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God sent the angel
Gabriel to Nazareth, a
town in Galilee, to a
virgin pledged to be
married to a man named
Joseph, a descendant of
David. The virgin's
name was Mary. The
angel went to her and
said, "Greetings, you
who are highly favored!
The Lord is with you."

- Luke 1:26-28 -

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

-Luke 1:39-43



Edification

Christians have utilized knotted ropes for prayer since at least the third or fourth century. Versions of the Jesus Prayer—"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner"—are the eldest and most traditional. The prayer would be repeated dozens of times, not that we might be wordy in our prayers (Matthew 6:7-8), for God surely hears us the first time around, but so that the prayer itself would suffuse our very being. We repeat the prayer that we might become the prayer, and so the monotony of our petition would drown out the monotony of our sins.

Read further about the history of the Rosary at our Blog post 'Ring Around'

Discoveries from the Education Committee

The Templars, as Catholic Christians, were primarily dedicated to serving the Holy Land rather than engaging in theological debates. Their admission ceremony emphasized vows to "God and Our Lady," and they integrated prayer into their daily lives following the Benedictine timetable. This blend of military and religious life defined the Templars' unique role in medieval society. Read more about these ancient brethren in our Blog post Faith Life of Templars

Mark Your Calendars

Announcement:
Minnesota Grand York Sessions 2024
June 27th-29th
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn
St. Cloud, MN



Stated Meetings

Tuesday, October 3
No. 18 Duluth Commandery

@ Masonic Center of Duluth

Tuesday, October 10
No. 1 Damascus Commandery

@ St. Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, October 12 No. 14 Palestine Commandery @ Cornerstone Lodge No. 99

Monday, October 16
No. 5 Home Commandery
@ Rochester Lodge No. 21

Wednesday October 18 No. 9 Cyrene Commandery @ Star in the East Lodge No. 33

Thursday, October 19 No. 31 Ivanhoe Commandery @ Nicollet Lodge No. 54

Monday, October 23
No. 2 Zion Commandery

@ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, October 23 No. 8 Faribault Commandery @ Corinthian Lodge No. 67

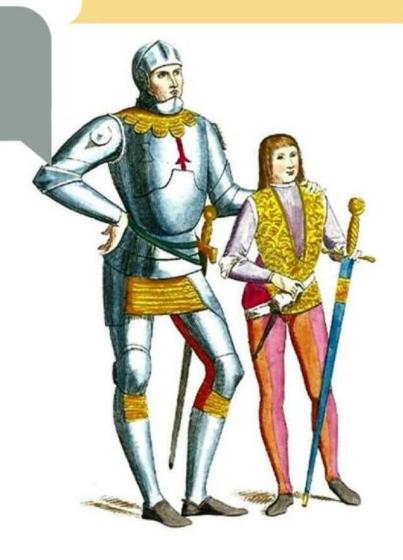
Thursday, October 26 No. 24 Nazerine Commandery @ North Star Lodge No. 23

Knight Carriwitchet

What attracts knights in shining armor more than damsels in distress?

Sir, I have no idea.

Magnets!



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