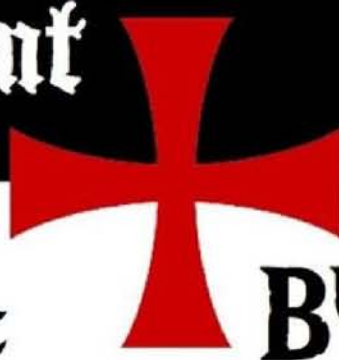


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In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:1

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

-2 Timothy 3:16

Edification

Embark on a reflective journey into the sanctity of literature and the profound significance of the Bible with Reverend Sir Knight Ryan Stout. In this contemplative piece, he shares personal experiences of bedtime reading, highlighting the transformative power of books as conduits across time and space. Stout underscores the unparalleled accessibility to knowledge in the modern age, emphasizing the importance of textual documentation in proving existence. With a particular focus on the Bible, he encourages a nuanced approach, viewing it not as an inerrant text but as a dynamic record of humanity's evolving relationship with the divine. The article advocates for a balanced reading diet, exploring various knowledge realms while maintaining a steadfast connection to the sacred Scriptures.

[Sacred Texts](#)

Estimated read time: 5 minutes.

Your Education Committee has been working diligently to find relevant content for you to bring to your Commanderies. First up, you will find attached a portion of what is largely known as the "Chinon Parchment". It is a short program designed to be given as a 15 minute event for your Commandery. It is designed to require no memorization, no room preparation and no rehearsal. It is a translation of the sealed and notarized proceedings translated from the "Chinon Parchment". This program chronicles the complete and absolute absolution of the last Grand Master, Jacques de Molay and the Templar Order. Celebrate his life and vindication by adding this stirring program to your Commandery.

Chinon Parchment

Midwest Conference on Masonic Education
 Friday Afternoon May 3rd, 2024 at the Renaissance Marriott in Bloomington, MN
 Sir Knights Eric Erfourth and Daniel Sherry Present on

Most Worshipful Grand Master Benjamin Franklin

Born January 17, 1706, Boston, Massachusetts—died April 17, 1790, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

His genius is so overwhelming, and manifest in so many different disciplines, that no short biography can begin to list his achievements; the American Philosophical Society requires twenty large books merely to catalog his inventions, discoveries, accomplishments and the events in which he was intimately concerned. Printer, author, editor, inventor, scientist, diplomat; founder of schools, postal systems, government; ambassador, wit, speaker; philosopher, politician and Freemason, he was not only an amazing intellect, and a champion of Colonial America, but one of the most complex and gifted men of all times.

One of the foremost of the Founding Fathers, he helped draft the Declaration of Independence and was one of its signers, and represented the United States in France during the American Revolution. Franklin explored nearly every aspect of his world, and he corresponded with an astonishing range of men and women of all social classes and professions in America, Great Britain, and Europe.]

Franklin was a devoted Freemason occupying places of official prominence. He was intensely interested in his Craft, willing to give his enormous powers for its welfare, and leaving an indelible impression on its history in America. He was initiated into Masonry in 1731; probably at the February meeting of St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia. The esteem in which he was held is evidenced by the fact that he was elected Grand Master just a few short years later in 1735. According to Old Masonic and family traditions, the cornerstone of the Statehouse in Philadelphia (Independence Hall), built while Franklin was Grand Master, was laid by him and the Brethren of St. John's Lodge.

He visited lodges around the Northeast and Europe and was present at important happenings, including the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1754. In June of 1760, he was elected a Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and was officially entered into the minutes at their November 1760 meeting in London. He was sent to France as an ambassador for the United States, his first actions were those affiliated with Masonic Lodges. In 1777 he was elected a member of "Loge des Neuf Soeurs" of Paris. He went on to also become a member of Respectable Lodge "de Saint Jean de Jerusalem" in 1782, and the next year was elected Venerable d'Honneur of that body. In 1783 he was also elected an honorary member of Lodge "des Bons Amis", Rouen.

He made tremendous improvements in the lives of others. He invented a new form of glasses. He discovered the electrical currents of lightning. He improved the printing press, bolstered the American Army and Navy, provided light to the city of Philadelphia, and invented hundreds of everyday gadgets whose descendants we use to this day. We are honored that we may call this incredibly influential Founding Father "Brother"!



We become better educators realizing his gifts, what he passed on to us; we are very excited to share portions of his work at MCME 2024.
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February 24th, 2024

Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center

9:00am

[Council One-Day Registration](#)

Knights Templar Orders

March 16th, 2024

Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center

8:00am

Minnesota Grand York Sessions

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St. Cloud, MN

June 27-29, 2024

[GYRS Registration](#)

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Tuesday, February 6

No. 18 Duluth Commandery

@ Masonic Center of Duluth

Thursday, February 8

No. 14 Palestine Commandery @

Cornerstone Lodge No. 99

Tuesday, February 13

No. 1 Damascus Commandery @ St.

Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, February 15

No. 31 Ivanhoe Commandery

@ Nicollet Lodge No. 54

Wednesday, February 21

No. 9 Cyrene Commandery

@ Star in the East Lodge No. 33

Thursday, February 22

No. 24 Nazerine Commandery

@ North Star Lodge No. 23

Monday, February 26

No. 2 Zion Commandery

@ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, February 26

No. 8 Faribault Commandery

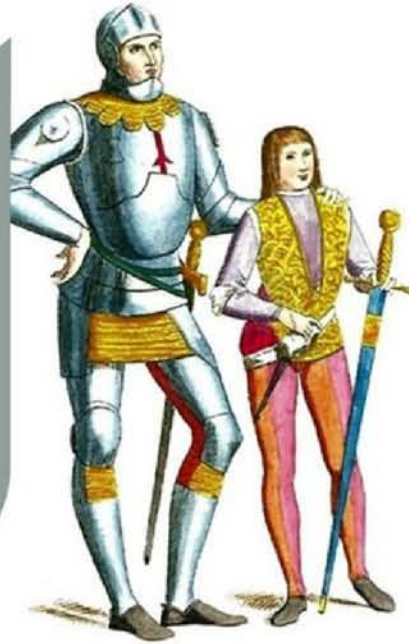
@ Corinthian Lodge No. 67

Knight Carriwitchet

What's the Templar's advice on fire safety?

I'm curious, Sir.
What is it?

Always keep your wit
and an extinguisher
within arm's reach –
because fighting
ignorance and fires go
hand in hand!



National Burn Awareness Week
February 4-10, 2024

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