Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 and St. Graal Commandery No. 12, but more especially to our Grand Commandery, and possibly made a positive contribution. Thank you for all you have done for me.

This year would have been so much less for me personally without the partnership and true friendship of Sir Knights Mark A. Bean, Grand High Priest, and Paul L. Daniels, Grand Master. I could not have asked for two more outstanding men and Masons to work with this year. Our drive this year was for York Rite Unity and I believe we have risen to that challenge – in reducing the number of suspensions, the establishment of the new Missouri York Rite Beacon joint publication, supporting the Grand Master's Invitational candidates in the Chapter, our work in assisting in the development of new investment policies, and generally supporting the Chapters, Councils and Commanderies in the State together to help make them more successful. For these reasons, I believe the State of Templary in Missouri is solid. We will always have opportunities for improvement, but the passions of all of our officers are high and the dedication to our craft is unrelenting. To all the Sir Knights of Missouri, thank you so much for what you do, keep the faith.

To the Grand Line Officers, Regional Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders, and all committee members, no man is an island. I am very much aware of and truly recognize my deficiencies. I could not be Grand Commander and would not have been even remotely successful without each and every one of you. Thank you for your dedication to Missouri Templary and your support of me personally. It has been an honor to serve with all of you. Thank you for your service.



2024 Missouri GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS



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THURSDAY
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Harry S. Truman

33rd President of the United States of America The White House

https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/harry-s-truman/



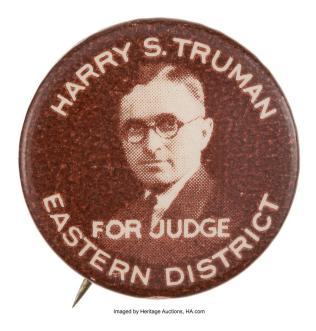
During his few weeks as Vice President, Harry S. Truman scarcely saw President Roosevelt, and received no briefing on the development of the atomic bomb or the unfolding difficulties with Soviet Russia. Suddenly these and a host of other wartime problems became Truman's to solve when, on April 12, 1945, he became President. He told reporters, "I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me."

Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri, in 1884. He grew up in Independence, and for 12 years prospered as a Missouri farmer.



He went to France during World War I as a captain in the Field Artillery. Returning, he married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace, and opened a haberdashery in Kansas City.

Active in the Democratic Party, Truman was elected a judge of the Jackson County Court (an administrative position) in 1922. He became a Senator in



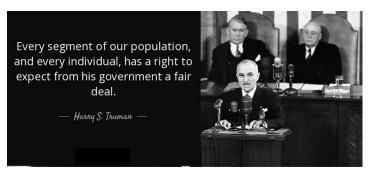
1934. During World War II he headed the Senate war investigating committee, checking into waste and corruption and saving perhaps as much as 15 billion dollars.



As President, Truman made some of the most crucial decisions in history. Soon after V-E Day, the war against Japan had reached its final stage. An urgent plea to Japan to surrender was rejected. Truman, after consultations with his advisers, ordered atomic bombs dropped on cities devoted to war work. Two were Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japanese surrender quickly followed.

In June 1945 Truman witnessed the signing of the charter of the United Nations, hopefully established to preserve peace.

Thus far, he had followed his predecessor's policies, but he soon developed his own. He presented to Congress a 21-point program, proposing the expansion of Social Security, a full-employment program, a permanent Fair Employment Practices Act, and public housing and slum clearance. The program, Truman wrote, "symbolizes for me my assumption of the office of President in my own right." It became known as the Fair Deal.



Dangers and crises marked the foreign scene as Truman campaigned successfully in 1948. In foreign affairs he was already providing his most effective leadership.

In 1947 as the Soviet Union pressured Turkey and, through guerrillas, threatened to take over Greece, he asked Congress to aid the two countries, enunciating the program that bears his name—the Truman Doctrine. The Marshall Plan, named for his Secretary of State, stimulated spectacular economic recovery in war-torn western Europe.

When the Russians blockaded the western sectors of Berlin in 1948, Truman created a massive airlift to supply Berliners until the Russians backed down.

Meanwhile, he was negotiating a military alliance to



protect Western nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, established in 1949.

In June 1950, when the Communist government of North Korea attacked South Korea, Truman conferred promptly with his military advisers. There was, he wrote, "complete, almost unspoken acceptance on the part of everyone that whatever had to be done to meet this aggression had to be done. There was no suggestion from anyone that either the United Nations or the United States could back away from it."

A long, discouraging struggle ensued as U.N. forces held a line above the old boundary of South Korea. Truman kept the war a limited one, rather than risk a major conflict with China and perhaps Russia.

Deciding not to run again, he retired to Independence; at age 88, he died December 26, 1972, after a stubborn fight for life.







A 2024-2025 Regional Officer Training Day was held in Columbia, MO on Saturday April 27, 2024. The presumptive incoming heads - Mike Dodd, Matt Ruth and Bobbie White organized a training conference to set expectations, providing needed information, garnishing Rite Masons feedback and input from their Regional Officers.



Oriental Commandery No. 35, Shekinah Council No. 24 & Orient Chapter No. 102 held their 2024-2025 Officer Installation last night at 903 Harrison Street York Rite Masons







Most Illustrious Companion Paul L. Daniels makes his official visit to Centralia Council No. 34. He also ran into a couple of characters he knew...



Region 2 Table Chapter



Grand Commander's Official Visit to Lebanon Commandery No. 33. True Knightly virtues down here. So proud of these guys.



Official Visit to Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67, my home. What an enjoyable evening and visit.



Great couple of days at the Grand Master's Dinner where we got to see Clifton Daniel, grandson of MWB Harry S Truman perform his one-man show about his grandfather. He then spoke again at this morning's

Grand Master's Breakfast. Of course it was great to see so many old friends also.



A fantatic evening celebrating the Installation of Officers at St Charles-Missouri Chapter No. 1.



24 New Companions and Sir Knights from the Independence York Rite Festival. Outstanding work!



Ely Commandery No. 22 K.T. Collects Food for Local Salvation Army



S.K. David D. Goring, Eminent Commander of Ely Commandery No. 22 K.T., delivered the food collected as part of the Commandery's annual Easter Sunrise Service to Lt. Christopher Rutledge-Clark of the Salvation Army Kirksville the morning of May 1st, 2024 A.D. | 906 A.O. These donations will help fight hunger in our community. Pictured are Lt. Rutledge-Clark (left) and S.K. Goring (right). A sincere "job well done" to all Sir Knights who donated!

Royal Arch Veteran's Award Recipients



On Monday, May 6, 2024, at the regular convocation of Rolla Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons, Excellent Companion Allen Ward presented Veteran's Service Medals to:

- Comp Brian Nelson
- Comp John Seman
- EC Gary Woodruff, PHP

Congrats Companions, & thank you for your service to God, your country, and your fellow man!





2024 Grand Commandery Drill Competition

The 2024 Grand Commandery Drill Competition was held on April 20, 2024 in Columbia, MO. A fun day - thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to all the Drill Teams!

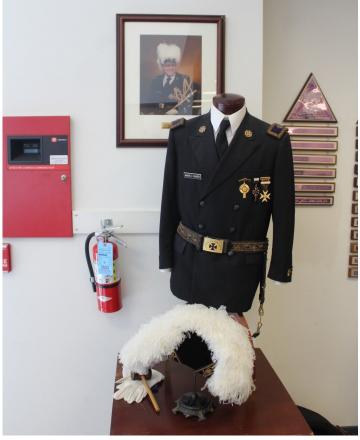












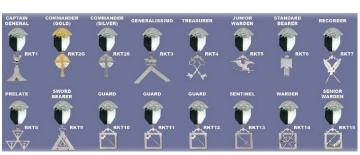
















Knight's Templar Eye Foundation Site Visit

On April 15, 2024, several officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri were invited to visit the Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences Research Facilities of Dr. Chi Sun, Ph.D and his staff. Representatives of the Grand Commandery of Missouri in attendance were Sir Knights Kevin B. Sample, Grand Commander; Bobbie E. White, Deputy Grand Commander; Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Captain General; Roger D. Fleer, PGC, Grand Recorder; Glenn B. Parker, Grand Junior Warden; and Donald E. Gilkerson, Assistant Grand Photographer.



Their specific research deals with adjunct biomolecular treatments to enhance gene therapy efficacy for CRX-associated pediatric retinal diseases. During the past year, they have evaluated therapeutics and efficacy of combination therapy at various ages, evaluated visual functions of treated animals at various ages, and determined cellular responses to combination therapy at various ages. Their future research goals are to

understand (1) Why do treated photoreceptors recover from the damage? (2) How can treatment effects be improved further? And (3) If the research outcome can be translated into clinical trials?



We were very excited to tour the labs and research areas of this team, meet the staff, and invited to an educational presentation on the work being accomplished by this outstanding team. Special thanks to Donna Mackay, Ph.D, Senior Research Administrator for helping to make the visit arrangements.

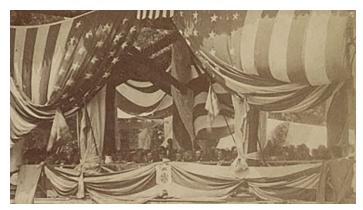




Celebrating America's Freedoms

The Origins of Memorial Day

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/memday.pdf



Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning- draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim To Be First

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women

placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well. Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Official Birthplace Declared

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community - wide or one-time events. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.





Some States Have Confederate Observances

Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance...Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today's observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small



American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."



To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."



Grand Officers Coins for Sale

The Grand York Rite has numerous items for sale. One of which is the Grand Officers coins. For a small donation of \$20.00 you may obtain their coin or \$60.00 for all three coins through our Grand York Rite Offices (660) 248-5100.





MEC Mark Bean, Grand High Priest Coin 2023-24





MIC Dr. Paul Daniels, Most Illustrious Grand Master Coin 2023-24





SK Kevin B. Sample, Right Eminent Grand Commander Coin 2023-24

These coins are in limited production. So, hurry and purchase one now as they will soon be out of stock. All donations go to the Grand Officer's charity. Thank you for your consideration.



The Missouri Grand York Rite Office is asking for your help

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Debbie Hanson Executive Assistant



Wishing the members of the Grand York Rite a happy and successful session We are rooting for you!!!





Missouri's International Order of the Rainbow for Girls wishes the members and staff of the Grand York Rite of Missouri a grand and wonderful session!!!

The Tribe of Levi

Complied by: MIC Donald MacCormick



The Tribe of Levi in the Bible is part of the 12 tribes of Israel who descended from the family line of Levi, son of Jacob, also known as Israel. In the Abrahamic religions, Jacob, who was the grandson of Abraham, is seen as the patriarchal figure for many Israelites. Abrahamic religions like Islam, Christianity, and Judaism view the descendants of Jacob as an important part of their respective religion's history. Most of the history of the Levites in the Bible is covered in the Old Testament of the Bible, also known as the Torah. According to the Bible, members of the Tribe of Levi mostly served Israel in religious matters but sometimes political matters as well. They were important to Israel because they mostly oversaw the administration of cities and the maintenance of holy sites like temples.

What Is a Levite?

A Levite is a direct descendant of Levi, but there were also certain requirements one had to meet to be classified as a Levite. The Old Testament of the Bible, also known as the Torah in Judaism, states that the original Levites were firstborn sons of the tribe. These boys grew up to be the higher-ranking priests in Israel called Kohanim. Levites wore an agate, a type of colorful stone, to signify what tribe they belonged to.

Kohanim

The Kohanim were an elite group from the tribe of Levi who made up the priest class. They were responsible for the leadership at the Jerusalem Temple, the Israelite building believed to contain the presence of God. The Kohanim oversaw the staff of the temple like cleaners, guards, maintenance crews, and construction workers who were lower-ranked Levites. Kohanims' other responsibilities and traits include:

- Hosting religious ceremonies
- Cannot drink an abundance of wine
- Could not defile their bodies by touching dead bodies
- Only marry certain women
- Wear a strict uniform while in Temple
- Bless the people of Israel during certain ceremonies
- Not allowed to own land or farm

Others

- Other people of the tribe who were not part of the priest class hold a variety of other roles:
- Guarding the temple and guarding other religious locations or assets
- Sing or be a part of the temple choir
- Help relocate, transport, or move religious artifacts
- Construct or maintain holy buildings

Some History and Facts About Levites in the Bible

There are many facts about Levites in the Bible and other ancient documents. The tribe is one of 12 tribes of Israel (Jacob) that were given the land known today as Israel in exchange for their faith in God. Before settling in Israel and before the tribes were organized, the Israelites experienced many trials and triumphs throughout their history.

Origins

Israelites had built a civilization in Canaan, modern-day Israel, during the Iron Age, but it collapsed after the more powerful Assyrian Empire wiped out the strongholds of Israel. Many Israelites, including the Levites, became servants or slaves to stronger empires and civilizations around the region. According to the Torah, many Israelites were sold into slavery to the Egyptians, while other Israelites were spread throughout the Assyrian Empire.

The Exodus

Moses, who is a legendary Levite, was called upon by God to rescue the Israelites from Egypt. The Biblical narrative then describes the timeline of how God assists Moses in rescuing Hebrew people from captivity. When the Egyptian Pharaoh refused to release the people of Israel, God inflicted damage on Egypt with natural disasters and disease. Moses eventually is able to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt and into the Wilderness. This event is known as the Exodus and is recorded in the second book of the Bible. Moses and the Hebrew people wander in the Wilderness for some time before Moses is said to have recorded the Torah to explain everything that happened to the Israelites. Moses also writes out the 12 commandments in which the Jewish people most live in accordance.

Ancient Israel and the Temple

Once the Israelites returned to their ancestral home of Israel, the tribes were once again reorganized. The Levite Tribe became the leaders at the Temple in Jerusalem. The high priests wore the tribe of Levi symbol that was the breastplate of judgment.

Ancient Israel After the Temple

The First Temple in ancient Israel was destroyed when the Assyrians from Babylon destroyed Israel

around 580 BCE. When the Israelites returned to the Holy Land, The Levites were responsible for rebuilding the Second Temple. The Levites also established many other minor holy buildings called synagogues after the Second Temple was constructed. Synagogues are places of worship in Judaism.

The Tribe of Levi: Genealogy and Family Tree

What tribe was Aaron from? Aaron was the greatgrandson of Levi and a prominent member of the Levite tribe. Aaron was also the elder brother of Moses and the Jewish high priest before and during the Exodus. The genealogy of Levites traces its roots back to the line of Aaron and Moses.

Significance and the Tribe of Levi Today

The Tribe of Levi today still plays a significant role in the Jewish religion. Most Levites today have integrated into the communities of other Jewish people and no longer have a high priest status. There are some fundamentalist or traditionalist sects of Judaism that still hold Levites in high regard in religious or ceremonial matters.

There are approximately 500,000 Levites in the world. The data is difficult to track because of the proof needed for lineage. Most of the Levites live in Israel although there are large communities in North America and throughout Europe.

Summary

The Tribe of Levi in the Bible or Torah is part of the 12 tribes of Israel that descended from the family line Levi. Levi was a descendant of Jacob (Israel) who is the son of Isaac, son of Abraham. Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity also hold Levi as a prominent member of their religions. The Levites' history is described in the Old Testament of the Bible or the Torah. The Tribe of Levi were mostly members of the priesthood, the people responsible for the religious leaders of the Jews. The Levite priests, known as Kohanim, were responsible for the leadership at the Jewish Temple, the Israelite building believed to contain the presence of God.

The history of Levites is closely related to the plight and the achievements of the ancient Hebrew people as a whole. The Levites were kicked out of their land through an invasion, enslaved in Egypt, and

then led out of Egypt by the Levite Moses during the Exodus on their return to their homeland. Upon returning to their Holy Land, the Levites set out on reconstructing synagogues, the houses of worship and prayer for the Jews after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. The Tribe of Levi was often represented by a breastplate of judgment that held a specific agate stone that represented the tribal status. Today there are around 500,000 Levites with most of them living in North America or in Israel. Some Levites have integrated into Jewish or other religious communities and no longer hold the status of priests while other traditional communities continue to recognize the elevated status that Levites have had for generations.

Why is the Tribe of Levi so important?

The Tribe of Levi, known as Levites, played an important role in the history and organization of Israel. Levites were mostly responsible for religious matters in Israel and served as priests.

What does the Bible say about Levi?

The Bible explains that Levi was a descendent of Jacob who is known as Israel. Jacob was the grandson of Abraham who is the root patriarch of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

What was the role of the Levites in the Bible?

Levites served as the priests for Israel and looked over the management of the temple or other holy sites. The Levites also assisted Israel in political and educational matters.

Was Moses a Levite?

Moses was a Levite who was critical in leading the Hebrew people out of Egyptian captivity which is recorded in the Exodus. Moses's brother, Aaron, was also a Levite and both were leaders of the Hebrew people on their return to the Holy Land.



The Twelve Tribes of Israel

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MISSOURI'S JOB'S
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The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Congratulate the Grand York Rite of Missouri on a successful year and wishes you all a fun and successful Grand Sessions



Philanthropy of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri & General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

Since its conception in 1974, Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A) has been the world's leading philanthropy dedicated to helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. R.A.R.A., through the contributions of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, supports the Able Kids Foundation.

The Able Kids Foundation is a Colorado-based nonprofit that partners with local, national, and international corporations and organizations to remove barriers for people with disabilities.

The Central Auditory Research Center concentrates on exploring causes and solutions for individuals with central auditory processing disorder (CAPD). Thanks to generous support from the Royal Arch Research Assistance, Inc., a philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, International, audiologists certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and researchers work with the Director, Dr. Joan Burleigh, to develop the next generation of diagnostic tests and effective treatments and technologies.

The Beginning

At the 1972 Triennial meeting in Las Vegas, Most Excellent (M.E.) Edward Selby, Past Grand High Priest (P.G.H.P.) of Ohio and Grand King of the Gen-

eral Grand Royal Arch Chapter International, proposed at the Grand King's meeting that General Grand Chapter should have a unique and unified Philanthropy, one that would not conflict, detract or duplicate existing charities.

In 1974, the R.A.R.A. was born after extensive investigation. The plans were implemented in 1975 during M.E. Gordon Merrick's term.

How can I help?

If you would like to take part in helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders, share this information with your friends, coworkers, family and your local school system. Your financial contribution will allow you the satisfaction of knowing that this invaluable research and service to humankind will continue for years.

If in Missouri, send your R.A.R.A. contributions to your Chapter Secretary who will forward it to the Grand Secretary. Otherwise, send your R.A.R.A. contributions to the address at the bottom of this page.

Certificates are designed for contributions of \$25.00, \$50.00, and \$100.00. A \$1000.00 contribution receives a very impressive pin with a keystone in the center. Additional contributions of \$500.00 add a small diamond to the pin. Certificates and pins are awarded to both individual donors and donating organizations. Donations are IRS deductible.

Other than the pin, a greater incentive might be that the research you have funded in part might very well have brought a better life to some one who were affected with CAPD, an important learning disability.

Contributions can be sent to:

RARA, MGYR Office 107 S. Williams Street Fayette, MO 65248





CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Science of Growing Muscle and Tissue

Research, through funds provided by CMMRF, has proven that we can grow new muscle for people that have lost muscle tissue. This is great news for victims of trauma, such as our soldiers and injuries from motor vehicle accidents . 3D printers are now developed and can be used to 'print' forms for the repair of muscles, ears, noses, and even blood vessels.

These 3D printers can be used just like an inkjet printer, an extrusion molding device, or even made through laser assisted printers. Once the cellular or other material is printed into the form that they need, they can then place the desired cell structures inside of it where it will start to act like the cells they are replacing.

Think of your child as the 3D printer and thier Legos are the cells. After telling the child what they need to build, the Legos become the structure and the little round parts on the Legos are the cells that are trained to become the replacement cells. And just as a Lego creation can be just a few pieces or a huge masterpiece, the same is true with these stem cell replacement pieces. These 'bio-materials' are the key pieces to what is known as 'regenerative medicine.'

CMMRF is right in the middle of this technology, and with our donations they can continue to change the face of medicine! Donate to CMMRF today!

Did We Just Cure Diabetes?

Cryptic Masons, though our charity Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation CMMRF.org, provided a major portion of funding for Dr. Michael Murphy and his all-star team, may have done just that! Of course it is still too early to say that we have cured diabetes, but the science is pointing that direction. Im-

agine your family and friends no longer watching everything that they eat, no longer checking their blood sugar multiple times a day, and no longer injecting insulin. About 9% of the American population has diabetes. The side effects of diabetes is also brutal... vision loss, impaired kidney function, decreased circulation in the legs, etc.

Is this too good to be true? Since it hasn't been tried in humans, it's too early to say definitively. But hope is in the air! Dr Murphy's team may have found the cause of the 13th leading cause of death, ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, as well as developing a vaccine for it! Might as well throw in the treatment of heart failure, COPD, spinal cord injury, Stroke patients with a 36 hour window after onset of symptoms, treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and Peripheral Artery Disease, fetal alcohol syndrome, necrotizing enterocolitis, as well as using a 3D printer to create structures for human tissue repair. These discoveries might have even lead another team to find the trigger for Multiple Sclerosis, and once the trigger is found, the treatment is not far behind!

Every Masonic organization is tied to a charity, but this may be one of the best kept secrets in Masonry! And just like every other charity, it cannot continue without funds. These donations aren't getting lost in some rich guy's pocket or paying for a night of drinks. They are used to purchase lab equipment and to supplement the cost of finding and treating these trial patents.

CrypticMasons.org and CMMRF.org are not asking for much, just a few bucks to equal the price of a fancy coffee, a lunch out, or a small family dinner. We all know that nothing in the medical field is cheap, but with adequate funding, Dr Murphy's team can continue to advance these breakthroughs. And who knows... maybe cancer is next?



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, or sex 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 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, & Life Sponsor \$30. Those who are designated Life Sponsors or above are relieved from the annual assessment.

Since 1956, over \$98 million has been spent on subjects, 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 & 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. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is a co-sponsor of the Seniors Eye Care Program with Eye Care America, a Public Service Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The Seniors Eye Care Program helps those 65 years or older who do not have an Ophthalmologist. Anyone wishing to contact the Seniors Eye Care Program may

do so by calling 1-800-222-EYES and telling them you were referred to 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 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.



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.



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.

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.

Mother's Day

Britannica https://www.britannica.com/topic/Mothers-Day

Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries throughout the world. In its modern form the holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday of May. During the Middle Ages it was a custom for those who had moved away to visit their home parishes and their mothers on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. This became Mothering Sunday in Britain, where it continued to today, however in recent years, it has been replaced by Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized a women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years, virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed into wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honor one's mother, became associated with the sending of cards and giving of gifts. However, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.

So remember my Brothers, your mothers and wives, who are the mothers of your children, on this day. They give up so much to make sure we and our families are well taken care of so that you may enjoy the fun that Freemasonry affords you.



Armed Forces Day History

https://afd.defense.gov/History/

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces

Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated:

"Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950,
marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense".

According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II, the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection.

Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.



Cinco de Mayo History

Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, a popular misconception. Instead, it commemorates a single battle. In 1861, Benito Juárez—a lawyer and member of the Indigenous Zapotec tribe—was elected president of Mexico. At the time, the country was in financial ruin after years of internal strife, and the new president was forced to default on debt payments to European governments.

In response, France, Britain, and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz, Mexico, demanding repayment. Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew their forces.

France, however, ruled by Napoleon III, decided to use the opportunity to carve an empire out of Mexican territory. Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large force of troops and driving President Juárez and his government into retreat.

Certain that success would come swiftly, 6,000 French troops under General Charles Latrille de Lorencez set out to attack Puebla de Los Angeles, a small town in east-central Mexico. From his new headquarters in the north, Juárez rounded up a ragtag force of 2,000 loyal men—many of them either Indigenous Mexicans or of mixed ancestry—and sent them to Puebla.

The Mexican force, led by Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza, fortified the town and prepared for the French assault. On May 5, 1862, Lorencez gathered his army—supported by heavy artillery—before the city of Puebla and led an assault.

The battle lasted from daybreak to early evening, and when the French finally retreated they had lost nearly 500 soldiers. Fewer than 100 Mexicans had been killed during the fight.

Although not a strategic win in the overall war against the French, Zaragoza's success at the Battle of Puebla represented a great symbolic victory for the Mexican government and bolstered the resistance movement. In 1867, thanks in part to military support and political pressure from the United States, was finally in a position to aid its besieged neighbor after the end of the Civil War, and France finally withdrew.

Within Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of Puebla, where Zaragoza's unlikely victory occurred, although other parts of the country also take part in the celebration.

Traditions include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events. For many Mexicans, however, May 5 is a day like any other: It is not a federal holiday, so offices, banks and stores remain open.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is widely interpreted as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with substantial Mexican-American populations.

Chicano activists raised awareness of the holiday in the 1960s, in part because they identified with the victory of Indigenous Mexicans (such as Juárez) over European invaders during the Battle of Puebla.

Today, revelers mark the occasion with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional foods such as tacos and mole poblano. Some of the largest festivals are held in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.

Confusion With Mexican Independence Day Many people outside Mexico mistakenly believe that Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican independence, which was declared more than 50 years before the Battle of Puebla.

Independence Day in Mexico (Día de la Independencia) is commemorated on September 16, the anniversary of the revolutionary priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's famous "Grito de Dolores" ("Cry of Dolores," referring to the city of Dolores Hidalgo, Mexico), a call to arms that amounted to a declaration of war against the Spanish colonial government in 1810.



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Let your story resonate with those who want to be 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.

Each of us passed through the West Gate for a different reason. For myself, I became a Mason as the result of a pretty bad day. My best friend, Col. Jim Trafton, was killed on Easter Sunday, 2010. Our families vacationed together, we hunted, fished, traveled, and shared adventures and stories.

As a measure of my friends character the funeral procession from Church to the Leavenworth National Cemetery was several miles long. State Troopers blocked all highway ramps and stood to attention and saluted as a sign of respect. Even the trooper that called me that night wanted to talk about his service with Jim, and what it meant to him.

At the funeral service Col. Cliff Silsby delivered his Eulogy and spoke to his military career, his leadership skills, his role as a life coach and mentor to so many, and his many other virtues.

But I was surprised when Cliff said, with emphasis, several times "and he was a Freemason". That spoke to me, and it struck me that was the extra spark that made the difference from a leader to an inspirational leader, from someone that directs and manages to a true life-coach and mentor.

It was additionally significant as until that moment I did not know my friend was a Freemason. That why I knocked on the door and passed through the West Gate.

Each of us has a story as why we joined the craft. For some it will have been due to a family legacy in Masonry, for others simply because Dan Brown writes a good book.

But I would hazard a guess that the majority of us are here because of the example and inspiration from a good man in our past lives. I encourage everyone to share your story; as when you do so we will understand the draw of Masonry, learn how to articulate it, and understand a little bit more who should become a Freemason in the future.

M.:.I.:.C.:. Donald MacCormick, PGM Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter Grand Recorder, Grand Council



My Masonic story is much different than others. I did not have relatives that I knew who were Freemasons and when I grew up in rural Indiana, I asked my mother as we drove by a Masonic Lodge — What is a Mason? She had no experience or relatives and gave me the answer that Masons build large building with bricks and blocks. Though somewhat accurate, it was far more than the short answer I had given as a child.

As a grown man with faith, a wife, children, a career, and all the things we live for, the American Dream, something was missing. By happenstance, I

moved to Missouri in 2004 into a new neighborhood. As our neighbors and children grew, we started socializing with the parents of our children's friends. Over time, one father, who is a Mason, asked me several times why I was not a Mason; I told him my childhood story, and he laughed. Over six months and with the proliferation of the internet and the History Channel, it was clear that I was missing something.

I petitioned in June of 2008 to Wentzville Lodge #46. I started my EA with two other brothers I became close to at the beginning of my path to light. By December, we were all three raised and now Freemasons. One of those brothers was Chris Tilley, and we did not know one another well but sat next to one another at every meeting, both sharing the same uncertainty we all go through after being raised and not quite sure what to do. I invited Chris to the Scottish Rite since I had joined at the spring 2009 reunion. From that point on, we were inseparable.

Brother Tilley and I went to explore Masonry, and I will tell you that if it were not for us sharing our journey and encouraging one another, we might have ended up as one of the brothers who joined and you never see again. We supported and made Masonry enjoyable and a priority driving together for one another. By September of 2009, we were greeted as Royal Arch me. Masons and then by March 2010, exalted as Cryptic Masons and, by June 2011, knighted into the Knights Templar.

Once in the York Rite, we started meeting some of our area's greats like Richard Holmes, Jose Palacios, Harry Reid, John Trower, John Siscel, Dennis Fetter, Dennis Hammack, and many others. My meeting and engagement helped to mold my vision of Freemasonry. The relationships were and are still invaluable in my Masonic journey. Each one has qualities to admire and reflect on, and they are also unselfish to share their Master of Cryptic Masons of Missouri in June. experience and advice if asked.

Both of us were at a Region V meeting and met two of Mason's most recognized, David Witte and Bill Snyder, who were pushing hard on an issue at the meeting. I stood up and provided a supporting defense to their argument at the meeting. From that point on, both Chris and I accelerated our network of Masons across the state. Neither of us realized it would lead to so many relationships providing even more reason for

us to be involved. We started attending the Grand York Rite as Officers of our respective bodies.

I served as the Regional Deputy Grand Master for Todd Schulze, taking the place of my friend Chris Tilley who was appointed to the Grand Line of Cryptic Masons. I did not know it when I signed up, but I would be responsible for hosting the last Grand Masters Day for Cryptic Council at the New Masonic Temple in St. Louis. Those who know this facility understand its history and prestige among masonic buildings. We had an extensive class of candidates, the day went well, and I was not fired, so I am still here. It was a perfect day with so many companions pitching in and doing some of the best degree work that I have experienced.

Though I knew Todd, our relationship would get even closer as the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, Todd had some unusual circumstances happen within the Grand Council Line. He would be charged with not appointing one Grand line member but four that year. He appointed four officers with the Past Grand Council Masters and Todd's focus, and I was fortunate enough to receive that 4th appointment. I have never looked back since, and I appreciate both Todd and the Past Grand Masters who placed their confidence in

Fast-forward through that time and COVID, and you see a stable, strong, and prosperous line of officers all willing to row the boat in the same direction to achieve our stratic objectives. I am honored to have served under the Past Illustrious Grand Masters of Todd Schulze, Joe Elsen, Aaron Shoemaker, Wayne Fryer, and Don MacCormick. I was also honored when the Grand Council voted MIC Chris Tilley as honorary Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons. If elected, I will be honored to serve as the Illustrious Grand

The story's point is that we all make our OWN journey and path here in Masonry, and I had no idea 13 years later that I would be where I am in my journey. My advice is open yourself up to listen more than you talk, learn from those who are ahead of you in their masonic path, and get out of your comfort zone. If you dont think you can write then write a Masonic article and surprise yourself like WB Tilley did. If you are uncomfortable speaking in front of an audience

then give become an education officer and provide presentations at your Council. If you are not a good ritualist then try, try, try, again like I work to do but never perfected.

In short, Masonry is what you make of it by making good men better, we have a place to be with our brothers and try new things and get honest feedback focused on bettering ourselves. The song my Miley Cyrus is one I reflect on The Climb Lyrics:

I can almost see it
That dream I'm dreaming, but
There's a voice inside my head saying
"You'll never reach it"
Every step I'm taking
Every move I make feels lost with no direction
My faith is shaken

But I, I gotta keep trying Gotta keep my head held high

There's always gonna be another mountain I'm always gonna wanna make it move Always gonna be an uphill battle Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose Ain't about how fast I get there Ain't about what's waiting on the other side It's the climb
The struggles I'm facing
The chances I'm taking
Sometimes might knock me down, but No, I'm not breaking
I may not know it
But these are the moments that
I'm gonna remember most, yeah
Just gotta keep going

And I, I gotta be strong
Just keep pushing on, 'cause...

There's always gonna be another mountain I'm always gonna wanna make it move Always gonna be an uphill battle Sometimes I'm gonna have to lose Ain't about how fast I get there Ain't about what's waiting on the other side It's the climb.

Yeah! I ask you this final question, where are you in your masonic journey and what adjustments should

you make? Remember it's the Climb not the destination!

M.:.I.:.C.. Michael S. Smith, PGM



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https://s.surveyplanet.com/4TGg6d7zz



Message from the Editor

Companions & Sir Knights,

Once again we face the end of another Masonic year here in the York Rite. Your Publication Committee would like to say thank you all for allowing us to be apart of your lives. When we first took on this great undertaking, we were not sure where it would take us, how well it would be received, or if it was even viable. You never failed us. This magazine is here because of you. Thank you for your support, your interest, and your submissions. If not for you, we could not have created this magazine.

Now we must bid you all adieu as with new leadership comes new positions, assignments, and new tasks ahead for us all. Change is good, it keep things fresh and evolving, and without change, things will stagnate and die. So come on out to your Grand Sessions, lets have a beer together and enjoy everything great that is Freemasonry. Until then, we will see you on down the trail.

Publication Committee



May 2024

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.: York Rite Sovereign College-Edwin C. Carpenter, Installation of Officers, St. Joseph Masonic Temple, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.: Pony Express Council No. 350, AMD, Installation of Officers, St. Joseph Masonic Temple, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.: Columbia Preceptory, Yeomen of York, Columbia Masonic Lodge

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.: Red Cross of Constantine-Mary Conclave, Buckner Masonic Lodge

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.: Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188, Columbia, Missouri

Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 7:00 a.m.: Cadwell Chapter No. 53, MEM & RA Degrees, Kirksville, Missouri

Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.: Grand Commander Official Visit-St. Graal Commandery No. 12

Monday, May 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.: Red Cross of Constantine-St Joseph Conclave Annual Meeting, St. Joseph Scottish Rite Temple, St. Joseph, Missouri

Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: YRSC-Bruce Harmon Hunt No. 162, Freedom Masonic Temple

Monday, May 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.: Masonic Home Golf Tournament, Columbia Country Club

Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.: SRICF, Spring Colloquium, TBD

Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.: Mid-Missouri Council No. 291, AMD, Columbia Scottish Rite

Thursday, May 30-June 1, 2024: Grand York Rite of Iowa

June 2024

Wednesday, June 5-9, 2024: Grand York Rite of Missouri, University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.: Yeomen of York-Mid Year in Gathering, Grand Session.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.: Allied Masonic Degrees-Missouri InGathering, Grand Session.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 9:00 p.m.: Masonic Order of the Bath, Degree Conferral,

Thursday, June 6-8, 2024: Red Cross of Constantine-152 United Grand Imperial Council, New York

Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: Knight Masons-Limerick Council No. 88, Freedom Temple

July 2024

Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: Red Cross of Constantine-Mary Conclave, Buckner Masonic Lodge Sunday, July 7-9, 2024: Great Smokies Assembly of York Rite Masons-Maggie Valley, North Carolina Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.: Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan, Fayette Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.: Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons, Fayette Masonic Temple

York Rite in Missouri by Regions

Region 1

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Putnam Chapter No. 123 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Hartford Masonic Lodge Hall 38428 Deerwood Hartford, MO 63565 Loren D. Lloyd, Secretary lorenlloyd69@gmail.com

Councils

Kirksville Council No. 44 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Dark June, July, and August Shelbina Masonic Temple 313 S. Center Shelbina, MO 63468 Darrell A. Wilham, Recorder kwilham@centurytel.net

Trinity Council No. 47 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Hannibal Masonic Temple 1102 Central Avenue Hannibal, MO 63401 Roger McGregor, Recorder mcgregorclan@charter.net

Shelby Council No. 59 4th Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. Shelbina Masonic Lodge 313 South Center Shelbina, MO 63468 Darrell A. Wilham, Recorder kwilham@centurytel.net

Commanderies

Excalibar Commandery No. 5 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Hannibal Masonic Temple 1102 Central Avenue Hannibal, MO 63401 Roger McGregor, Recorder mcgregorclan@charter.net Ely Commandery No. 22 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Kirkville Masonic Temple 217 East Harrison Kirkville, MO 63501 William J. King, Recorder kvyorkrite@gmail.com

Malta Commandery No. 72 4th Tuesday at 9 p.m. Shelbina Masonic Temple 313 S. Center Shelbina, MO 63468 Darrell A. Wilham, Recorder kwilham@centurytel.net

Region 2

Chapters

Liberty Chapter No. 3 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. Liberty Masonic Temple 10 East Franklin Liberty, MO 64068 Don Gilkerson, Secretary gilkersondon@yahoo.com

Lexington Chapter No. 10 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. Lexington Masonic Temple 126 1/2 North 11th Street Lexington, MO 64067-0283 Martin L. Maulden, Secretary mauldinmartin@gmail.com

Mitchell Chapter No. 14 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Masonic Center 605 Robidoux Street St. Joseph, MO 64501 James Jeffers, Secretary jimjeffers25@gmail.com

Councils

St. Joseph Council No. 9 1st Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Masonic Center 605 Robidoux Street St. Joseph, MO 64501 James Jeffers, Recorder jimjeffers25@gmail.com

John F. Houston No. 42 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. Lexington Masonic Temple 126 1/2 North 11th Street Lexington, MO 64067-0283 Martin L. Maulden, Secretary mauldinmartin@gmail.com

Liberty Council No. 50 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. Liberty Masonic Temple 10 East Franklin Liberty, MO 64068 Don Gilkerson, Recorder gilkersondon@yahoo.com

Commanderies

DeMolay Commandery No. 3 4th Monday at 9:00 p.m. Lexington Masonic Temple 126 1/2 North 11th Street Lexington, MO 64067-0283 Lloyd G. Lyon, Recorder lexingtonyorkrite@gmail.com

Hugh DePayens Commandery No. 4 1st Wednesday at 9:00 pm St. Joseph Masonic Center 605 Robidoux Street St. Joseph, MO 64501 James Jeffers, Recorder jimjeffers25@gmail.com

Liberty Commandery No. 6 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. Liberty Masonic Temple 10 East Franklin Liberty, MO 64068 Don Gilkerson, Recorder gilkersondon@yahoo.com

Region 3

Chapters

Independence Chapter No. 10 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m. Independence Masonic Temple 120 South Pleasant Independence, MO 64050 Larry Walters, Secretary larryfred61@gmail.com

Kansas City Chapter No. 28 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. Ivanhoe Masonic Temple 8640 Holmes Kansas City, MO 64131 Donald MacCormick, Secretary kcyorkrite@gmail.com

Wyoming Chapter No. 43
1st Monday @ 7:30 p.m. Except
September on 2nd Monday.
Jewel Lodge No. 480
1480 Broadway
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080
John D. Toynton, Secretary
johntoynton@yahoo.com

Orient Chapter No. 102
3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m
Kansas City Masonic Temple
903 Harrison Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
Corey Huntsucker, Secretary
yorkmason903@gmail.com

Councils

Shekinah Council No. 24 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Kansas City Masonic Temple 903 Harrison Street Kansas City, MO 64106 Corey Huntsucker, Recorder yorkmason903@gmail.com Kansas City Council No. 45 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. Ivanhoe Masonic Temple 8640 Holmes Kansas City, MO 64131 Donald MacCormick, Recorder kcyorkrite@gmail.com

Independence Council No. 49
4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Independence Masonic Temple
120 South Pleasant
Independence, MO 64050
Larry Walters, Recorder
larryfred61@gmail.com

Commanderies

Kansas City Commandery No. 10 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. Ivanhoe Masonic Temple 8640 Holmes Kansas City, MO 64131 Donald MacCormick, Recorder kcyorkrite@gmail.com

Palestine Commandery No. 17 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Independence Masonic Temple 120 South Pleasant Independence, MO 64050 John D. Toynton, Recorder johntoynton@yahoo.com

Oriental Commandery No. 35 1st Friday at 7:00 p.m. Kansas City Masonic Temple 903 Harrison Street Kansas City, MO 64106 Corey Huntsucker, Recorder yorkmason903@gmail.com

Region 4

Chapters

Columbia Chapter No. 4 2nd Monday Odd Months at 6:30 p.m. and even at 7:30 p.m. York Rite Masonic Temple #3 North Masonic Drive Columbia, MO 65202 Russel S. Hanson, Secretary hansonr@missouri.edu

Rolla Chapter No. 32 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm Rolla Masonic Temple 400 East 2nd Street Rolla, MO 65401 Steven F. Eberharter, Secretary sfeberharter@gmail.com

Jefferson City Chapter No. 34 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. Jefferson City Masonic Temple 3211 Masonic Court Jefferson City, MO 65109 Harold Coots, Secretary hfcoots@gmail.com

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Region 4

Chapters

Triune Chapter No. 93 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. No meeting if falls on Holiday Montgomery Lodge #246 2nd and Sturgeon Street Montgomery City, MO 63361 Phillip Engel, Secretary Jrwahl_jyr@sbcglobal.net

Councils

Ezra Council No. 32 1st Monday at 8:00 p.m. Jefferson City Masonic Temple 3211 Masonic Court Jefferson City, MO 65109 Harold Coots, Recorder hfcoots@gmail.com

Centralia Council No. 34 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. York Rite Masonic Temple #3 North Masonic Drive Columbia, MO 65202 Ronald Skiles, Recorder reskiles@centurytel.net

Rolla Council No. 39 3rd Monday at 7:50 p.m. Rolla Masonic Temple 400 East 2nd Street Rolla, MO 65401 Steven F. Eberharter, Recorder sfeberharter@gmail.com

Commanderies

St. Graal Commandery No. 12 2nd Monday Odd Months at 6:30 p.m. and even at 7:30 p.m. York Rite Masonic Temple #3 North Masonic Drive Columbia, MO 65202 Russel S. Hanson, Recorder hansonr@missouri.edu

Prince of Pride No. 29
3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Jefferson City Masonic Temple
3211 Masonic Court
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Harold Coots, Recorder
hfcoots@gmail.com

Rolla Commandery No. 59 3rd Monday at 8:40 p.m. Rolla Masonic Temple 400 East 2nd Street Rolla, MO 65401 Steven F. Eberharter, Recorder sfeberharter@gmail.com

Region 5

Chapters

St. Charles-Missouri Chapter # 1 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. St. Charles Masonic Temple 2051 Collier Corporate Parkway St. Charles, MO 63303 Philip R. Cary, Secretary Stcharlesmissourino Iram @yahoo.com Bellefontaine Chapter No. 25 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Saint Louis Masonic Center 15977 Clayton Road Ballwin, MO 63011-2146 Michael S. Smith, Secretary mikessmith66@gmail.com

Oriental-Rabboni Chapter No. 78 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. Webster Groves Masonic Temple 12 East Lockwood Avenue Webster Groves, MO 63119 Michael Gmoser, Secretary secretary@or78ram.org

Keystone Chapter No. 146 2nd Monday @ 10:00 a.m. Freedom Masonic Temple 4557 LeMay Ferry Road Mehlville, MO 63129 David L. Jacobi, Secretary oket14@scbglobal.net

Councils

Hiram Council No. 1 4th Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m. Freedom Masonic Temple 4557 LeMay Ferry Road Mehlville, MO 63129 Christopher Newbold, Recorder hiramcouncil1stl@gmail.com

York Council No. 40 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Jan, Feb, May, June, Sept, Oct Wentzville Masonic Temple 602 Meyer Road Wentzville, MO 63385 Michael S. Smith, Recorder mikessmith66@gmail.com

Jeremiah Council No. 48
3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Webster Groves Masonic Temple
12 East Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119
Terry Coppotelli, Recorder
terry coppotelli@hotmail.com

Commanderies

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Beacon Masonic Temple 7251 North Hanley Road Hazelwood, MO 63042 Michael S. Smith, Recorder mikessmith66@gmail.com

Ascalon Commandery No. 16 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Saint Louis Masonic Center 15977 Clayton Road Ballwin, MO 63011-2146 Roger Fleer, Recorder fleerroger@gmail.com

Region 6

Chapters

Wilson Chapter No. 75 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm Excelsior Lodge No. 441 204 South High Street Jackson, MO 63755 Kyle W. West, Secretary kwwest@live.com Poplar Bluff Chapter No. 114 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Poplar Bluff Masonic Temple 2303 North Main Street Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 Tony DePriest, Secretary poplarbluffyorkrite@gmail.com

Uel Council No. 129 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Farmington Lodge No. 132 211 West Columbia Street Farmington, MO 63640 Clifton Wofford, Secretary woffordclifton60@gmail.com

Councils

Cape Council No. 20 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Excelsior Lodge No. 441 204 South High Street Jackson, MO 63755 Kyle W. West, Recorder kwwest@live.com

Popular Bluff Council No. 27 2nd Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Poplar Bluff Masonic Temple 2303 North Main Street Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 Tony DePriest, Recorder poplarbluffyorkrite@gmail.com

Bonne Terre Council No. 43 2nd Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Farmington Lodge No. 132 211 West Columbia Street Farmington, MO 63640 Clifton Wofford, Recorder woffordclifton60@gmail.com

Commanderies

Cape Girardeau Commandery#55 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Excelsior Lodge No. 441 204 South High Street Jackson, MO 63755 Kyle W. West, Recorder kwwest@live.com

DeSoto Commandery No. 56 2nd Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Marcus Masonic Building 126 South Main Street Farmington, MO 63640 Clifton Wofford, Recorder woffordclifton60@gmail.com

Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m. Poplar Bluff Masonic Temple 2303 North Main Street Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 Tony DePriest, Recorder poplarbluffyorkrite@gmail.com

Region 7A

Chapters

Bolivar Chapter No. 5 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Bolivar Masonic Temple 261 South Killingsworth Avenue Bolivar, MO 65613 Randy Presley, Secretary pantherdad2772@gmail.com Springfield Chapter No. 15 4th Monday at 7 p.m. Except in December, 2nd Monday Masonic York Rite Temple 1930 West Catalpa Springfield, MO 65807 Christopher L. Story, Secretary estory@arvest.com

Greenfield Chapter No. 38 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Washington Masonic Temple #5 South Allison Greenfield, MO 65661 G. Timothy Black, Secretary tblack@penningtonseed.com

Lebanon Chapter No. 64 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Laclede Masonic Temple 191 West Second Street Lebanon, MO 65536 Gerald R. Hill, Secretary flwabic@gmail.com

Councils

Zabud Council No. 25 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. Masonic York Rite Temple 1930 West Catalpa Springfield, MO 65807 Dale R. Lovelace, Recorder dalelovelace@gmail.com

Lebanon Council No. 56 3rd Tues at 7:00 p.m. Laclede Masonic Temple 191 West Second Street Lebanon, MO 65536 Gerald R. Hill, Recorder flwabic@gmail.com

Bert S. Lee Council No. 58 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Washington Masonic Temple #5 South Allison Greenfield, MO 65661 G. Timothy Black, Recorder tblack@penningtonseed.com

Commanderies

St. John's Commandery No. 20 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. Masonic York Rite Temple 1930 West Catalpa Springfield, MO 65807 Gregory J. Walker, Recorder gregoryjwalker@gmil.com

Constantine Commandery No. 27 1st Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Washington Masonic Temple #5 South Allison Greenfield, MO 65661 G. Timothy Black, Recorder tblack@penningtonseed.com

Lebanon Commandery No. 33 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Laclede Masonic Temple 191 West Second Street Lebanon, MO 65536 Gerald R. Hill, Recorder flwabic@gmail.com

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Region 7A

Commanderies

St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Bolivar Masonic Temple 261 South Killingsworth Avenue Bolivar, MO 65613 Randy Presley, Recorder pantherdad2772@gmail.com

Region 7B

Chapters

Tyrian Chapter No. 52 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. Neosho Masonic Temple 4080 LaQuesta Drive Neosho, MO 64850 Matthew D. Ruth, Secretary matt.ruth@rocketmail.com

Nevada Chapter No. 56 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. Osage Masonic Lodge No. 303 221 West Walnut Nevada Mo 64722 Gary L. Jones, Secretary No e-mail address Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Carthage Masonic Temple 1339 Oak Street Carthage, MO 64836 Chad E. Wagoner, Secretary cwagoner1865@gmail.com

Joplin Chapter No. 91 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Joplin Scottish Rite Building 505 South Byers Joplin, MO 64801 Royce P. Wahl Jr., Secretary jrwahl_jyr@sbcglobal.net

Councils

Jasper Council No. 30 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Joplin Scottish Rite Building 505 South Byers Joplin, MO 64801 Royce P. Wahl Jr., Recorder jrwahl45@sbcglobal.net

Carthage Council No. 41 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Carthage Masonic Temple 1339 Oak Street Carthage, MO 64836 Chad E. Wagoner, Recorder cwagoner1865@gmail.com Neosho Council No. 46 3rd Tuesday of each quarter at 8:00 p.m. Neosho Masonic Temple 4080 LaQuesta Drive Neosho, MO 64850 Matthew D. Ruth, Recorder matt.ruth@rocketmail.com

Nevada Council No. 65 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. Osage Masonic Lodge Building 221 West Walnut Nevada Mo 64722 IT: Courtney Black courtney28@sbcglobal.net

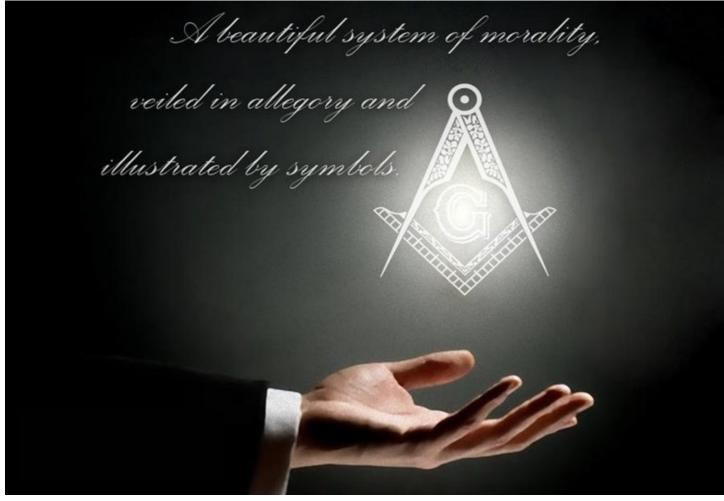
Commanderies

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. Osage Masonic Lodge Building 221 West Walnut Nevada, MO 64772 Gary Jones, Recorder No e-mail address

Jasper Commandery No. 31 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Carthage Masonic Temple 1339 Oak Street Carthage, MO 64836 Chad E. Wagoner, Secretary cwagoner1865@gmail.com Ascension Commandery No. 39 1st Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Joplin Scottish Rite Building 505 South Byers Joplin, MO 64801 Royce P. Wahl Jr., Recorder jrwahl_jyr@sbcglobal.net

Neosho Commandery No.56 3rd Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. Neosho Masonic Temple 4080 LaQuesta Drive Neosho, MO 64850 Matthew D. Ruth, Recorder matt.ruth@rocketmail.com





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