



Balgonie Castle

700th Anniversary of the arrests of the Knights Templars (1307 – 2007)

The arrests of the Knights Templar in France occurred on Friday the 13th October 1307, this date is considered today as being unlucky, to celebrate this tragic day in the history of the Templars, the Commandery of Jacques de Molay 1314 decided to celebrate the brother Knights who were unfortunately arrested on that day.

The Knights of the Commandery held a service within the beautiful little chapel in Balgonie Castle, due to the type of ceremony it was carried out with great solemnity.

Prior to the service the Piper of Balgonie and the Marshal lead the Knights into the Castle grounds, they were followed by the Laird of Balgonie and the Commander of the Commandery of Jacques de Molay 1314.

The Knights altar was opened in the usual manner, the presentation of the sword and lighting of the candles, the Commander of the Commandery his SE. G. Stewart KGCTpl FSA Scot. gave a short talk on the arrests, and how the arrests came about for the guests who did not know of the history.

During the service, the Laird of Balgonie presented a wonderful Knights Baton that he had fabricated himself to the Commander, after a two minutes silence to remember our brother Knights it was time to close the altar.

The Commander after the service, presented a wooden bench donated by the Commandery, with a beautiful inscribed plaque to Balgonie Castle, commemorating the arrests of the Templars

The Plaque Reads

**Presented to Balgonie Castle
By the Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314 Scottish Knights Templar.
This is to mark the 700 year anniversary of the interment
of the Knights Templar in France
13th October 1307 - 2007**

After the presentation the Knights along with potential candidates, guests from the Rotary Club of Blantyre, friends of the Commandery and special guests Monsieur Jean Marie Johnston and Ms. Annick Coupez were given a guided tour of the Castle.

After the tour, the Knights and guests assembled in the great hall for a meal, after the meal, the Laird of Balgonie gave his usual splendid talk, he was followed By Monsieur Jean Marie Johnston, who gave a talk about the King of France Philip the Fair, who was responsible for the arrests of the Templars and eventually their deaths, this was followed by Chev. A. Young. KCTpl FSA. Scot, who gave a talk on Temple (Balantrodach) the one time headquarters of the Knights Templar in Scotland.

By the Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314 reporter.