



KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR Jaques de Molay No. 85 Priory – Part 2

On 16th of August 2009 at Roanoke, West Virginia, USA, during the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Triennial, four Romanian Knights were invited and admitted in the Order, Ștefan Mâșu, Ștefan Mantea, Gabriel Gherasim and Ionel Ciuclea and during the last years several Knights than fulfilled the minimum request were invited to become members.



Following the discussions during 2013-2014 between Sir Knight Gabriel Gherasim and Most Eminent Matthew D. Dupee, Grand Master-General of the Convent General KYCH, on 13th September 2014 **Priory Jaques de Molay No.85** was chartered in Romania. For the recognition of his entire work in promotion and sustaining the Romanian York Rite, Knight Ștefan Mâșu, PGHP, PIGM, PGC was elected Eminent Prior. The following years the presiding officers of Jaques de Molay No.85 Priory were elected Knight Gabriel Gherasim and after that Knight Ștefan Mantea.

The significance of the Order is given by the value of the activity and work of its members for the development of the York Rite and freemasonry in general and for the future programs.



The jewel of the Order is represented by a Crown which signifies that a true leader (King) is working for his people under God's observation and on its bottom part are placed the four symbols of Blue Lodge, RAM Chapter, Cryptic Council and Knights Templar Commandery.

Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor (KYGCH) is the highest distinction than can be conferred by the Convent General KYCH to a Brother who has presided over a Grand Body such as Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council or Grand Commandery, if he was a KYCH member when being installed in these high offices. For each Grand Dignity one quadrant is conferred according the image below, each color representing the Grand Body over the recipient presided.

Ștefan MANTEA, KCT, KYCH
Eminent Prior
of the Jaques de Molay, No. 85 Priory of Romania