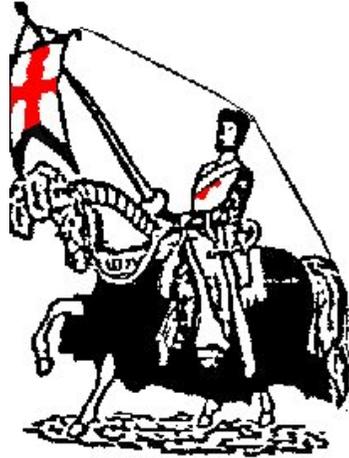


If you are a financial Master Mason and have been for 12 months then you are invited to enquire about Knight Templar Masonry.

If you would like to become a Member or require further information please contact one of the Registrars/Secretaries listed for the Great Priory of Queensland in the current UGLQ Masonic Directory.

Alternatively, you might like to contact

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The Great Priory of Queensland



Working the Degrees
of Knights Templar
and Knights of Malta.

Knight Templar Masonry

Beyond the Craft Degrees there are several Masonic Orders that a Master Mason may join. Some simply require a belief in a Supreme Being, while others require a profession of the Christian Faith.

These additional Orders do not form a progressive system within the Craft, nor do they form a cohesive system among themselves. Each order is independent and has control over its own series of Degrees.

One such order is the Knights Templar, or to give it its correct title, The United Religious, Military and Masonic Order of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta. It requires its Aspirants to believe in the Holy Trinity. It works the Degrees of Knight of the Temple and Knight of Malta.

By way of its very nature and its historical background this is a Christian Masonic Order. Both the Temple Degree and the Malta Degree have their roots in the Holy Land during the Crusade era, but on this question it must be remembered that there is no direct link of descent from the Operative Templars or Hospitallers to the Degrees worked in our Preceptories today. In the mid 1700s the Freemasons began to incorporate symbols and traditions of the medieval Knights Templar.

The Knight Templar Degree places the candidate in the position of a Pilgrim, travelling symbolically through hardship and dangers until he is received as a Christian Knight. The Malta Degree relates the story of St Paul's arrival on the Island of Melita which is known today as Malta.

The Great Priory of Queensland of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta has 13 Preceptories in its Jurisdiction and is recognised by the majority of Great Preceptories throughout the world.

The Order is Christian in content so only those Master Masons professing the Christian Faith are eligible to join.

The Cross on the Tunic is either the Passion Cross or Maltese Cross and that on a Knight's Mantle is the traditional Knights' Templar (Maltese) Cross.

Most Preceptories meet three or four times in a year with one of those Meetings being the Installation Meeting.