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Three times in the year you shall hold a festival for me. You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread ... You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.

—Exodus 23:14-16

Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of Harvest Home! All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come. Raise the song of Harvest Home!
—Hymn by Henry Alford, 1844

Edification

Granted, Harvest Home observances have waned in recent centuries. So too has Michaelmas for that matter, though both now appear to be enjoying modest comebacks. But some populations never stopped raising the song of Harvest Home—including, for some obscure historical reason, my Mother's people, the Pennsylvania Dutch. To this day, in Lutheran liturgies throughout the Lehigh Valley, produce from field and garden, in baskets or in jars, will be placed upon festive boards for blessing and then distributed as the congregation sees fit. Discover the magic of harvest traditions and the spirit of Michaelmas and explore its significance. Click the link below to read the full article and immerse yourself in the wonder of Harvest Home: Strange Harvest: The Festival of Harvest Home

Discoveries from the E.C.

"Provision should be made for the proper instructions of newly created Knights in essentials of facings, marching, wheeling and sword manual to prevent their falling into awkward or bad habits, as well as to give grace and ease of movement. To this end the following exercises are prepared.:" See more of the history in our blog: Manual of the Sword (excerpt from the 1955 Tactics Manual)

The Apostles



Judas Iscariot:

(died c. 30 CE), one of the Twelve Apostles. Judas's name is the Greek version of the Hebrew "Judah" which roughly means "Praise" or "Let God Be Praised." Judas's surname is more probably a corruption of the Latin sicarius ("murderer" or "assassin") than an indication of family origin, suggesting that he would have belonged to the Sicarii, the most radical Jewish group, some of whom were terrorists. Some scholars believe he was from the town of Kerioth mentioned in Joshua 15:25 and that his name should be rendered ish Kerioth = "man of Kerioth". Jesus identified him in John 6:70 as "a devil". He was the treasurer of the group and was therefore responsible for giving alms to the poor, but he stole from the collection. Judas is the apostle who betrayed Jesus with a kiss. For this supreme act of treachery, some would say Judas Iscariot made the greatest error in history. Down through time, people have had mixed feelings about Judas. Some experience a sense of hatred toward him, others feel pity, and some have even considered him a hero. No matter how you react to Judas, one thing is certain, believers can benefit greatly by taking a serious look at his life. Other than his apostleship, his betrayal, and his death, little else is revealed about Judas in the Gospels.

Mark Your Calendars

South Dakota 2023 Grand York Sessions
Huron, SD at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center
September 21-23, 2023
Schedule & Menu

Letter to out-of-state attendees

Registration form (due by Sep. 10th)

Stated Meetings

Tuesday, September 5 No. 18 Duluth Commandery @ Masonic Center of Duluth

Tuesday, September 12 No. 1 Damascus Commandery @ St. Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, September 14
No. 14 Palestine Commandery

@ Cornerstone Lodge No. 99

Monday, September 18 No. 5 Home Commandery @ Rochester Lodge No. 21

Wednesday September 20 No. 9 Cyrene Commandery @ Star in the East Lodge No. 33 Thursday, September 21 No. 31 Ivanhoe Commandery @ Nicollet Lodge No. 54

Monday, September 25 No. 2 Zion Commandery @ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, September 25 No. 8 Faribault Commandery @ Corinthian Lodge No. 67

Thursday, September 28 No. 24 Nazerene Commandery @ North Star Lodge No. 23

Knight Carriwitchet

Do you know what you call a candle in armor?

Sir, I have no idea.

A KNIGHT light!!





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