

Tales of the Secret Vault

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From the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

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The Most Illustrious Grand Master has asked the current Grand Council Officers to write articles each month for this supplement.

My dear Companions, the vision for the future of the York Rite is bright!

At the Last Grand Session, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA spoke about Servant Leadership. This is great information which can help us to work together to support our local and Grand bodies. If you were not at the session, I invite you to read up on this style of leadership.

Our leadership team has made plans for events that will allow us to achieve our progressive goal to make ourselves better than we are, and to welcome new Companions on our common Masonic journey. The principal and supporting officers will be making visits around the jurisdiction this year. We will need your help, support and constructive criticism about our stewardship of the future of the York Rite that you have entrusted to us. There are a number of resources that have already been placed on the Grand York Rite website and more will be put into place to assist with communication in the future. I hope you will pass this information along to the Companions who may not have read this publication. We need your feedback to be true servants of this Craft.

The Keystone is only important and successful with the strength and support of all the stones of the structure.

I hope to see you out there.

Yours in Faith,

Robert B. Haynes

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2025 Great Plains Rendezvous

The 2025 Great Plains Rendezvous is almost here! This year's Rendezvous will be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Saturday, June 28, 2025. If you have never attended a Rendezvous, you are missing out on one of the fun events within our region for Cryptic Masonry. This year marks the 29th year of the event, which rotates between the Grand Councils of Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas. This means next year, in 2026, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas will once again host the Rendezvous.

The event allows each of the Grand Councils to confer the three degrees of Cryptic Masonry, which are the Royal Master degree, Select Master degree, and the Super Excellent Master degree. For this year, Colorado will confer the Royal Master degree, Kansas will confer the Select Master degree, and the host state of Wyoming will confer the Super Excellent Master degree. By rotating the Cryptic degrees between each of the three states, each state has the opportunity to witness and discover the differences, and the beauty, of each jurisdiction's conferral of the Cryptic degrees. If you would like to take a part in the degree work, contact Most Illustrious Companion H. Wayne Rector.



2024 Rendezvous Attendance from Colorado, Kansas & Wyoming



2024 Kansas Rendezvous Companions and New Members