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Phillip E. Mofsses	KYCH	1976	1975 †93	1981 †03
John B. Fletcher, Jr	KCT, KYGCH	1981	1980	1977 †78
Julian E. Whigham		1982	1981	
William E. Cook	KYCH	1984	1982	1983
Robert E. Burleson	KCT,KYGCH	1988	1985	1987 †88
Clay H. Oehlert	KYCH	1990	1992	1989 †92
Wayne E. Parks	KYGCH	1993	2010 †11	1993 †94
Richard A. Wilson	KYCH	1994	1993	1995
Gerald H. Favor	KYCH	1996 †97	1995	1997
Douglas A. Noden	KYCH	1998	1999	2000
Virgil D. Albright	KYCH	1999	1997	1998
Fred G. McNabb		2000	1996	1999
Thomas S. Rice	KYCH	2002	2003	2008
Richard I. Fox	KYCH	2003	2002	2001
Miguel A. Arteaga		2003	2004	2009
James D. Dickenson	KYCH	2004 †07	2006 †09	2004-05 †08
Harry V. Eisenberg	KYCH	2006 †08	2005	2007 †09 †10
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† Year appointed District Deputy

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**Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis,
Sed Nomini Tuo ad Gloriam!
(Not for us Lord, not for us but
for the glory of Thy name!)**

In the year 1071 the Turkish Muslims took Jerusalem. In Europe, Catholic Church organized military expeditions toward the Holy Land with the official goal to regain the territories of their sacred religion. These expeditions were called Crusades, because their pilgrims wore a cross on the garments and flags.

In the year 1118, Jerusalem was already a Christian territory. Thus, nine monks veterans of the First Crusade, among them Hugh de Payen, addressed King Baldwin I of Jerusalem and announced the intention of founding an order of warrior monks. Within their means, they would take care of safety of pilgrims transiting between Europe and East Christian territories. Members made vows of personal poverty, obedience and chastity.

The so-called Poor Knights of Christ settled in a part of palace that was given by Baldwin, a site that was once the Solomon Temple. So they became known as Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar. Only in 1127 at the Troyes Council, Pope Honorius II granted the condition of Order granting a white habit with a red cross in the chest. The symbol was a horse ridden by two soldiers, an allusion to poverty.

The Order has developed a basic structure and organized in a hierarchy composed of priests and soldiers. At that point, constituted not only by religious but also and mainly by bourgeois, the Templars were supported by an immense fortune that came from donations of the reigns.

During a period of almost two centuries, the Order was largest military-religious organization in the world. Their activities were already not restricted to their initial goals. The Templars soldiers received military training, fought beside the cross on Holy Land; conquered lands; administered villages; mined ores; built castles, cathedrals, mills, accommodation and workshops; overseeing compliance with the laws and intervened in European politics. In addition to increasing their knowledge of medicine, astronomy and mathematics, there was also the creation of a system similar to monetary banks today.

When starting the journey to the Holy Land, the peregrine changed his money for a letter of credit that was restored in any Templar post. Thus, his assets were safe from action of looters. The power of the Templars became greater than the Monarchy and Church.

The subsequent defeats of the Crusades in the thirteenth century, commitment to the main activity of the Templars, and the existence of a Military Order with those objectives were no longer needed. In that same period, King Felipe IV - The Beautiful - ruled France. Felipe IV owed lands and huge sums of money to the Templars. Thus, proposed to Archbishop Beltran of Got an exchange of favors. The monarch would use his influence to make the Archbishop becoming Pope. In turn, the Beltran of Got compromised to exterminate the Order of the Templars as soon as he reached the papacy. In the year 1305, Beltran of Got went up to the Throne of St. Peter as Pope Clement V. At that moment the charges against the knights and relentless pursuit across Europe started.

The inquisitorial process against the Templars extended for several years under torture and various charges, such as heresy, idolatry, homosexuality and conspiracy with infidels.

Around Sept. 20, 1307 Felipe VI sent letters sealed to all the kingdom's seneschals with orders to only be opened in evening of Thursday October 12. When the letters were simultaneously open, the express order of the king is summarized in: the Templars were accused of serious crimes and heresies. At dawn on Friday, October 13, 1307 they were all arrested and taken to dungeons. Thus the belief that every Friday the 13th is an unlucky day.

In France, the last Grand Master of the Order Jacques De Molay, and 5000 other knights were imprisoned by soldiers of King Felipe. However, when trying to seize the precious secret that Order of the Templars had in its treasure, Felipe VI found a disappointment: the Templar ships fleet anchored in France mysteriously disappeared, never to be seen.

Finally, on March 18 1314, Jacques De Molay, at 70 years of age, was brought to the Bonfire of the Inquisition at the banks of the River Seine in Paris.

These were his last words:
"NEKAN, ADONAI! CHOL-BEGOAL! ...Pope Clemente, Knight Guilherme de Nogaret, and King Felipe: I demand you to attend to the God's Court within one year to receive fair punishment. Damn! Damn! Damn all of you to the thirteenth generation of your are!"

Clement V died thirty-three days later, and King Felipe, the Beautiful in just over six months.

The legends say that the fleet went to Portugal where they could count with strong protection. Against the orders of the Pope to extinguish the Templars and execute their Knights, King Dinis initiated a investigation process in order to find out about the guilt or innocence of those knights.

The investigation concluded, as expected, the Knights of the Order of Templars were innocent of all charges. As a result, no death occurred. Moreover, the Portuguese king resolved the matter with acute diplomatic skill: Removed all material goods of the Order of Templars, and transferred them to a new order created under the Portuguese Crown. He gave this new order the name of the Order of Christ which symbol was precisely the famous Red Cross of Christ over a white background.

In 1319, the Order of Christ was thus born, probably one of the last strongholds in Europe where the Templars continued to exist and live in prosecution of their holy goals, and keeping their mythical secrets. The tales tell that the Templars were secretly involved in Portuguese maritime adventures. There are maps including Brazil since 1389.

Prince D. Henrique, Pedro Alvares Cabral (Brazil's discoverer), Vasco da Gama among others, were all members of the Order of Christ, namely: Templars.

The ships that arrived in Brazil brought the flag of that new Order. Pedro Cabral would not be only a navigator, but one of the senior commanders of the Order of Christ, who made use of Templar maps and navigation charts to "discover" Brazil.

The legends say that it was the way the Order of the Templars settled in Brazil until today. Numerous symbols of municipalities in Brazil still exist with Templar inspired icons.

By J. Truffi, Brazilian Masonic Group



Appendant Bodies Night

The Orlando York Rite Bodies were represented at the event "Appendant Bodies Night" at Mokanna Lodge No.329 on Monday September 24th, 2012.

Our Excellent High Priest Erik Andersen spoke about Eureka Chapter, Council and Commandery. Several Companions attended wearing Chapter, Council and Commandery uniform.

That was some kind of event that we need to attend always, which helps us to make our York Rite Bodies known.

Ricardo Parente, Illustrious Master



Calendar

October 11th 7:30pm - Council Assembly followed by Chapter Convocation, refreshments at 6:30pm

October 20th 7:30pm - Super Excellent Degree at Tuscan Lodge, 320 South Florida Avenue Bartow, FL

October 25th 7:30pm - Commandery Conclave, dinner at 6:30pm

November 8th 7:30pm - Chapter Convocation followed by Council Assembly, refreshments at 6:30pm

November 22nd 7:30pm - Commandery Conclave, dinner at 6:30pm

December 20th 8:00pm - Commandery Christmas Observance, refreshments afterwards.

Practice on every off Thursday at 7 pm



From the Sec./Recorder's Desk

Companions and Sir Knights, it is with sadness that I report the Death of Companion/Sir Knight Frederick H. Bierbaum, Jr., on September 15, 2012. He was a member of all three bodies of the York Rite and a member of Eola Lodge No. 207, F.&A.M.

Our sick list:

- Eisenberg, bad back;
- Noden, in therapy for Parkinson's;
- Rice, dizziness;
- Donley, recovering from surgery;
- Wm. Miller, recovering from surgery;
- Hanna, has bladder cancer;
- Hammond, has foot problems;
- John Dickinson, recovering from a stroke;
- Lady Ruth, wife of M.I.P.G.M. John Carroll, is recovering from a stroke;
- and Lady Myra, wife of M.I.P.G.M. Gardner, Grand Secretary/Recorder, has a bad heart valve and lung problems.

Companions and Sir Knights please keep those mentioned above in your prayers for a speedy recovery. If you know of anyone else who is sick or having problems let your Secretary/Recorder know by a phone call or e-mail.

Dues notices should be coming out shortly for the year 2013 and any previous years that for which you have not paid your dues. Please take a moment and send in your check when you receive this notice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

**John B. Fletcher, Jr.
Secretary/Recorder**

LEGEND OCTOBER 2012

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