PARCOURS HISTORIQUE DE RIXHEIM

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THE TOMBSTONE OF THE TEUTONIC ORDER

This tombstone in white yellow stoneware closed the access between a vault in the church and was designed to be used as a burial space for the Teutonic Order members which were to die in Rixheim. This vault is mentioned in a document of the Revolution period but we can't locate it currently and we don't know if it has indeed be used as burial space.

Decorated by a big Latin cross, the tombstone quoted as epitaph:

SEPULTURA

EQUITUM

1775

ORDINIS

TEUTONICI

SEPULTURE DES

CHEVALIERS

1775

DE L'ORDRE

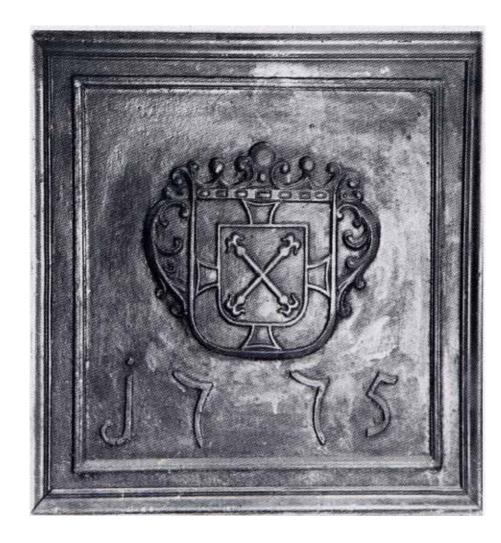
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On the sides of the cross, a circular hole was meant to hold a metal ring in order to manipulate the tombstone.



tombstone This dated back to 1775 and was installed the year of the arrival of the Commander Célestin Octavien Kempf d'Angreth. He was the last to hold this function before secularization the of the Commandery national good, following the confiscation of the Church goods by the French Revolution.

The Commander Angreth, nominated in 1775 A fireback of the Commanderytombstone.



The firebacks of the Commanders room and the actual wedding room in the City Hall bears the coat of arms of his family and dated back to 1775 also.



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