

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



**c.993 BC**  
David conquers Jerusalem and brings Ark of the Covenant



**c.958-951 BC**  
Solomon builds the Temple in Jerusalem and the Ark is placed in the Holy of Holies



**586 BC**  
Solomon's Temple is destroyed by Assyrians. Ark of the Covenant is lost or destroyed



**520 BC**  
Work begins on the Second Temple in Jerusalem



**c.AD33**  
Crucifixion of Jesus in Jerusalem



**135**  
Hadrian destroys Solomon's Second Temple



**326-328**  
Helena, mother of Constantine discovers the True Cross and the Holy Sepulchre



**638**  
Jerusalem is conquered by caliph Umar



**1009**  
Church of the Holy Sepulchre is destroyed by caliph Hakim



**1063**  
Papacy gives a blessing for a Crusade against the Muslim occupation of Spain



**1070**  
Formation of the Order of St. John



**1090**  
Birth of St. Bernard



**1095**  
Byzantines appeal for help to the west, Pope Urban II declares the First Crusade



**1099**  
Capture of Jerusalem



**1100**  
Baldwin I elected King of Outremer



**1112**  
St Bernard arrives at Citeaux



**1113**  
Formation of the Knights Hospitallers acknowledged by Papacy



**1115**  
St. Bernard arrives at Clairvaux



**1118**  
Baldwin II crowned King of Jerusalem



**1119**  
9 Knights led by Hugh de Payens make vows at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre



**1119**  
Initial formation of Knights Templar as The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon



**1120**  
Recognition of Knights Templar at Nablus



**1129**  
Council of Troyes, granted land and established the Latin Rule of the Templars - 72 clauses



**1131**  
*In Praise of the New Knighthood* by Bernard of Clairvaux



**1139**  
Papal Bull Omne Datum Optimum - Templars are an independent order of the Catholic Church



**1140s**  
Templars build Paris Temple as financial headquarters



**1144**  
Foundation of the Priory at Clerkenwell



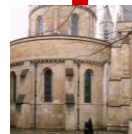
**1144**  
Fall of Edessa to the Moslems



**1147 - 1149**  
Second Crusade and Templars granted the right to wear red cross



**1179**  
Hostility between Templars and Hospitallers



**1185**  
Temple Church in London is consecrated



**1187**  
Battle of Hattin



**1187**  
Fall of Jerusalem to Saladin



**1189**  
Richard is crowned King of England



**1189**  
Richard I captures Cyprus



**1189 -1192**  
Third Crusade



**1191**  
Siege of Acre and  
new Templar HQ



**1202 - 1204**  
Fourth Crusade



**1215**  
Magna Carta signed and  
Master of the Temple was  
an adviser to the King



**1218 - 1221**  
Fifth Crusade



**1291**  
Fall of Acre. Templars  
leave for Sidon and Cyprus



**1300**  
Knights Hospitallers  
conquer Rhodes



**1302**  
Templars leave Outremer  
to island of Ruad, then  
massacre of the Templar  
garrison



**1305**  
Phillip was refused entry  
into the Knights Templar  
after the death of his wife



**1307**  
13<sup>th</sup> October Arrest of  
Templars in France



**1308**  
Jacques de Molay and  
other Templar leaders meet  
papal emissaries and are  
absolved



**1310**  
Burning of 54 Templars  
near Paris



**1312**  
Pope Clement abolishes  
Templars and transfers  
property to Knights  
Hospitallers



**1314**  
Execution of Jacques de  
Molay and curses Pope  
Clement and Philip le Bel



**1314**  
Pope Clement dies  
(agonising illness) and Philip  
le Bel dies (riding accident)



**1319**  
Establishment of Knights  
of Christ in Portugal



**1456**  
Construction of Rosslyn  
Chapel



**1522**  
Knights Hospitallers  
leave Rhodes to Crete



**1530**  
Knights Hospitallers  
move to Malta



**1550**  
Origins of Freemasons in  
England and Scotland



**1565**  
Great Siege of Malta



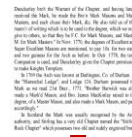
**1568**  
Death of Grand Master  
Jean de la Vallette



**1571**  
Destruction of Templar  
records in Cyprus by the  
Ottomans



**1737**  
Ramsay's Oration declares  
Freemasons are descendants  
of the Crusaders



**1778**  
The Chapter of Friendship  
(Royal Arch) work an  
Appendant Degree



**1789**  
Outbreak of the French  
Revolution



**1791**  
Grand Conclave was  
formed of 7 Encampments



**1791**  
Thomas Dunckerley was  
installed as the first Grand  
Master



**1793**  
Louis XVI guillotined  
"Jacques de Molay is  
avenged"



**1873**  
Grand Conclave was changed  
to Grand Priory and  
Encampments became  
Preceptories



**1877**  
St. John Ambulance  
Association is founded



**1882**  
Foundation of the St. John  
Eye Hospital in Jerusalem



**1990**  
London has 2 groups –  
Duke Group and St.  
James Group



**1992**  
London amalgamates  
the 2 groups into a  
single Province



**1992**  
R E Kt Jack Dribbell was  
First Provincial Prior



**2001**  
Discovery of the Chignon  
Parchment in the  
Vatican Secret Archives