

# Tales of the Secret Vault

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## From the Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work

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*The Most Illustrious Grand Master has asked the current Grand Council Officers to write articles each month for this supplement.*



Greetings Companions,

The Month of July is upon us and the year is half over. We have accomplished, much with the Grand Masters Class of Grand Chapter Degrees; as well as, the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees. This shows we have several brothers with a true interest in receiving further light into Masonry. These same Companions are looking forward to the continuation of our Festival on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July. We need to continue the excellence of our degree work we have provided thus far. In order to do this, I ask that you please look over your parts and **BE PREPARED**. Our focus is that these new Sir Knights will be impressed with their added knowledge and be actively

involved and engaged in our craft. Our goal is not to just increase our numbers but to have members excited to be a part of York Rite Masonry.

Fourth of July is the day in which we celebrate our freedom as a nation. I hope you all get out and enjoy, (hot dogs, hamburgers, and beer come to mind) the freedoms we have been given. We are truly blessed to be able to embrace the liberties that allow us to practice Masonry as we do. Let us **NEVER** forget the lives that have been given and still are given for our Freedom.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Knights Templar Feast on the July 26<sup>th</sup> in Emporia. You can register at the York Rite website and even pay online. It will be a fun event with good food and fellowship. Please save the date on your calendars and I hope to see you there.

God Bless,

*Wayne D. Drake*

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# 2025 Great Plains Rendezvous Update

The 2025 Great Plains Rendezvous was in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Companions from Wyoming, Kansas, and Colorado were once again in attendance. There was a wonderful time of fellowship on Friday evening sponsored by the Wyoming Companions at the local Shrine Temple in Cheyenne. On Saturday morning the Grand Council of Colorado conferred the Royal Master degree before the Grand Council of Kansas conferred the Select Master degree. The Super Excellent Master degree team from Wyoming conferred the degree with a high level of competence and their presentation and ritual was quite impressive. The lunch provided was delicious and the Companions who were able to attend enjoyed the experience, the food, and especially the time of fellowship with the Companions from across the region. Kansas was represented by the Right Illustrious Companion Robert Haynes, Deputy Grand Master, and Most Illustrious Companions H. Wayne Rector, Bill Leonard, and John Staton.

The 2026 Great Plains Rendezvous will be held once again in Kansas. The location will be announced soon.

