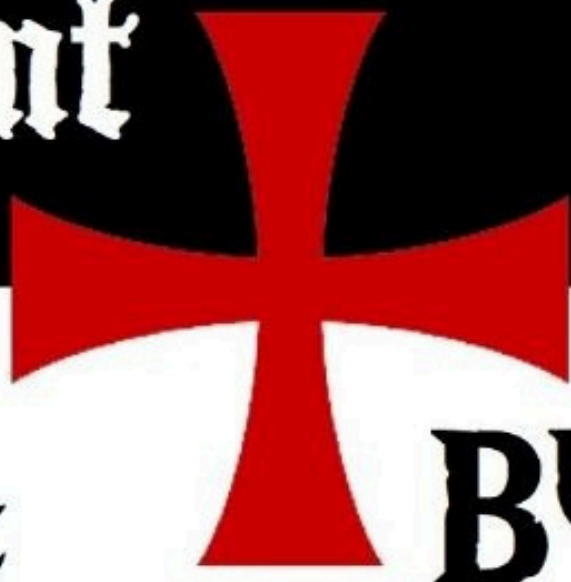


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NEWS

All York Rite bodies, please, if you have not done so submit a copy of your bylaws to the Grand Secretary/Recorder. Furthermore all Officer & Committee reports need to be turned in before May 15.

Minnesota York Rite Website makeover complete!

visit <https://www.mnyorkrite.org/> to see all the new content including:

[Registration](#) now open for the Minnesota York Rite Grand Session.

[Best Western Kelly Inn St. Cloud](#)

[Session Letter](#) including: Events, Dress Code, Meals (meal purchase done at registration), and Schedule.

EDIFICATION

From its roots in the American Colonies to its spread across the globe, Cryptic Council Masonry carries a rich and often overlooked history. Once intertwined with Royal Arch Chapters, the Royal and Select Master Degrees evolved through time, shaped by early innovators and formalized into the Councils we know today. This article traces the hidden journey of Cryptic Masonry—its origins, its transformations, and its lasting impact—offering a deeper appreciation for the “cryptic” work beneath the Temple. Discover how these degrees came to be and why their lessons remain vital today in: [The History of Cryptic Council Masonry](#).

Companion Eric Thiem presents a clear and practical overview of the Cryptic Council officer line, outlining the roles, responsibilities, and symbolism behind each station. This concise resource is ideal for newly admitted Companions or as a refresher for seasoned members. Download the full document for use in your Council’s instruction and education: [Cryptic Council Officer Line](#)

EDIFICATION

In the bitter cold of a winter graveside, something small and impossible refused to yield to the wind. What began as a simple committal became a quiet encounter with the unexplainable, a moment where the ordinary gave way to something deeper. In this reflective piece, Reverend Sir Knight Ryan Stout invites us to reconsider the subtle miracles we often overlook and to hold fast to those fleeting glimpses that point beyond the visible world in: [The Mote in God's Eye](#)



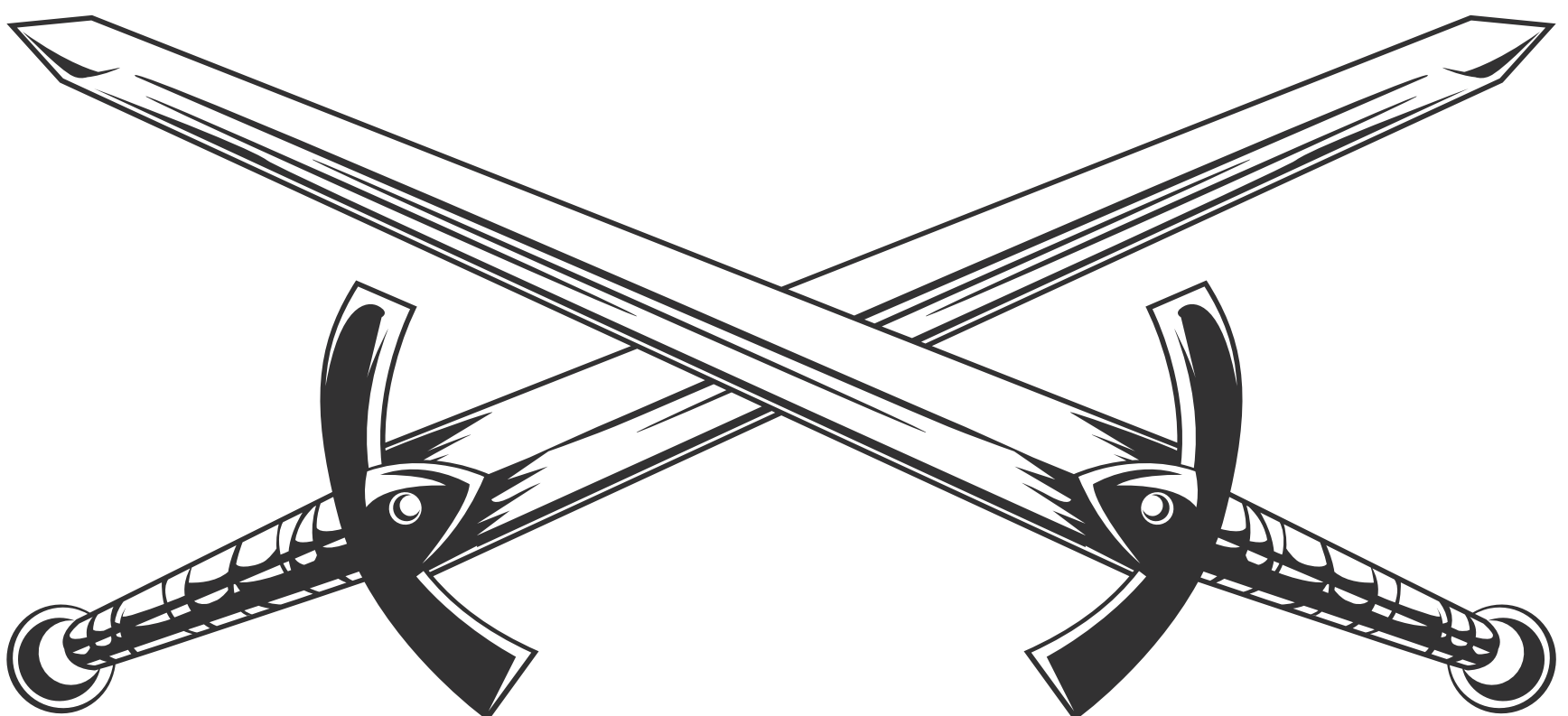
KNIGHT CARRIWITCHET



Knight: Squire, do you know what April teaches us?

Squire: I'm not sure, Sir.

Knight: That between comets and meteors... it's best to keep an eye on the heavens.



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

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

Grand York Rite Masons of Nebraska
Holiday Inn & Convention
Kearney, NE
April 1-3rd, 2026

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

REPOSITORY

Sword Manual Lesson #1

Sword Manual Lesson #2

Swordsmanship: Door of Protection

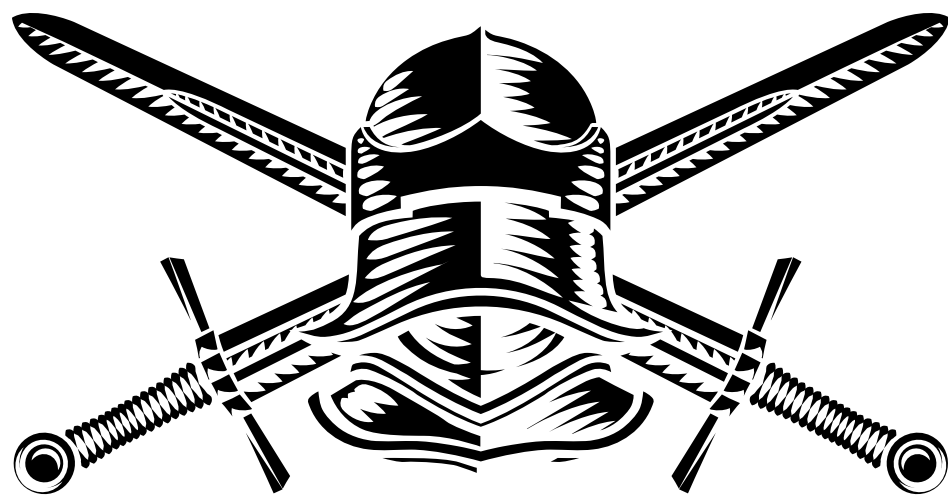
Security Reminder for Masonic Lodges

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.

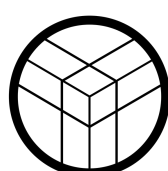
Knight Companion of the Temple Nomination

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or [Click Here](#) to sign up

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