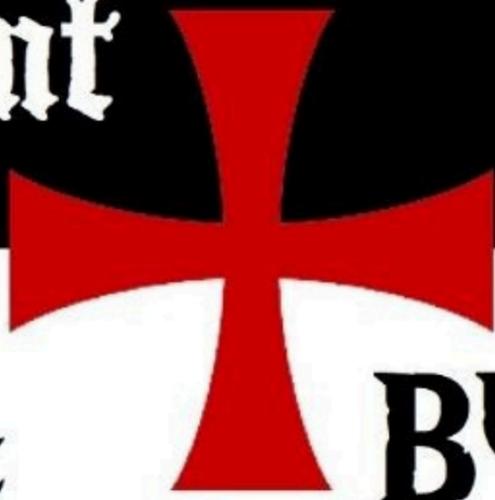


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NEWS

Below is the Annual Christmas Toast to our Grand Master along with the Grand Master's response. They are **REQUIRED** to be read at ALL Commandery Christmas Observances.



EDIFICATION

Around the world and across millennia, the longest night of the year has inspired feasts, fires, legends, and laws. From Stonehenge to Saturnalia, Yalda to Yule, even the early American Puritans couldn't erase the human impulse to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Join us on the blog for a sweeping journey through the traditions, superstitions, reforms, and rebellions that shaped the modern season — and discover why the Solstice remains humanity's oldest holiday in: [The History of Festivities around the Winter Solstice](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Cyrene Commandery Christmas Observance

Owatanna

December 6th

6:00pm Social - 6:45pm Dinner

Class A (no chapeau/sword) or dark suit

[\(RSVP required\)](#)

Damascus Commandery Christmas Observance

St. Paul Masonic Center

December 9th

7:00pm Carols, Readings, and Treats

All are welcome

Palestine Commandery Christmas Observance and annual meeting

Underwood Masonic Center

December 11th

6:00 Dinner (lodge or American Legion TBD)

Faribault Commandery Public Christmas Dinner

Farmington Masonic Temple

December 12th

5:30pm Social - 6:30pm Dinner

Formal Dress or Class A Uniform

[\(RSVP required\)](#)

Zion Commandery Christmas Observance

Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center

December 22nd

Meal before or Pie afterward

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 Grand Lodge One day to Masonry

Minneapolis Scottish Rite

January 17th, 9am

(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

2026 Royal Arch Masonry Festival

Minneapolis Scottish Rite

February 7th, 8:45am

(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

2026 Cryptic Council Festival

Minneapolis Scottish Rite

February 21st, 10am

(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

2026 Knights Templar Festival

Minneapolis Scottish Rite

March 7th, 8:45am

(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

2026 173rd Grand Lodge

Communication

The Park Event Center

St. Cloud, MN

April 17-18th

(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

STATED MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 9th
No 1 Damascus Commandery
@ St. Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, December 11th
Fergus Falls Ch. No 27 (annual)
& Palestine Commandery No 14
(annual)
@ Cornerstone Lodge No. 99

Monday, December 15th
No 24 Nazarene Commandery
@ North Star Lodge No. 23

Monday, December 15th
No 5 Home Commandery
@ Rochester Lodge No. 21

Tuesday, December 16th
@ Masonic Center of Duluth
Keystone Chapter No. 20 &
Duluth Council No.6

Wednesday, December 17th
No 9 Cyrene Commandery
@ Star in the East Lodge No. 33

Thursday, December 18th
No 31 Ivanhoe Commandery
@ Nicollet Lodge No. 54

Monday, December 22nd
No 2 Zion Commandery
@ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, December 22nd
No 8 Faribault Commandery
@ Corinthian Lodge No. 67

Tuesday, January 6th
No 18 Duluth Commandery
@ Masonic Center of Duluth



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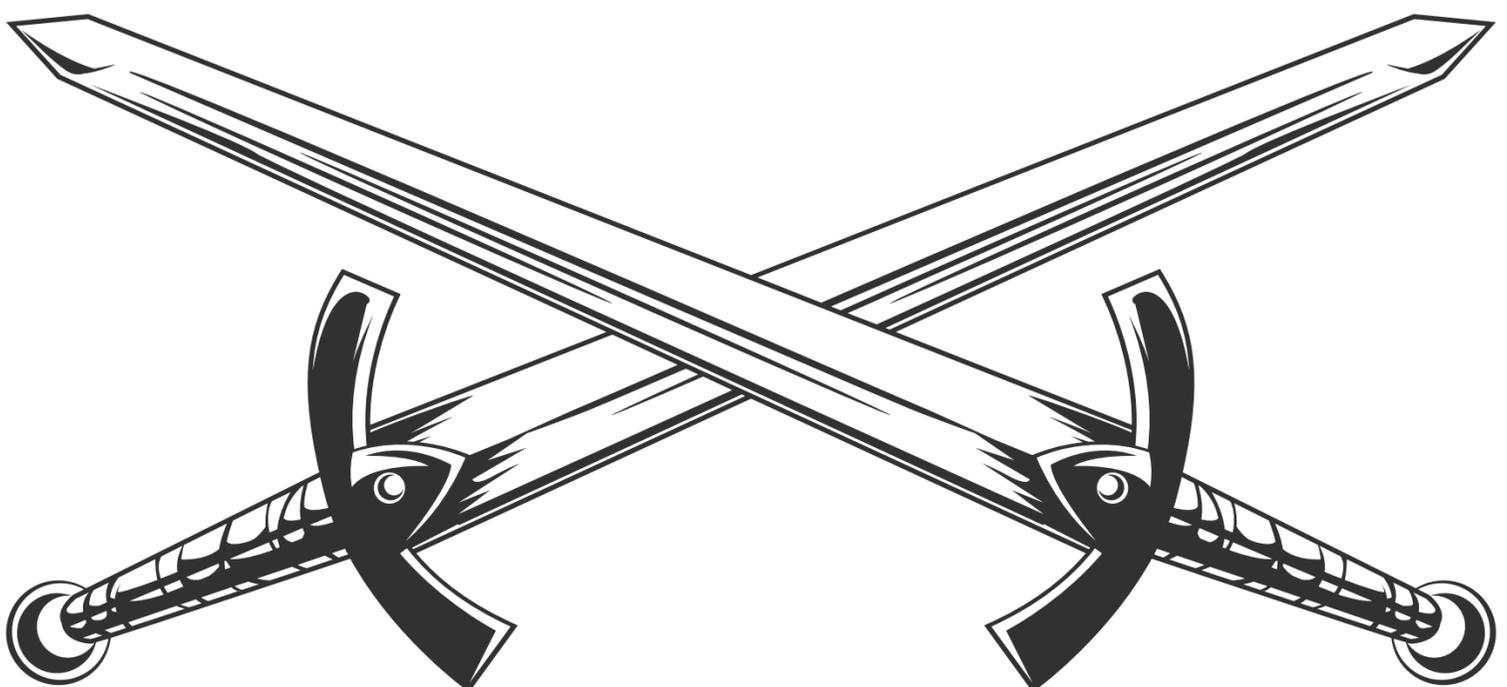
KNIGHT CARRIWITCHET



Knight: Squire, do you know why we never knight snowmen?

Squire: Because they have cold feet, Sir?

Knight: That—and they melt under pressure.



REPOSITORY

Sword Manual Lesson #1

Sword Manual Lesson #2

Security Reminder for Masonic Lodges

The Peculiar Stone

Chinon Parchment

The Martyrdom of Grand Master
Jacques de Molay

A Tribute to Benjamin Franklin



ADDITIONAL LINKS

Grand Encampment Prayer Request

Grand Commandery of Minnesota

Educational Blog

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 Companion of the Temple Nomination

Do you know a fellow Knight that isn't receiving the Beauseant & Buckler, show them this QR code, they can snap a photo and they'll be directed to the sign-up page



or [Click Here](#) to sign up

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