

# Tales of the Secret Vault

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## From the Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Companion Patrick C Carr, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

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



Greetings Companions,

It is officially August and the Grand Master's 2025 classes have ended. I can tell you they were a success and we brought 24 new Companions of the Holy Royal Arch into the bosom of Cryptic Masonry! Just because the Grand Master's Classes are done does not mean we can relax and wait for next year to bring new Brother Master Masons into the York Rite of Kansas. The time is now to continue to recruit those Brothers who you know would benefit from the knowledge and wisdom contained in the York Rite degrees.

The York Rite system of degrees answers so many questions posed by the newly made Master Mason. Many of these new Master Masons want to continue their education in masonry, and that is a good thing. Those of us in the York Rite must continue to step up and provide that education in conjunction with our Blue Lodges. You may wonder how you can participate and make that happen. Here are some examples of things you can do in your Blue Lodge, or Lodges in your area, to make a difference:

1. Offer to bring education to a stated meeting. The Grand York Rite of Kansas has several papers and other items of educational interest available for you to use on the website.
2. Host a Master Mason education event at your Chapter, Council, or Commandery. This can be done before the meeting or on any special night you would like. Invite Master Masons from your area to attend.
3. Offer to provide a meal for a stated meeting of a Lodge in your area. This is a great time to take a short moment and introduce the York Rite of Freemasonry to your Brothers in the area.

There is still work to be done, and I know each of your Councils are capable of performing the work in an impressive manner. If you need assistance in conferring the degrees, please reach out to the Grand Recorder, Allan Jackson, who will forward that to the Grand Officers. We are here to help you succeed in all your York Rite needs.

The Secret Vault has answers to many of the questions posed by the Master Masons in your area. You can help them to discover those answers and to help them fulfill their masonic experience.

Be blessed,

*Patrick C. Carr*

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## *New Kansas CMMRF Jewel Available*

A new jewel has been created by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas to recognize those who are continuing to make contributions to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. The newly created Kansas CMMRF jewel can be procured for a donation of \$120 and is currently being produced. The Grand Recorder will send \$100 of the donation to CMMRF in recognition of your donation to continue their great work. The other \$20 will be used to pay for the creation and distribution of the jewel and to purchase more when the inventory of the current jewel is exhausted. The donations give you and your Council credit for making the donation to CMMRF. The jewel can be purchased through the Grand York Rite of Kansas website or by contacting the Grand Recorder, Allan Jackson.

## *Cryptic Degree Grand Master's Class Update*

On Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the lodge hall of Newton, Lodge No. 142, the 2025 Grand Master's Class was held in conjunction with the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas. There were 24 new Cryptic Masons who took the Royal Master and the Select Master Degrees during the class. For the first time since the beginning of the Grand Master's Class conferrals, the Grand Master was in attendance to receive the Cryptic Degrees. Most Worshipful Brother Derik Hockett, was in attendance and took both degrees at the conferral. He had received the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees the night before in a special communication and was eligible to receive the Cryptic Degrees at the Class. He was accompanied by Right Worshipful Brother Mark Slubowski, the current Grand Senior Deacon of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas. Congratulations to all who assisted in the conferrals, and especially to those who attended and received the Cryptic Degrees!



## *August Illustrious Grand Master's Schedule*

August continues to see our Most Illustrious Grand Master traveling for the betterment of Cryptic Masonry here in Kansas. Most Illustrious Strout's August schedule can be found below:

Pike's Peak Inspection	August 1-3, 2025	Manitou Springs, Colorado
Masonic Unity Conference	August 23, 2025	McPherson, Kansas