

Inspector Rex's History Snippet #2

Five Secret Societies

Have you heard of the Five Secret Societies that have remained Shrouded in Mystery?

Have you heard of two of them: The Knights Templar and The Freemasons.

1. The Knights Templar were warriors dedicated to protecting Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land during the Crusades. The military order was founded around 1118
Under pressure from the French crown, Pope Clement V formally dissolved the order in 1312 and redistributed their wealth.

2. Freemasonry as we know it today was founded in 1717, when four London lodges merged to form England's first Grand Lodge.

In America, Founding Fathers like George Washington, James Monroe, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock and Paul Revere all counted themselves as members of the fraternal order.

But here are three other Secret Societies

3. The Illuminati. The Illuminati were founded by Professor Adam Weishaupt in Bavaria on May 1, 1776.

The organization flourished before being stamped out by Karl Theodor of Bavaria, who issued an edict making membership in the Illuminati punishable by death in 1787.

The Illuminati served as inspiration for Dan Brown's Angels & Demons movie.