

John Chester James. a York Rite Mason - a Scottish Rite Mason
 Initiated into Peter McGregor Lodge # 173, February 18th 1961
 Passed March 30th 1961, Raised a Master Mason May 13th 1961
 Presiding Officer - Service Record



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| 1. WORSHIPFUL MASTER , Cypress Lodge # 82
A.F.& A.M.,G.R.M.,Grand Lodge of Manitoba | Cypress River MB | 1966 |
| 2. WORTHY PATRON , Treherne Chapter # 43
Order of the Eastern Star | Treherne MB | 1970 |
| 3. FIRST PRINCIPAL , Eureka Chapter # 15
Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba | Holland MB | 1974 |
| 4. District Deputy Grand Master , Third Masonic District
A.F.& A.M.,G.R.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba | Cypress River MB | 1974-75 |

5. PRESIDING PRECEPTOR , Mount Carmel Preceptory # 44 K.T.K.M. Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Neepawa MB	1975
6. WORSHIPFUL MASTER , Peter McGregor Lodge # 173 A.F.& A.M., G.R.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba	Brandon MB	1975
7. PRESIDENT , Manitoba North-Western Ontario District # 8 Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Saskatoon SK	1976-77
8. Grand Superintendent , District # 3 Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba	Holland MB	1977-78
9. WATCHMAN of SHEPHERDS , Galilee Shrine # 1 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem	Brandon MB	1978-79
10. ASSOCIATE BETHEL GUARDIAN , Bethel # 6 International Order of Job's Daughters (2 years)	Brandon MB	1978-80
11. THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER , Brandon Council # 10 Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada	Brandon MB	1979
12. WORSHIPFUL MASTER , Strathcona Lodge # 117 A.F.& A.M., G.R.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba	Belmont MB	1979
13. COMMANDER NOAH , Lake Wahtapanah Lodge # 13 Royal ARK Mariners - moared to Brandon Council # 10	Brandon MB	1980
14. PRESIDENT , Past Master's Club Khartum Temple # 95, A.A.O.N.M.S.	Winnipeg MB	1980
15. WORSHIPFUL MASTER , Glenboro Lodge # 48 A.F.& A.M., G.R.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba	Glenboro MB	1980
16. WATCHMAN of SHEPHERDS , Galilee Shrine # 1 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem	Brandon MB	1981-82
17. PRESIDENT , Manitoba Council, Order of the High Priesthood GRAND CHAPTER, Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba	Brandon MB	1984-85
18. GOVERNOR , Manitoba Crocus York Rite College # 89 York Rite Sovereign College of North America	Brandon MB	1984-85
19. GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL , Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba	Brandon MB	1984-85

20. WORSHIPFUL MASTER , Peter McGregor Lodge # 173 A.F.& A.M., G.R.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba	Brandon MB	1985
21. GRAND GOVERNOR , of Manitoba (3 years) York Rite Sovereign College of North America	Brandon MB	1985-87
22. GOVERNOR , North Dakota York Rite College # 56 York Rite Sovereign College of North America	Fargo N.D.	1985-86
23. Provincial Prior , Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Manitoba North-Western Ontario District # 8	Neepawa MB	1985-86
24. LORD HIGH ADMIRAL , Ancient Order of Corks (10 years) Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Charitable Philanthropy	Winnipeg MB	1986-95
25. CHAIRMAN , Grievances and Appeals Committee Sovereign Great Priory of Canada (3 years)	Neepawa MB	1987-90
26. Grand Inspector General , Manitoba District Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada	Portage la Prairie MB	1987-88
27. SOVEREIGN MASTER , Keystone Council # 172 Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada	Winnipeg MB	1989
28. GRAND INSPECTOR , Manitoba North-Western Ontario District Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada (2 years)	Winnipeg MB	1989-91
29. WORTHY PATRON , Rainbow Chapter # 43 Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star	Winnipeg MB`	1990-91
30. PRESIDENT , Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada	Brandon MB	1991-92
31. GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER , Royal and Select Masters Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada	Brandon MB	1991-92
32. GRAND COMMANDER , Royal ARK Mariners Grand Lodge, Royal ARK Mariners of Western Canada	Brandon MB	1991-92
33. FIRST PRINCIPAL , Kildonan Chapter # 10 Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba	Winnipeg MB	1992
34. PRECEPTOR , Spirit of the LORD Tabernacle # 64 Holy Royal Arch, Knight Templar Priests	Mandan N.D.	1992

35. PRESIDENT , 205 Kimberley, Winnipeg MB East Kildonan Masonic Temple Association	Winnipeg MB	1993-94
36. PRESIDENT , Craft Lodge Past Masters Past Master's Association of Manitoba (2 years)	Winnipeg MB	1993-95
37. PRIOR , Manitoba Priory # 69 Knights of the York Cross of Honor	Winnipeg MB	1993-94
38. ASSOCIATE BETHEL GUARDIAN , Bethel # 9 International Order of Job's Daughters (2 years)	East Kildonan MB	1993-95
39. DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST , North Central Region General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International (3 years)	Biloxi MS	1993-96
40. WORTHY PATRON , Rainbow Chapter # 63 Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star	Winnipeg MB	1994-95
41. PRESIDING PRECEPTOR , Bethany Preceptory # 68 K.T.K.M. Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Winnipeg MB	1996
42. PRESIDENT , Masonic Awareness Committee (2 years) Masonic Family of Manitoba	Winnipeg MB	1996-98
43. AMBASSADOR , Grand Council of Western Canada (3 years) General Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons International	Brandon MB	1996-98
44. WORTHY PATRON , Rainbow Chapter # 63 Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star	Winnipeg MB	1997-98
45. PRESIDENT , Past Officers Club, Althea Shrine # 2 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. (2 years)	Winnipeg MB	1998-99
46. WATCHMAN of SHEPHERDS , Althea Shrine # 2, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem	Winnipeg MB	1998-99
47. Grand Ambassador , General Grand Council. (3 years) Cryptic Rite Masons International, Royal and Select Masters	Brandon MB	1998-02
48. CELEBRANT , Lux in Occident College # 32 Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia (S.R.I.A.)	Saskatoon, SK	2002
49. Grand Ambassador , General Grand Council. (3 years) Cryptic Rite Masons International, Royal and Select Masters	Brandon MB	2002-05

50. **Worthy Patron**, Jubilee Chapter # 27
Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the EASTERN STAR

Winnipeg, MB

2007-08

Staying involved in the following way: -

1. **Regent Emeritus**, York Rite College of North America
2. **Public Relations**, Khartum Temple, Past Master's Club
3. **Sentinel** – Keystone Council # 172, Allied Masonic Degrees
4. **Recorder**, Portage Council # 17, Royal and Select Masters (30 years)
5. **Scribe**, Crescent Lake Lodge # 14A, Royal Ark Mariners (30 years)
6. **Secretary**, Manitoba Council, Order of the High Priesthood (25 years)
7. **Secretary**, Manitoba Crocus, York Rite College # 89
8. **Registrar/Secretary**, Manitoba Priory # 69, Knights of the York Cross of Honour (25 years)
9. **Grand Treasurer**, Grand Chapter of Manitoba Royal Arch Masons.
10. **Chairman**, Royal Arch Philanthropic Project of Manitoba. (25 years)
11. **Secretary**, Past Master's Association of Manitoba, Brandon, MB (15 years)
12. **Manetho**, Althea Shrine # 2, White Shrine of Jerusalem.
13. **Registrar**, Spirit of the Lord Tabernacle # 64, H.A.R., K.T.P., Mandan, N.D..
14. **Secretary** - Khartum Shriners, Past Master's Club (10 years)
15. **Guide** - Winnipeg Conclave # 4, Order of the Secret Monitor
16. **Associate Patron** - Ruth Chapter # 15, Order of the EASTERN STAR
17. **Herald**, Selkirk Conclave #6, Red Cross of Constantine, Winnipeg, MB

Masonic Orders of which I became a Member

1. Peter McGregor Lodge # 173, Brandon, MB A.F.& A.M.
2. Cypress Lodge # 82, Cypress River, MB A.F.& A.M.
3. Past Master's Association of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB A.F.& A.M.
4. Eureka Chapter # 15, Holland, MB Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba
5. Treherne Chapter # 43, Order of the Eastern Star
6. Q.C.C.C. # 2076, Winnipeg, MB Lodge of Masonic Research
7. Brandon Council # 10, Brandon MB Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada
8. Mount Carmel Preceptory # 44, Neepawa, MB Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
9. Galilee Shrine # 1, Brandon, MB White Shrine of Jerusalem
10. Glenboro Lodge # 48, Glenboro, MB A.F.& A.M.
11. Lake Winnipeg Lodge # 4, Winnipeg, MB Royal ARK Mariners
12. Strathcona Lodge # 117, Belmont, MB A.F.& A.M.
13. Bethel # 6, Brandon, MB International Order of JOB'S Daughters
14. Saskatchewan Council, Saskatoon, SK Order of the High Priesthood
15. Khartum Temple # 95, Winnipeg, MB A.A.O.N.M.S.
16. Khartum Temple Past Master's Club, Winnipeg, MB A.A.O.N.M.S.
17. Portage Shrine Club, Portage la Prairie, MB A.A.O.N.M.S.
18. Queen Mary # 3, Brandon, MB Order of the Eastern Star
19. Portage Motor Patrol, Portage la Prairie, MB A.A.O.N.M.S.

- 20.Lake Wahtapanah Lodge # 13, Brandon,MB Royal ARK Mariners
- 21.Portage Council # 17, Portage la Prairie,MB Royal and Select Masters
- 22.Western Canada Priory # 35, Edmonton,AB Knights of the York Cross of Honour
- 23.Brandon & District Shrine Club, Brandon,MB A.A.O.N.M.S.
- 24.North Dakota York Rite College # 56, Fargo,ND York Rite Sovereign College
- 25.Brandon Oriental Band, Brandon, MB A.A.O.N.M.S.
- 26.Spirit of the Lord Tabernacle # 64, Mandan,ND Holy Royal Arch,Knight Templar Priests
- 27.Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, Saskatoon, SK. S.I.R.A.
- 28.Manitoba Council, Order of the High Priesthood, Winnipeg,MB
- 29.Crescent Lake Lodge # 14A, Portage la Prairie, MB. Royal ARK Mariners
- 30.Keystone Council # 172, Winnipeg,MB Allied Masonic Degrees
- 31.Manitoba Crocus York Rite College # 89, Brandon,MB York Rite Sovereign College
- 32.Manitoba Priory # 69, Brandon,MB Knights of the York Cross of Honour
- 33.Pembina Valley Shrine Club, Morden,MB A.A.O.N.M.S
- 34.Rainbow Chapter # 63, Winnipeg,MB Order of the Eastern Star
- 35.Kildonan Chapter # 10, East Kildonan,MB Royal Arch Masons
- 36.Bethel # 9, East Kildonan,MB International Order of JOB'S Daughters
- 37.Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Winnipeg MB
- 38.Westman Council # 216, Brandon,MB Allied Masonic Degrees
- 39.Grand Valley Conclave # 36, Brandon,MB Red Cross of Constantine
- 40.Bethany Preceptory # 68, Winnipeg,MB Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- 41.Grand College of Rites, Minneapolis,MN United States of America
- 42.Canadian Association of Past Grand High Priests and Past Grand First Principals
- 43.Jubilee Chapter # 27, Order of the Eastern Star.
- 44.Sturgeon Creek Lodge # 145, Grand Lodge of Manitoba
- 45.Masonic Vetran's Association of North Dakota
- 46.Winnipeg Conclave # 4, Order of the Secret Moniter of Canada
- 47.Mandan York Rite College # 191, Mandan North Dakota
- 47.Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers,Inc.Rochester MN.
- 48.Leonard S, Churchill York Rite College U.D. Kelowna B.C.
- 49.Knight Masons of the United States of America, Minnesota Council # 34.
- 50 Ruth Chapter # 15, Order of the Eastern Star, Minnedosa MB.
- 51.Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Grand Commandry of Minnesota
52. Knight Mason of the U.S.of A., North Dakota Council # 90
- 53.Selkirk Conclave # 6, Red Cross of Constantine.

Charter, Signing or Founding Member

- 1.Lake Wahtapanah Lodge # 13, Brandon,MB Royal ARK Mariners
- 2.Portage Council # 17,Portage la Prairie,MB Royal & Select Masters
- 3.Spirit of the Lord Tabernacle # 64, Mandan,ND H.R.A.,K.T.P.
- 4.Manitoba Council, Order of the High Priesthood, Winnipeg,MB
- 5.Crescent Lake Lodge # 14A,Portage la Prairie,MB Royal ARK Mariners
- 6.Red River Valley Chapter # 21, Starbuck,MB Royal Arch Masons
- 7.Manitoba Crocus York Rite College # 89, Brandon,MB Y.R.S.C.of N.A.
- 8.Manitoba Priory # 69, Brandon,MB Knights of the York Cross of Honour

9. Wheatland Council # 19, Rosetown,SK Royal and Select Masters
10. Pembina Valley Shrine Club, Morden,MB A.A.O.N.M.S.
11. Westman Council # 216, Brandon,MB Allied Masonic Degrees
12. Grand Valley Conclave # 36, Brandon,MB Red Cross of Constantine
13. International Peace Garden Lodge of Freemasons, Boissevain,MB
14. Union Historical Lodge # 108, Austin,MB A.F.& A.M.
15. Canadian Assoc.of Past Grand First Principals,Past Grand High Priests
16. Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador.
17. Mandan York Rite College # 191, Mandan North Dakota
18. Leonard S. Churchill York Rite College U.D. Kelowna B.C.
19. North Dakota Council # 90, Knight Masons, Grand Forks, ND

Special Awards for Service

Order of the Purple Cross, York Rite Sovereign College of North America
 Regent Emeritus, York Rite Sovereign College of North America
 Knight Commander of the Temple, K.C.T. Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
 Golden Triangle, International Order of JOB'S Daughters
 Knighted, Knights of the Triple-tau, Dickenson,ND
 North Dakota Council, Circle of Elders
 K.Y.G.C.H. with three (3) Quadrants - M.C.Lewis Jr.
 Chairman, Supreme Fraternal Relations Committee, White Shrine of Jerusalem
 Chairman, Royal Arch Philanthropic Project of Manitoba, 1982 - 2009.
 Honorary Commander. Guard of Honor, Dist.Grand Priory, South East Scotland .

General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International
SILVER – Distinguished Service Medal
 Indianapolis, Indiana – August 30th 2008

Grand Representative

Representing the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of WISCONSIN near
 The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba
 Representing the Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons of NEW YORK near
 The Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada
 Representing the Grand Lodge of WEST VIRGINIA, A.F.& A.M. near
 The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
 Representing the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of MINNESOTA near
 The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Mason of Manitoba
 Representing the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of VIRGINIA near
 The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Manitoba, 2001 - 2003
 Representing the Grand Chapter of MISSISSIPPI near
 The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba

Degrees for Fun and Charity

Camel Herder, Osman Temple # 22, St.Paul,MN A.A.O.N.M.S.
Ordeal of the Broken Lance, Naja Temple, Rapid City, SD.
Order of the Bath, Grand Council A.M.D.of Canada.
"Good Knight" Royal Order of Zanzibar, Mississippi.
Order of the Resonant and Redolent Pardesiacs, Bemidji, MN.
ADMIRAL, Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.
The " LOTUS CLUB " of Minnesota.
Ancient Order of Corks, R.A.M. of Manitoba, Philanthropic Project.
Order of the Mandarin, Tong # 26, Winnipeg Oriental Band, A.A.O.N.M.S.
Oderiferous Order of the Fish, School # 1, North of # 53 Shrine Club.
Clan # 85,Grand and Glorious Order, Hillbilly Degree, Pembina Valley.
Top Gun - Imperial Potentate's Membership Program
Order of the N.A.I.L., Nebraska Charity for the York Rite
Silver Bullet - Imperial Potentate's Membership Program.
Fraternal Order of Railroaders – A Brother of the Mystic Tie
John C. James – Certificate of Achievement – Ellen J. James

Supreme, Life and Honorary Memberships

Life Member, Peter McGregor Lodge # 173, A.F.& A.M. Brandon,MB
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, R.A.M. Saskatoon,SK
Supreme Assistant Guard, White Shrine of Jerusalem
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter of North Dakota, River Falls,MN
Honorary Member, Grand Commandry of North Dakota, Erling Pederson G.C.
Honorary Life Member, Past Commander's Association of North Dakota
Supreme King's Guard, White Shrine of Jerusalem
Honorary Past Master, Corinthian Chapter # 3, Grand Forks,ND
Supreme Special Obituary Committee, White Shrine of Jerusalem
Life Member, Brandon Lodge # 19, A.F.& A.M. Brandon,MB
Honorary Past Master, Tyrian Chapter # 14, Minot,ND
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of Alberta
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of Minnesota
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of Wisconsin
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of B.C.and the Yukon
Supreme Fraternal Relations, White Shrine of Jerusalem
Honorary Member, Grand Council R.& S.M. of North Dakota
Honorary Member, Grand Council R.& S.M. of Minnesota
Honorary Member, Grand Council R.& S.M. of Wisconsin
Honorary Past Master, Doric Chapter # 8, Devil's Lake ND

Deputy Supreme Watchman of Shepherds, White Shrine of Jerusalem
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, B.C. and the Yukon
Honorary Member, Cyrus Council # 2, R. & S.M. Winnipeg, MB
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Iowa
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of Iowa
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of South Dakota
Honorary Member, Grand Council R. & S.M. of Iowa
Honorary Member, Grand Council R. & S.M. of South Dakota
Honorary Member, Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters, Sioux City, Iowa
Honorary Member, Masonic Veteran's Association, Grand Forks, ND
Merit Award of Ish Sodi, Grand Council of Minnesota
Minnesota Priory # 24, Knights of the York Cross of Honor
Wisconsin Priory # 16, Knights of the York Cross of Honor
Charles Clyde Hunt Priory # 42, K.Y.C.H. of Iowa
Sir Galahad Priory # 7, K.Y.C.H. of Nebraska
Honorary Member, Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters of South Dakota
Honorary Member, Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters of North Dakota
Honorary Member, Red River Council # 193, Allied Masonic Degrees, Fargo, ND
Honorary Member, Iowa York Rite College # 37, Sioux City, Iowa
Honorary Member, Minnesota York Rite College # 39, Minneapolis, MN
Honorary Member, Bethany Preceptory # 68, K.T., K.M. Winnipeg, MB
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter of Wyoming
Honorary Member, Order of the High Priesthood of Wyoming
Honorary Member, Grand Council of Wyoming
Honorary Member, Grand Commandry of Wyoming
Honorary Member, Grand Commandry of South Dakota
Honorary Member, Order of High Priesthood, Wyoming
Honorary Member, Order of the Silver Trowel (P.T.I.M.) Wyoming
Honorary Member, Sturgeon Creek Lodge # 145, Winnipeg, MB
Honorary Member, Grand Chapter of Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

There are probably more but these I have Cards or Certificates for. -

**As long as I remain looking down at the grass,
The following events will come to pass.**

2011 - 50 Years as a Craft Lodge Mason

2016 – 50 Years a Past Master

2017 – 50 Years a Royal Arch Mason

2018 – 50 Years a Brother in the Order of the Eastern Star.

2019 – 50 Years a Past Grand Tyler

2020 – 50 Years a Past Patron