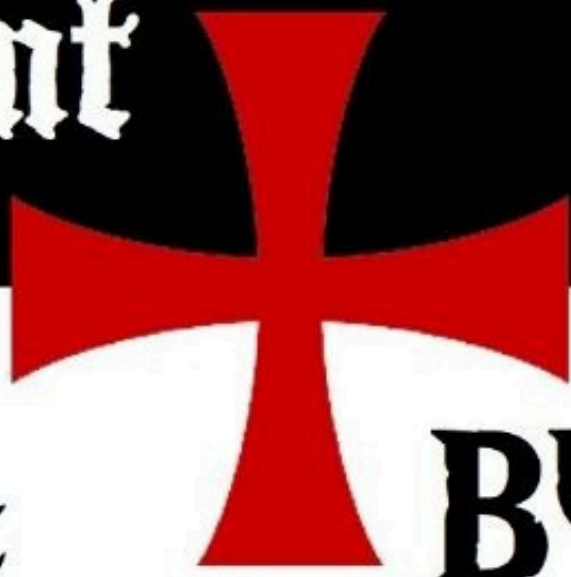


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# BUCKLER

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## JANUARY 2026

### NEWS

Congratulations to our newly exalted Companions and a hearty welcome to our new Sir Knights. The level of work performed at those festivals was remarkable. The hours to prep are uncountable. Thank you to all involved.

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Companions & Sir Knights,  
Grand Session is around the corner. If anyone has legislation for the grand Communication, please submit to the Grand Recorder/Secretary by mid-April so that it may be reviewed. Amendment Template

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Grand Officers,  
Officer and committee chairman reports are due by May 8th so they may be included with the preprints. Remember to include: Name and Office/Committee

# NEWS

Sir Knights,

You're invited to attend the Hiawatha DeMolay formal meeting on Sunday, March 15, from 4:00–6:00 PM (to be rescheduled) at Minnehaha Masonic Lodge. The DeMolay have requested assistance in learning sword drill, and a strong showing of Sir Knights would mean a great deal to them. Dress is Class A; bring swords and belts, especially if you wish to assist with instruction (caps not required). Members of other DeMolay chapters and state officers are also expected to attend.


Contact,

Sir Knight Hecl

# EDIFICATION

Hidden within the Select Master Degree is a brief but intriguing reference to Giblym and the ancient city of Gebal—one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Known to the Greeks as Byblos, this Phoenician port became a center of trade, craftsmanship, and cultural exchange long before the construction of King Solomon's Temple. By exploring the history of Gebal and its skilled builders, we gain a deeper appreciation for the biblical and historical foundations that enrich our Masonic ritual. Discover how this ancient city and its people connect to the story behind the Temple in: [Gebal](#)

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Buried beneath an Irish field for over a thousand years, the Ardagh Chalice remains one of Christianity's most beautiful treasures—but its greatest meaning lies not in its craftsmanship, but in what it represents. In this reflection, the discovery of the chalice becomes a meditation on the hidden mysteries of the Eucharist and the quiet reminders placed before those who serve at the altar. Sometimes the most sacred truths are not meant for display, but for the heart of the one who lifts the cup in: [Ardagh Chalice](#)

# EDIFICATION

Step into the art and discipline behind the blade as Sir Knight Ray Hayward, Past Grand Commander, demonstrates the concept of the “Door of Protection.” Drawing from the traditions of Western historical swordsmanship and fencing, this lesson explores how proper guards and parries close the lines of attack and protect the body in motion. Watch the demonstration and see how these principles translate from historical martial practice into the study of the sword. View the full instruction on your Grand Commanderies YouTube channel:



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Occasionally a piece of Masonic education deserves more discretion than a public blog can provide. Companion Eric Thiem has prepared a thoughtful exploration of the Royal and Select Master Degrees and their relationship to other Masonic degrees, presenting them in a way that invites deeper reflection and discussion. Because of the nature of the material, this piece will not be posted publicly. Instead, you are invited to request a copy directly [HERE](#). It is concise, insightful, and perfectly suited as an educational presentation for your next Council or Commandery meeting, concluding with several thought-provoking questions designed to spark meaningful conversation.

# EDIFICATION

Knights Templar history is filled with fascinating details that often hide in plain sight within our rituals, uniforms, and traditions. From the earliest Encampments in the American colonies to the symbolism behind our swords, alchemy, and even our voting customs, these pieces of trivia reveal a deeper story about the heritage of the Order. Discover surprising connections to biblical figures, Revolutionary patriots, and centuries-old Templar customs in this collection: [Masonic Knights Templar Trivia 2026](#).

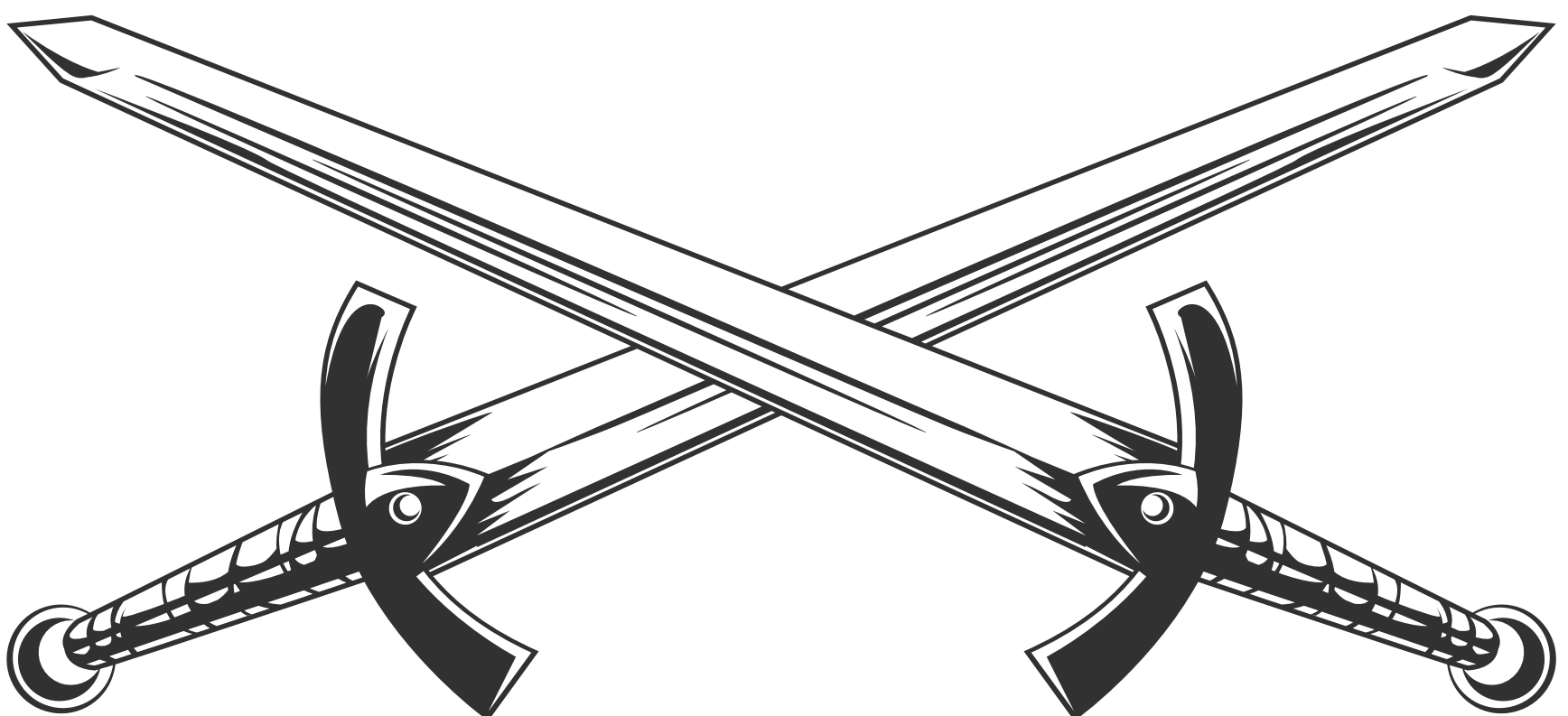
# KNIGHT CARRIWITCHET



**Knight: Squire, what do Minnesotans call a March blizzard?**

**Squire: A disaster, Sir?**

**Knight: No—a reminder winter still has the gavel.**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**2026 173rd Grand Lodge Communication**  
**The Park Event Center**  
**St. Cloud, MN**  
**April 17-18th, 2026**  
**(RSVP through Grand View)**  
**Additional Information**

**The 148th Minnesota Grand Chapter OES**  
**Best Western Kelly Inn**  
**St. Cloud, MN**  
**April 30th - May 2nd, 2026**  
**RSVP and additional information**

**2026 Grand York Rite Session**  
**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn**  
**St. Cloud, MN**  
**June 25-27th, 2026**  
**(RSVP required, will open closer to event)**  
**Invitation Letter**  
**Hotel Reservations**

**2027 Grand Master's Degree Festival & Table**  
**Lodge**  
**Minneapolis Scottish Rite**  
**Saturday, January 16th, 2027**  
**(RSVP required, will open closer to event)**

# NATIONAL

96th Annual Grand Encampment Easter  
Observance

Hilton Arlington National Landing

Arlington, Virginia

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Information

Registration

Hotel Reservation

73rd Triennial Convocation

Capitol Hilton Hotel

Washington D.C.

Monday, August 31st

RSVP

2028 Conference of Grand Masters

Minneapolis, MN

February 19-23rd, 2028

additional information

(it takes all the hands of a village to make Light  
work)

# NORTH CENTRAL

North Central Conference  
Sioux Falls, SD  
October 22-24th, 2026  
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

# NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Lodge of North Dakota Annual  
Communication  
June 11-14th, 2026  
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

York Rite Grand Session of North Dakota  
Chieftain Conference Center  
Carrington, ND  
September 25-26th, 2026  
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

# SOUTH DAKOTA

151st Grand Lodge Communication of South  
Dakota  
Dakota Event Center  
Aberdeen, SD  
June 19-21st, 2026  
RSVP's on Grand View

# SOUTH DAKOTA

York Rite Grand Session of South Dakota  
The Crossroads Hotel and Huron Event Center  
Huron, SD  
September 17-19th, 2026  
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

York Rite Festival of South Dakota  
Mitchell, SD  
November 14-15th, 2026  
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)

# NEBRASKA

Grand York Rite Masons of Nebraska  
Holiday Inn & Convention  
Kearney, NE  
April 16-18th, 2026  
Registration  
Program

Nebraska Grand Chapter OES (150 Years)  
Kearney, NE  
May 12-14th, 2026  
Registration and Information

# NEBRASKA

Grand Lodge All-Masonic gala  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
Lincoln, NE  
August 15th, 2026  
Contact Bruce Wood HERE

# IOWA

Des Moines Chapter & Council Festival  
Scottish Rite Consistory  
Des Moines, IA  
March 21st, 2026

Des Moines Commandery Festival  
Scottish Rite Consistory  
Des Moines, IA  
May 9th, 2026

Des Moines York Rite Ball  
a Diamond in the Rough - Dinner, Drinks,  
Magic, Safire Bellydancers  
Scottish Rite Consistory  
Des Moines, IA  
May 9th, 2026  
R.S.V.P.

# IOWA

2026 Iowa Grand York Rite Session

Coralville, IA

June 3-6th, 2026

Reservations

York Rite Leadership Training

# WISCONSIN

Grand Convocation and Assembly

May 1-2nd, 2026

Registration Closed

182nd Annual Communication of the Grand

Lodge of Wisconsin

Madison Concourse

Madison, WI

June 4-6th, 2026

Registration

168th Grand Conclave of Wisconsin

Beja Shrine Center

Green Bay, WI

June 20th, 2026

[Link to information, registration not yet open](#)

# MANITOBA

103rd Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of  
Manitoba

Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites

Winnipeg, Manitoba

April 17-18th, 2026

Registration Form

Grand Lodge of Manitoba Annual  
Communication

Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites

Winnipeg, Manitoba

June 5-6th, 2026

Registration Form

# STATED MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 3rd  
No 18 Duluth Commandery  
(Order of Red Cross)  
@ Masonic Center of Duluth

Tuesday, March 10th  
No 1 Damascus Commandery  
@ St. Paul Masonic Center

Thursday, March 12th  
Palestine Comm. No 14  
@ Cornerstone Lodge No 99

Monday, March 16th  
No 5 Home Commandery  
@ Rochester Lodge No 21

Monday, March 16th  
No 24 Nazarene Commandery  
@ North Star Lodge No 23

Tuesday, March 17th  
Keystone Chapter No 20 &  
Duluth Council No 6  
@ Masonic Center of Duluth

Wednesday, March 18th  
No 9 Cyrene Commandery  
@ Star in the East Lodge No 33

Thursday, March 19th  
No 31 Ivanhoe Commandery  
@ Nicollet Lodge No 54

Monday, March 23rd  
No 2 Zion Commandery  
@ Minneapolis Scottish Rite

Monday, March 23rd  
No 8 Faribault Commandery  
@ Corinthian Lodge No 67

Tuesday, April 7th  
No 18 Duluth Commandery  
(Order of Malta)  
@ Masonic Center of Duluth



Send your events and calendar of meetings to :  
[mngc.communications@gmail.com](mailto:mngc.communications@gmail.com)

# 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.

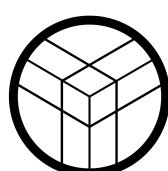
## **Knight Companion of the Temple Nomination**

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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