

New Jersey Supplement

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I recently watched a TV program that investigated the theory that the historic Knights Templar may have been some of the first Europeans to visit North America. The theory claims that after the fall of the Knights Templar in France on Friday, October 1, 1307, many French Templars escaped to other countries including Scotland. There, a group met up with Earl Henry Sinclair (who some claimed was also a Knights Templar) and ultimately went on a “voyage of discover” to the “New World”. The TV show examined some of the relics that have been found in Canada and in several New England states that “seem” to have a connection back to the historic Knights Templar. The show concluded with a supposition that there may indeed be a possible connection but that not enough evidence has been found to yet prove or disprove the theory. It was very intriguing though to see the items that the two investigators uncovered to help prove their belief in the theory. Only time and any future finds will help to decide if there is really any truth to this story.

One of the things that I found to be very interesting in this story, if it is true, was that a group of Sir Knights (whom the world at large considered defeated) could find the courage to start over and strive to rebuild their shattered organization. The story says that one of the reasons for their voyages was to find a new land and a new place to reestablish and rebuild the Order of the Knights Templar. As we begin a new year, this is something that we must do in each of our Commanderies for the coming year. We start anew for another year to spread the tenants of Freemasonry and especially our beloved Knights Templar. We only exist, grow, and hopefully prosper by your actions and your continuing commitment

to our organization. We continue to look to each and every one of you to support your Commandery and help and assist those that you have chosen as your officers. Are you up to the challenge? Can we count on you? Only you can make that decision. I hope that you choose wisely and will continue to “be of service” to your fellow men and to Freemasonry and the York Rite. May you all have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Yours in service to the Lord,
SK Matt Macready

Knights Templars

Providing Masonic CHRISTIAN values throughout the
ages.

Upcoming N.J. Grand Commandery Events

Official Visits:

January - TBD	Hugh de Payens Commandery #1 Mosaic Lodge
January 23 (Thursday)	St. John’s Commandery #9 Loyalty Lodge
TBD	Ocean Commandery #34 UD Sextant Lodge
TBD	Troyes Commandery #35 UD Hightstown-Apollo

NJ Grand Commandery Events:

None currently scheduled.