

The stated mission of the Knights Templar was to defend Christianity and Christian pilgrims journeying to the Holy Land. They took strict vows of chastity, obedience, and poverty, supposedly portrayed on their Seal. Yet in the space of just two decades, the order became the richest and most powerful organization on Earth!

The Templars built commanderies all around Europe for themselves to live in. These were used mainly to recruit and train men to fight in the East, and to grow the wealth of the order to finance the Holy War! These houses continued to increase due to donations from the common people, and because they were also used as banks to lend money!

With reference to the fighting division of their multinational conglomerate, during the Crusades the Templars joined up with an extremist Islamic group known as the *Assassins*. What is interesting about the Assassins is that they would kill themselves to destroy others, with the hope of gaining an eternal reward!

The Templar Order had three grades. The highest and most famous were the Knights. Then came the Sergeants. Templar Sergeants could sometimes fight, but they were usually their builders, carpenters, estate managers, and people with other specific skills.

The third grade consisted of the ordained priests, who served as chaplains for the Knights and common people. At the top was the Grand Master, who all had to emulate and obey without question!

However, during the course of history, things took a turn for the Knights Templar. Shocking accusations and testimonies against them began to spread around Europe. They were accused of denying Christ by spitting on the Cross and of having initiation ceremonies where members were forced to indulge in Sodomy with each other! They were also accused of worshipping an idol called Baphomet!

Many of them were allegedly condemned and burned at the stake, including the Grand Master Jacques de Molay. The place in France where he died later became a sacred pilgrimage for Freemasons!

To sum up, leaders of the Knights Templar were demonic, manipulative and cunning people, pretending to be humble servants of the Lord, while, in reality, they were after the accumulation of great wealth and political power!

They achieved this goal at the expense of others, especially those from within their own organization, causing them to commit deplorable acts, under the guise of self-discipline and obedience to hierarchy!