

KING TEFKROS AND THE CITY OF SALAMIS

The Lodge takes its name from King Tefkros a Greek king who founded the city of Salamis just north of Famagusta . "The ancient City of Salamis , in Cyprus , was founded and built by King Tefkros [or Teucer] between 1194 and 1184 B.C. after the Trojan Wars Tefkros was a Greek hero of the Trojan Wars and the Brother of Ajax. It is reported they both had 12 ships under their command in the Wars. Ajax was regarded as the mightiest of the Greek Warriors after Achilles.

When Achilles was killed, at the Battle of Troy, by Paris, and following his defeat of the Trojan champion Hector, Ajax committed suicide following his being denied the armour of Achilles, which was given to Odysseus. When Tefkros returned to Salamis Island in Greece , his father King Telamon [or Telamonas] held Tefkros responsible for Ajax 's death and banished him.

Tefkros sailed to Cyprus landing at Akalar Beach where he built a Temple to Zeus and subsequently founded and built the great City, he named Salamis , after his homeland. The City was enclosed within mighty inner and outer walls with many fine buildings.

Although badly damaged by earthquakes [the first major one in the 4th Century, parts of the city are now under the sea but most impressive ruins remain today with the antique gymnasium and pillars, amphitheatre and fine baths built by the Romans after the first great earthquake and also Agora, Temple and Acropolis. As well as Tefkros - Agapinor, King of Arcadia also came to Cyprus after the Trojan Wars and founded the City he called Paphos.

King Tefkros became one of the most powerful Kings of Cyprus and one of his descendants, Evagoras, became King of Salamis in 411 B.C. and one of the greatest of all Cyprus Rulers and Politicians.

The Lodge logo is taken from the helmets used at the time of King Tefkros.