



# Grand York Rite of Idaho Newsletter



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To better serve the Idaho York Rite Bodies, this newsletter will be used for local activities and newsworthy items to share. If you have items to share, please send them to the Grand Recorder, [grndyrii@gmail.com](mailto:grndyrii@gmail.com).



## November Happenings

When	What	Where
25 November	MEGHP Official Visit	Cyrus Chapter #2
26 November	MEGHP Official Visit	Payette Chapter #8

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

**Mission:** To improve vision through research, education and supporting access to care.



Dr. Souradip Chatterjee from West Virginia University Awarded \$90,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Targeting Protein Glutamylolation in Blinding Diseases

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He aims to answer the question: How does impaired protein glutamylation, observed in our mouse model for CCP5-linked blindness, affect photoreceptor function? With the knowledge gained, he proposes to identify novel therapies for blindness resulting from genetic mutations that disrupt the removal of glutamate residues (deglutamylation).

Sep 30, 2024



Dr. Ammar A. Abdelrahman from Washington University awarded \$90,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant to Study a Novel Intervention Strategy in Retinopathy of Prematurity

Dr. Abdelrahman aims to study a mouse model of ROP to understand how the tissue regulate the clearance process and what are the differences between the cells in the ability to clear up the corpses. He also has successfully designed a unique molecule that help cells to clear the corpses faster and with better outcome.

Sep 16, 2024



**57th Voluntary Campaign**

As Knights Templar we spread the news of the Light of the World by the way we live our lives and by spreading the Gospels to anyone in need. We bring physical light by providing funding to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care. Somewhere in the world, someone goes blind every 5 seconds. I ask you to continue to support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. in its mission. Bring the light to those that sit in darkness. Continue the miracles of Jesus Christ by contributing to the 57th Voluntary Campaign. During your next Christmas Observance, pass the plate to collect for the Foundation. Your dollars provide light.

Sep 4, 2024

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 2025 Career Starter Research Grant Opportunity

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. has announced a Pediatric Ophthalmology Research Grant Award Program of \$3 Million. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. (KTEF) invites eligible investigators (clinician scientists and basic research scientists) to submit applications for Pediatric Ophthalmology Career-Starter Research Grants for the next award period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Aug 31, 2024



Knights Templar Eye Foundation Awards \$350,000 to support Children's Eye Foundation

The Children's Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmologists and Strabismus (AAPOS) has received funding from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) to support educational outreach programs. KTEF awarded \$250,000 to CEF's Stop Infant Blindness in Africa (SIBA) program, as well as \$100,000 to the Global Education & Training program.

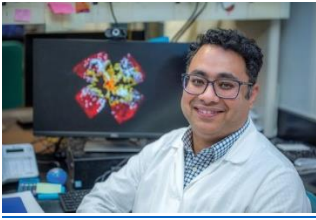
Aug 27, 2024



Dr. Thomas C. Lee Awarded the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA National Award

Congratulations to Thomas C. Lee, MD on receiving the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA National Award for his dedicated work fighting childhood blindness and his service to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

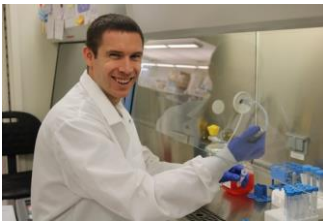
Aug 19, 2024



Dr. Syed Adeel Zaidi from Augusta University awarded \$90,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Research on Ornithine Decarboxylase 1 (ODC1) and its Relationship with ROP

Based on this study, he can repurpose this approved medicine for a clinical trial in ROP infants. He hopes this medicine will help the infants recover from such a blinding disease and let them see well again.

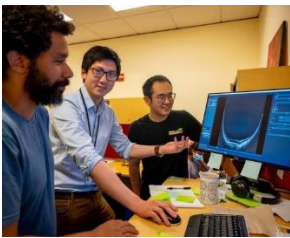
Aug 5, 2024



Dr. Brent K. Young from Stanford University School of Medicine Awarded \$90,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Neurofibromatosis Type-1 Research

Dr. Young's focus is on developing new techniques which combine gene therapy with drug treatment to prevent retinal ganglion cell death in an animal model of NF1. He will also evaluate their effectiveness in maintaining vision.

Jul 22, 2024



Dr. Benjamin K. Young from Casey Eye Institute Awarded \$90,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Retinopathy of Prematurity Progression Kinetics Research

Because there is now access to cutting edge cameras which can produce 3D

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representations of the retina and vessels with high resolution, Dr. Young aims to precisely define the rate of vessel growth in prematurity and ROP, as well as characterize microvascular changes at the edge of ROP, with the goal to provide novel avenues to predict disease.

Jul 15, 2024



Dr. Sean K. Wang from the Byers Eye Institute at Stanford Awarded \$90,000 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant for Circular RNA Gene Editing Research

Dr. Wang proposed a new strategy to perform gene editing in the eye using circular RNAs, a class of highly stable RNA molecules, delivered into retinal cells by nanoparticles. He envisions that this work will lead to safer treatments for childhood retinal diseases, and potentially other vision disorders.

Jul 8, 2024

**NORTHWEST YORK RITE CONFERENCE.- 2024**

On Friday morning the General Grand Chapter opened their session. The General Grand King discussed the necessity for submitting awards, especially for the ladies. He also explained the Grand Lady of York Degree and had several to sell. Afterwards there was a presentation on Conflict Resolution in the lodge and how it could be handled and it was an excellent presentation and good ideas were presented by those present. A presentation on some of the history of the Royal Arch Masonry was presented. One idea that really hit me was in the early days they had a stamp made of their mark and stamped it after their name in the sign-in book.

The afternoon session was conducted by the General Grand Council. Each representative from the various jurisdictions gave a small presentation on what they were doing in their area. Another presentation was given on awards. It was reported that during last years visit there was one council who gave a ladies award and 4 that gave none at all. It is being stressed that we need to do a better job on nminating our companions and ladies for awards. We then had a presentation on CMMRF and the Marion Crum Fellowship fundraiser. For a donation of \$100 to the Fellowship, you receive a Certificate, Member Card and a beautiful jewell to wear on your Council jacket. The presentation was excellent. Overall, the conference was excellent, the fellowship and acquaintances we made cannot be replaced.

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Next years conference will be at the same Hotel, the Ruby River Hotel in Spokane so **put it on your calendar now**. It is well worth the time and money.

**A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF**  
**IDAHO YORK RITE**

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Commandery Proceedings of 1924 held at  
Boise, Idaho:

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**  
**ENGLAND AND WALES-1923**

MINUTES OF A CHAPTER  
OF THE  
GREAT PRIORY

Of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, Holden at Mark Mason Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> December, A.L. 5926, A.D. 1922, A.O. 804, at 5 o'clock.

PRESENT

The Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master,  
MAJOR-GEN. THOMAS CHARLES PLEYDELL CALLEY,  
C.B., C.B.E., M.V.O., G.C.T.,  
On the Throne,

The Very High and Eminent Great Seneschal,  
COL. C. W. NAPIER CLAVERING, G.C.T.

THE WAY IT IS DONE

The Knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master, attended by the Great Officers, entered and ascended the Throne.

A Chapter of Great Priory was opened with solemn prayer.

The Great Registrar called the Muster Roll.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal.

The Great Chancellor:

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“Most Eminent and Supreme Pro Grand Master, the Minutes of the meeting of Great Priory of the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1922, and the Especial Meeting held at Durham on the 11<sup>th</sup> October having been freely distributed throughout Great Priory, I move that they be taken as read.”

The Great Registrar seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Great Chancellor:

“I now move that the Minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> May be confirmed. I do not move that the Minutes of the Especial Meeting be confirmed because that is unnecessary.”

The Great Registrar seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Great Chancellor:

“Now, sir, in order of precedence of the business of this Great Priory, I move that the Report of the Council, which also has been freely distributed, and I think is in the hands of every Knight present, be taken as read.”

The Great Registrar seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The Great Chancellor:

“Following that resolution I move, That the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.”

The Great Registrar seconded the motion.

The Pro Grand Master:

“Brother Knights, as you are all aware an Especial Meeting of Great Priory was held in October last in the Ancient City of Durham. It has been felt for a long time that our Brethren in the North, who are a numerous and zealous body of Knights, would welcome an opportunity of attending Great Priory without having to travel all the way to London, which is a very considerable expense in these days, in addition to which, our Brethren in the North are men who are very considerably occupied in trade and commerce and have not the time to spare to come to London to attend Great Priory. Under those circumstances His Royal Highness, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, was pleased to order an Especial Meeting of Great Priory to be held in Durham. Durham was selected for this reason, that the Dean and Chapter of Durham were kind enough to place at our disposal the beautiful Chapter

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House of their cathedral, a cathedral which is full of traces and mementoes of our ancient forfathers, the original Crusaders and Knights of the Temple. No finer place could have been selected for a meeting of Great Priory. The city added largely to the dignity of the proceedings, and I am sure that all those who were present on that occasion went away with the feeling that it was a thoroughly satisfactory and suitable place in which to hold it. The Dean was good enough to preach a sermon to the assembled Knights afterwards in the Cathedral, and gave an address which I am sure touched the hearts of all who heard it. Under these circumstances I think that we were quite justified in holding this Especial Meeting in the North, and I feel that by doing so in obedience to the command of His Royal Highness the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, those officers who went up there were able to give some small assistance and encouragement to our Brethren in that part of the realm. It has not been laid down by His Royal Highness that such a meeting should take place every year, but it creates a precedent for consideration by Great Priory whether, in order to meet the convenience and benefit of members in other parts of the kingdom, a similar meeting may not be held in some other city which his Royal Highness may consider suitable. With regard to the report I have nothing further to say, and will now put the proposal that the report by received and entered on the Minutes.

The motion was carried.