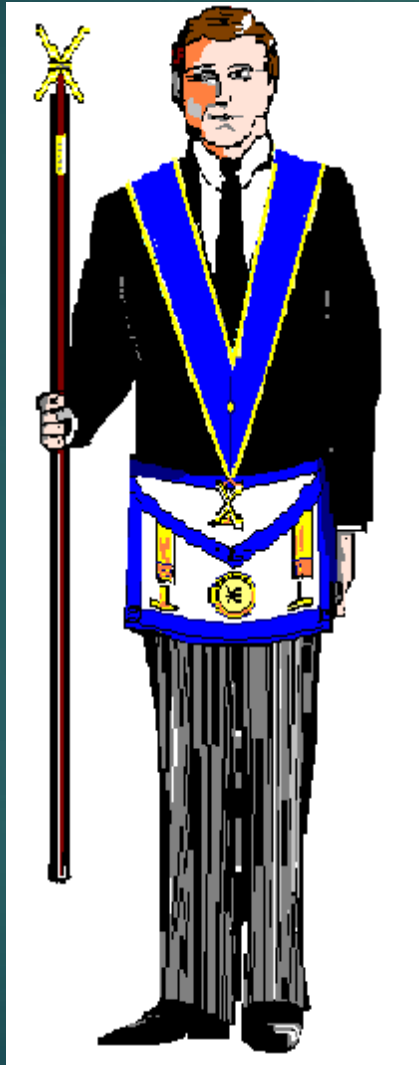


The Templars and the Masons



Freemasons

- ▶ The first evidence of Masonic Lodges appeared in Scotland.
- ▶ By the late 1500s, multiple Lodges were established across Scotland, ranging from Edinburgh to Perth.
- ▶ The first Grand Lodge in 1717 was formed in London
- ▶ In the 18th century Paris and Lyon were the two major centers of the French Freemasonry. Each of them hosted more than 20 lodges.
- ▶ Brought to the Americas by British military.

Knights Templar

- ▶ **Founded in France in 1118.**
 - ▶ **Hugh de Paynes – first Grand Master**
 - ▶ **9 Knights**
- ▶ **Poor fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ and the Temple of Solomon**
- ▶ **Christian Monks and Knights**
- ▶ **Formed to protect European Pilgrims traveling to The Holy Land after the 1st Crusade**
- ▶ **Headquartered in a mosque on the Temple Mound**
- ▶ **Fought in subsequent crusades**
- ▶ **Accumulated vast amount of farms (Priories) Europe**
- ▶ **Dominated the sheep market**
- ▶ **Established the first international bank**

Knights Templar

- ▶ **The Fall of Acre in 1291**
 - ▶ **Templars**
 - ▶ **Teutonic Knights**
 - ▶ **Knights of St. John (Rhodes and Malta)**
- ▶ **Templars and Knights of St. John**
 - ▶ **Met with the Pope**
 - ▶ **Proposed another Crusade to retake the Holy Land**
- ▶ **Loaned Great sums of money to King Phillip IV of France**



Knights Templar

- ▶ King Phillip bankrupted and devalued the currency of France
 - ▶ Riots in the streets of Paris
 - ▶ Phillip hid in Templar castle in Paris
- ▶ Phillip arranged for Clemet V to become Pope
- ▶ Friday 13th 1307
 - ▶ Surprise raid by French Soldiers
 - ▶ Captured and imprisoned “all” Templars
 - ▶ Many escaped
 - ▶ Charged with heresy
 - ▶ Tortured by the inquisition

Knights Templar

- ▶ **March 22, 1312**

- ▶ Pope officially disbands the Templars
- ▶ Directs that members join the Knights of St. John

- ▶ **March 18, 1314**

- ▶ Grand Master Jacques de Molay and Geoffroi de Charney are burned at the stake on an island in Paris
- ▶ Many escaped and simply disappeared
- ▶ Templar assets were never found

Knights Templar

▶ June 23, 1314

▶ Battle of Bannockburn

- ▶ Scots under Robert Bruce vs. English
- ▶ Battle won by Bruce because of the last minute intervention of a “mysterious cavalry troop” on behalf of Bruce

▶ 1446

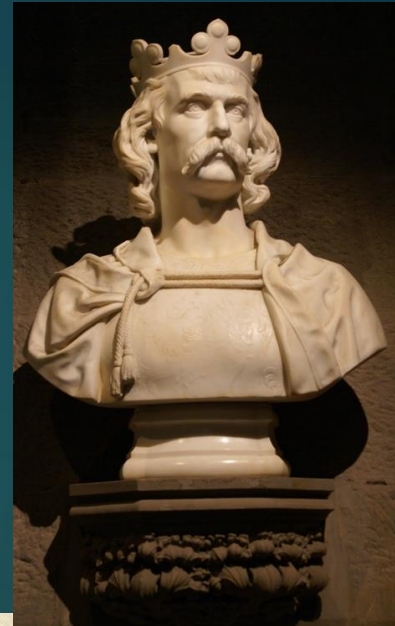
▶ Rosslyn Chapel built near Edinburgh

- ▶ Sir William St. Clair who claimed affiliation with the Templars

▶ 1737

▶ Andrew Michael Ramsay (Chevalier Ramsay)

- ▶ Tutor to Charles Edward Stuart in exile
- ▶ Oration suggesting a connection between the Templars and the Freemasons



Knights Templar

- ▶ 1743
 - ▶ [Baron Karl Gotthelf von Hund und Altengrotkau](#)
 - ▶ Received a Masonic Templar order in France
- ▶ December 11, 1769
 - ▶ Paul Revere created a Masonic Templar
- ▶ 1816
 - ▶ Grand Encampment USA formed
- ▶ 1989
 - ▶ Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry
 - ▶ John J. Robinson

IS THERE A CONNECTION?

- ▶ **The last degree of the three most prominent “Rites” is essentially a Templar degree:**
 - ▶ **Rectified Rite**
 - ▶ **Beneficent Knights of the Holy City**
 - ▶ **Scottish Rite**
 - ▶ **Inspector General 33rd degree**
 - ▶ **York Rite**
 - ▶ **Order of the Temple**