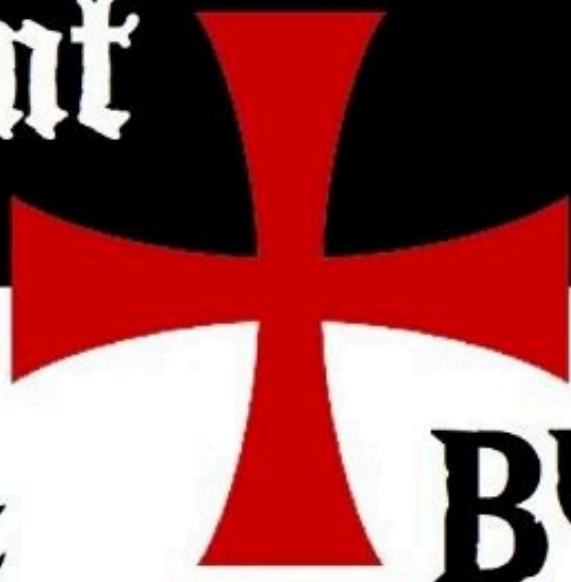


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IS GOD THE GOD OF JEWS  
ONLY? IS HE NOT THE GOD  
OF GENTILES TOO? YES, OF  
GENTILES TOO,  
- ROMANS 3:29



On May 21, Eastern Christians commemorate Roman Emperor Constantine, a figure both revered and controversial. This article delves into Constantine's pivotal role in transforming Christianity from a persecuted faith to an imperial power, juxtaposing his legacy with that of Julian the Apostate, Rome's last pagan Emperor. By exploring the complex interplay of faith, power, and morality, readers will gain insights into the historical dynamics that shaped early Christianity and continue to influence contemporary religious and political landscapes. Dive in to understand how these emperors' actions resonate with today's struggles for faith and freedom in this month's article: [The Christian and the Pagan](#)

# EDIFICATION

It started with a text. A friend sent me a photo of a curious petroglyph etched in stone from Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. The symbol was familiar, yet its origins were elusive. They asked if I knew anything more.

That question launched me down a winding path of ancient mystery, much of it explored by Sir Knight Scott F. Wolter—geologist, author, and host of America Unearthed. His work draws attention to what some consider a vast, hidden history of the central states. According to Wolter, more than 500,000 tons of copper are missing from Michigan's Upper Peninsula—taken, perhaps, before Columbus ever dreamed of setting sail.

This mystery led me to learn more about the ancient petroglyphs of the region, possible evidence of Old World travelers, and even stranger finds: the Kensington Runestone in Minnesota, the Newberry Tablet, whispers of the Wendigo and Sasquatch, and the elusive Burrows Cave of Illinois. Together, they hint at a pre-Columbian history that stretches far beyond the official record.

Is it myth? Is it misunderstood science? Or is it a story slowly being rediscovered, one chiseled stone at a time?

For a deeper dive into these regional mysteries, I recommend the [Myth & Mystery exhibit](#) from NMU Archives and this fascinating [Ancient American article](#) exploring overlooked anthropological findings.

Let's keep digging—after all, that's what Knights do.



# NEWS

Minnesota Grand York Rite Session

June 26th - 28 , 2025

Best Western Kelly Inn

100 4th Avenue South

St. Cloud, MN 56301

[Registration](#)

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Annual York Rite Sponsored Masonic Family  
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Maple Grove Weaver Lake Park Pavillion

8401 Dunkirk Lane N

Maple Grove, MN 55311

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025

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Hilton Garden Inn Fargo

4351 17th Avenue South

Fargo, North Dakota, 58103

[Grand Session Registration Packet](#)

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## **2025 Iowa Grand York Rite Session**

Holiday Inn and Bien Venu

7400 Hudson Road

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

June 4th-7th, 2025

[Session Schedule and Registration Form](#)

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## **Wisconsin Grand Commandery Conclave**

Lake Masonic Center

1235 East Howard Avenue

Milwaukee, WI, 53207

June 14th, 2025

[Registration](#)

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Church Basement Ladies  
Join Zion Commandery @  
Plymouth Playhouse  
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Plymouth, MN 55441  
August 10th, 2025  
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**Masonic Retreat Weekend**  
Dunrovin Event Center  
Marine on Saint Croix, MN  
September 12-14th, 2025  
contact [MNmasonicretreat@gmail.com](mailto:MNmasonicretreat@gmail.com) for more  
information

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**The Masonic Camp**  
Moccasin Valley Camp  
Erhard, MN  
September 12-14th, 2025  
contact [MasonicCamp@gmail.com](mailto:MasonicCamp@gmail.com)

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**2025 South Dakota Grand York Rite Session**  
**Huron, SD**

**September 18-20th, 2025**

[Registration & Itinerary](#)



**2025 North Central Conference**

**Sioux Falls, SD**

**October 24-25th**

**(Details to come)**



# STATED MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 6  
 № 18 Duluth Commandery  
 @ Masonic Center of Duluth

Thursday, May 8  
 № 14 Palestine Commandery  
 @ Cornerstone Lodge No. 99

Tuesday, May 13  
 № 1 Damascus Commandery  
 @ St. Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, May 15  
 № 31 Ivanhoe Commandery  
 @ Nicollet Lodge No. 54



Monday, May 19  
 № 24 Nazarene Commandery  
 @ North Star Lodge No. 23

Monday, May 19  
 № 5 Home Commandery  
 @ Rochester Lodge No. 21

Wednesday, May 21  
 № 9 Cyrene Commandery  
 @ Star in the East Lodge No. 33

Monday, May 26  
 № 2 Zion Commandery  
 @ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, May 26  
 № 8 Faribault Commandery  
 @ Corinthian Lodge No. 67

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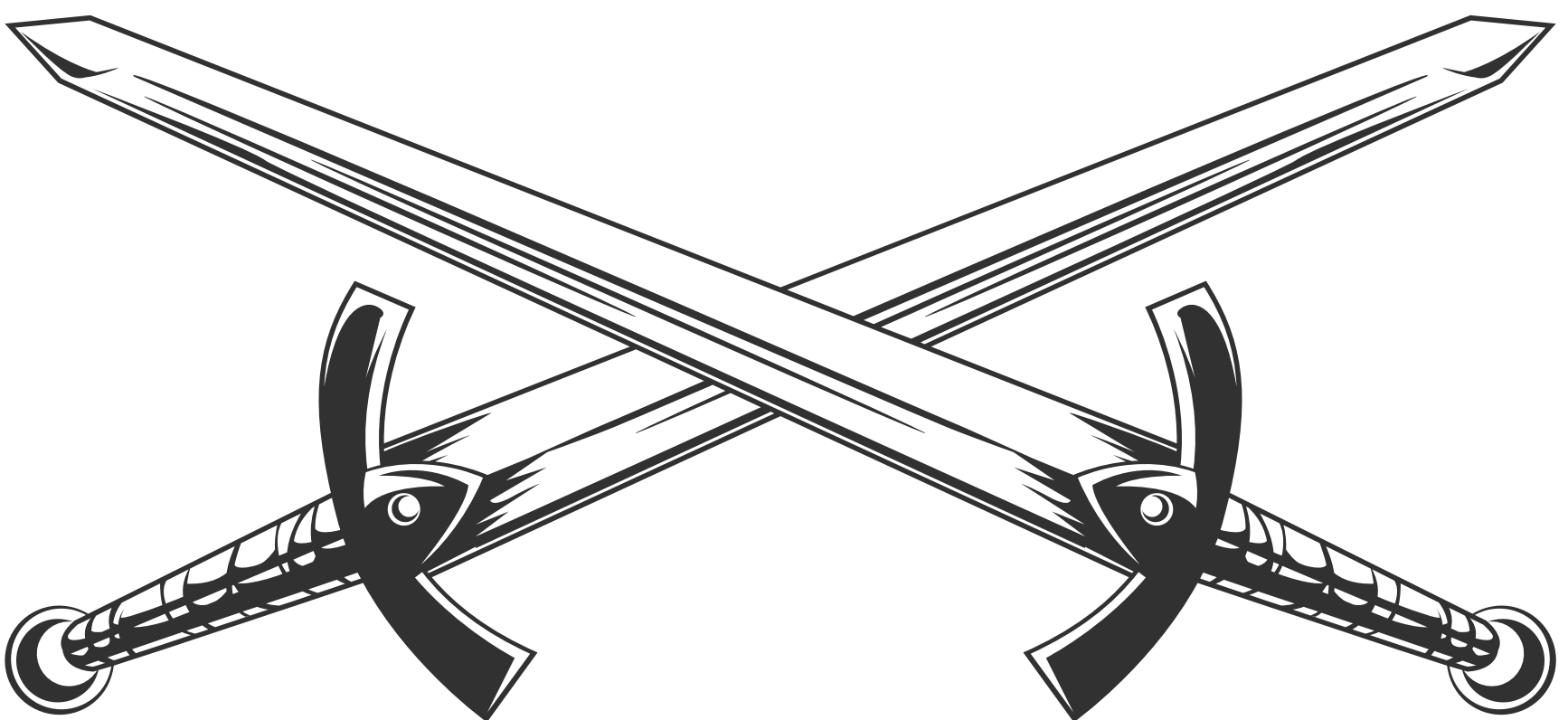
# KNIGHT CARRIWITCHET



**Knight: Squire, do you know why my lightsaber doesn't work?**

**Squire: Were you playing with it Sir?**

**Knight: Nay—I blessed it with holy water and shorted it out.**



# REPOSITORY

[Security Reminder for Masonic Lodges](#)

[The Peculiar Stone](#)

[Chinon Parchment](#)

[The Martyrdom of Grand Master Jacques de Molay](#)

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# FORMS, PETITIONS, & NOMINATIONS



The Knight Crusader of the Cross is an exclusive "chair degree" bestowed upon current or past Eminent Commanders, growing in prestige since its origin in Florida in 1969. Conferred at Grand Commandery meetings, this solemn rite unfolds in an Asylum, where candidates form a cross, receive refreshment, and are dubbed into the order. With symbolic lectures on Masonic Templarism and the Jerusalem Cross, it deepens the Commander's understanding of their sacred duty, preserving the mystique and legacy of Templar Knighthood.

**Knight Crusaders of the Cross Petition**



Nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) honor are open to any current KCT holder and must be submitted by February 1st each year. The deputy of each Grand Commandery prioritizes nominations based on service to the Order, fraternity, and community. Selected recipients are awarded a neck jewel, lapel pin, and certificate. The investiture ceremony takes place at a suitable event, and nominees are vetted by the College of Honors.

**Knight Commander of the Temple Nomination**



The Companion of the Temple (CT) award, offered by the Grand Encampment, recognizes individuals for exceptional service to the Order, fraternity, and community, regardless of their Mason or Knight Templar status. A \$100 application fee applies, and the nominee must not request the honor for themselves. The jewel is presented during an annual public ceremony.

**Knight Commander of the Temple Nomination**

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