



YORK RITE IS CELEBRATED IN SPRINGFIELD IL!

SEPT 21ST WAS A HUGE DAY FOR YORK RITE MASONRY IN ILLINOIS. AN AMAZING BANQUET WAS HOSTED AT NORTHFIELD INN CELEBRATED COMP. DANNY GADDIS MEGHP, COMP. BILLY MCINTYRE MIGM AND SIR KNIGHT JAMIE EMERY REGC. (Pictured to the right)



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The event in Springfield was well attended and all present had a great time. The food and fellowship were first class! It was a banner night for York Rite Masonry and the craft in general!

CHAPTER SPOT LIGHT

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 281

Keystone is proud to be a chapter of family traditions. Comp. Ruben Valadez PHP had the opportunity to start his son, Alex, on his York Rite journey! Bro. Alex Valadez, an accomplished DeMolay leader, completed his 4th and 5th degree at Aurora Chapter as part of a large class of initiates at Aurora Chapter. Pictured below is Ruben and his son Alex with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest and other Keystone Chapter officers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

9/28 FISH FRY

Pekin Chapter No. 25
Tremont, IL

10/7 4TH & 5TH DEGREE

Pekin Chapter No. 25
Tremont, IL

11/16 LINCOLN PARK CHAPTER DAY

Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177
Chicago, IL

12/27 SAINTS JOHN FEAST

Keystone Chapter No. 281
Addison, IL

4/19 RAMCF SHRIMP BOIL

Eagles Nest Sports Grill
Keithsburg, IL

Meet your Most Excellent Grand High Priest



Companion Gaddis is a 16-year member of Joliet Chapter No 27 RAM where he served as Excellent High Priest in 2007, 2009, and 2017. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest for two years and was elected Grand Royal Arch Captain in 2019.

RWB Gaddis was raised 23 years ago in Elwood Lodge No 919 (now Plainfield Lodge No 536) where he served as Worshipful Master in 2006 and 2015. In 2016 RWB Gaddis became a member of Mazon Lodge No 826 serving as Worshipful Master there in 2018 and joined Wilmington Lodge No 208 in 2021.

Companion Gaddis is also a member of Joliet Council No 82 Cryptic Masons having served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 2009 and 2017 and Joliet Commandery No 4 having served as Eminent Commander in 2009 and 2018. He also is a member of the Order of High Priest and Order of Thrice Illustrious Past Masters.

Companion Gaddis is an active member of Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church where he serves as an usher, reader, and communion assistant.

ELECTED OFFICERS

REDGHP – Lance J. Welter
REGK – Tracy W. Harris
REGS – Drew A. Morris
REGT – Chris J. Hathaway
REGSec – Barry D. Weer
EGCOH – S. Jeff Baine
EGPS – Isaac J. Orr
EGRAC – Marty K. Kwilosz

EDUCATION CORNER

The Tau (T) is the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet. In ancient times it was regarded as the symbol of life, whereas the 8th letter of the Greek alphabet, theta, was considered the symbol of death. Many say that these two symbols created today's plus (+) and minus (-) symbols. The Tau is a very old form of the cross, and is also known as St. Anthony's Cross, after the saint that was martyred on a cross of that shape.

It has been said that three Taus come together to form the Triple Tau. Others say the Triple Tau is originally the coming together of a T and a H, forming TH , meaning Templum Hierosolyma, or the Temple of Jerusalem. Christians interpreted the symbol as "Holiness supporting Trinity".

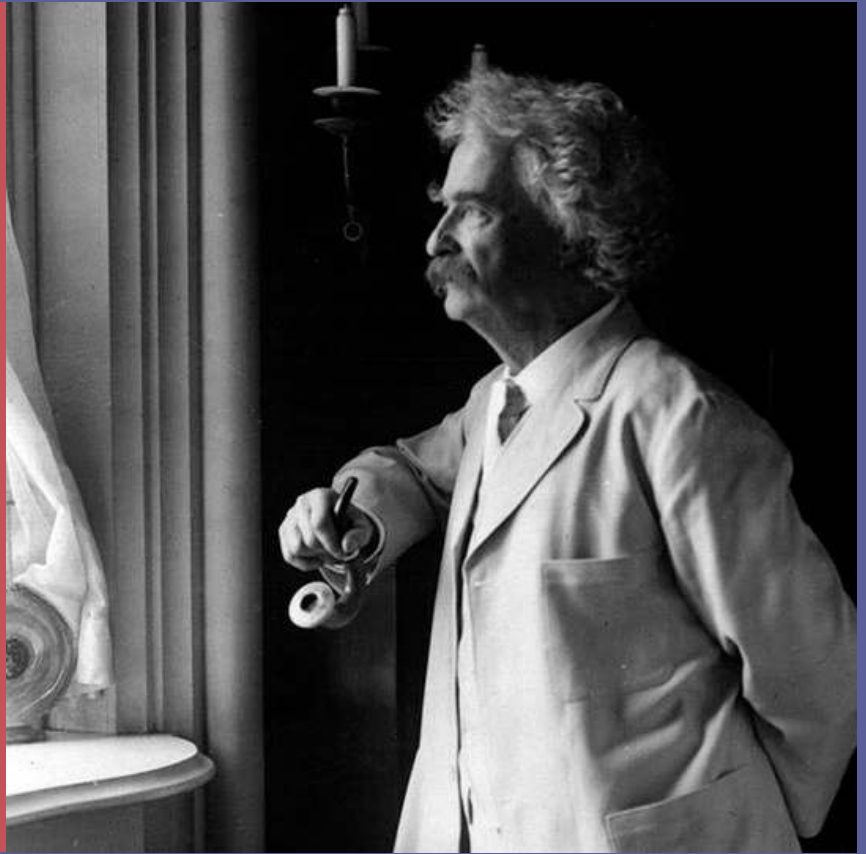
Royal Arch records dating from 1767 show this symbol. In addition to meaning Templum Hierosolyma (The Temple of Jerusalem), it is also said to mean *Clavis ad Thesaurum* - "A key to the treasure" - and *Theca ubi res pretiosa* - "A place where the precious thing is concealed."

The Tau and the Triple Tau

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Quotes from Famous Freemasons – “Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more.” – Bro. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), US humorist and author (1835-1910), Polar Star Lodge No. 79 A.F.& A.M., Missouri, USA



ILLINOIS CENTER FOR AUTISM HAD AN AMAZING PEDAL FOR AUTISM & FAMILY FUN EVENT!

Saturday Aug 17th, 2024 our RAMCF beneficiary Illinois Center for Autism hosted their annual Pedal for Autism Fundraiser and ramped up the enjoyment by adding a family fun event. It was a great day with a touch a truck hosted by local law enforcement and emergency response personal, games, food trucks and more! The event was even covered by the local TV Station Fox 2. Illinois Center for Autism consistently leads the way in helping those in need and making sure everyone everyone has fun!



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