

## KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR Jaques de Molay No. 85 Priory – Part 1

This international Order (KYCH) was created as an invitational body and honor for the York Rite Masonry. The Order was founded in Monroe, NC, USA on 13th March 1930. On 6th of June 1930 the Convent General of Knights of the York Cross of Honour was fomed, being the governing body of all Priories. Since the foundation of the Order until present day have been invited and accepted over 36.000 members, from which 12.000 are living.



The purpose for the creation of the Order, in contrast with other rites or masonic bodies, is that the York Rite offers a special attention and cherish the work of those who have well presided over the masonic bodies, even if they are past presiding officers. And more, beside the recognition and cherish for those precious leaders, connecting their expertise and knowledge, they can take better decision for organizing and better works inside the Rite.

As same in any other invitational Orders, nobody can request to be admitted, the candidate must be chosen and proposed by the members of the Order. The main request is to have been a



good performing presiding officer of a Lodge as Past Master, Past High Priest for a Royal Arch Masons Chapter, Past Illustrious Master for a Cryptic Masons Council and Past Commander for a Knights Templar Commandery. No one can know when he is proposed for admission since the discussions are behind closed doors, except the moment when he officially receives the invitation to become member.



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