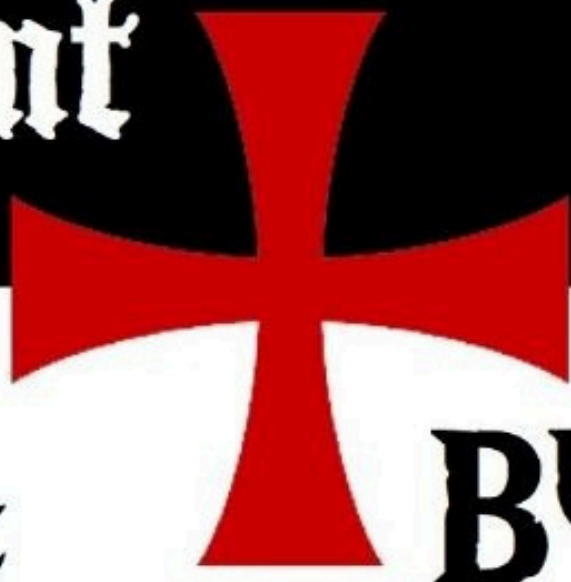


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NEWS

Minnesota York Rite Website makeover complete!

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

There are three resolutions to be voted on at our Grand Conclave:

[Life Membership Fiscal Year](#)

[Life Membership KTEF- Life Sponsor](#)

[Life Membership Disspersment](#)

[Assessment Credit](#)

At the Grand Conclave (June 25th), a parade of checks will be held, ensure your Chapter has a check for the Hat that day.


EDIFICATION

For decades, Knights Templar have confidently assured prospective pilgrims that the Holy Land Pilgrimage program is prepared for the unexpected. But what happens when the unexpected actually occurs? In this firsthand account, veteran travel host Rev. Duane Kemerley recounts the extraordinary events surrounding the 2026 pilgrimage, when regional hostilities abruptly altered carefully laid plans. Far from a story of danger, it is a testament to preparation, professionalism, faith, and the remarkable systems that ensured the safety and well-being of every participant. Discover how a potential crisis became a powerful lesson in readiness, resilience, and confidence for the future of the Holy Land Pilgrimage in [Current Reflections](#)

What does it really mean to believe in God? In this thought-provoking reflection, Rev. Sir Knight Ryan Stout challenges one of the most common questions of modern religion and invites readers to consider a deeper understanding of the divine. Drawing from classical theology, philosophy, and Christian tradition, he explores the distinction between God as a being and God as the very ground of Being itself. Whether believer, skeptic, or somewhere in between, this essay offers a fresh perspective on reality, truth, beauty, and the enduring mystery at the heart of existence. Read the full article on our blog: [“Faith in No-thing”](#)

EDIFICATION

Hidden among the forgotten chapters of Cryptic Masonry lies a degree few modern Companions have ever encountered. In this fascinating exploration, Companion Eric Thiem traces the history of the mysterious Order of the Garter and its evolution into the little-known Order of Artus, a "dead degree" once associated with Cryptic Council Masonry. From medieval kings and chivalric orders to King Arthur, Excalibur, and vanished Masonic traditions, this article uncovers a remarkable intersection of history, legend, and ritual. Join us as we journey into a forgotten corner of Masonic heritage and examine why some degrees endure while others fade into history in ["Order of the Garter"](#)



What can two ravens teach us about faith, hospitality, and devotion? In this reflection, Reverend Sir Knight Ryan Stout recounts the remarkable story of Saint Meinrad, whose unwavering commitment to Christian charity ultimately cost him his life. Yet the tale does not end there. Through legend, memory, and the watchful presence of ravens, his witness continues to inspire generations of believers. Join us as we explore a story of sacrifice, hospitality, and the enduring symbols that remind us to remain faithful in our own callings in ["Consider the Ravens"](#)

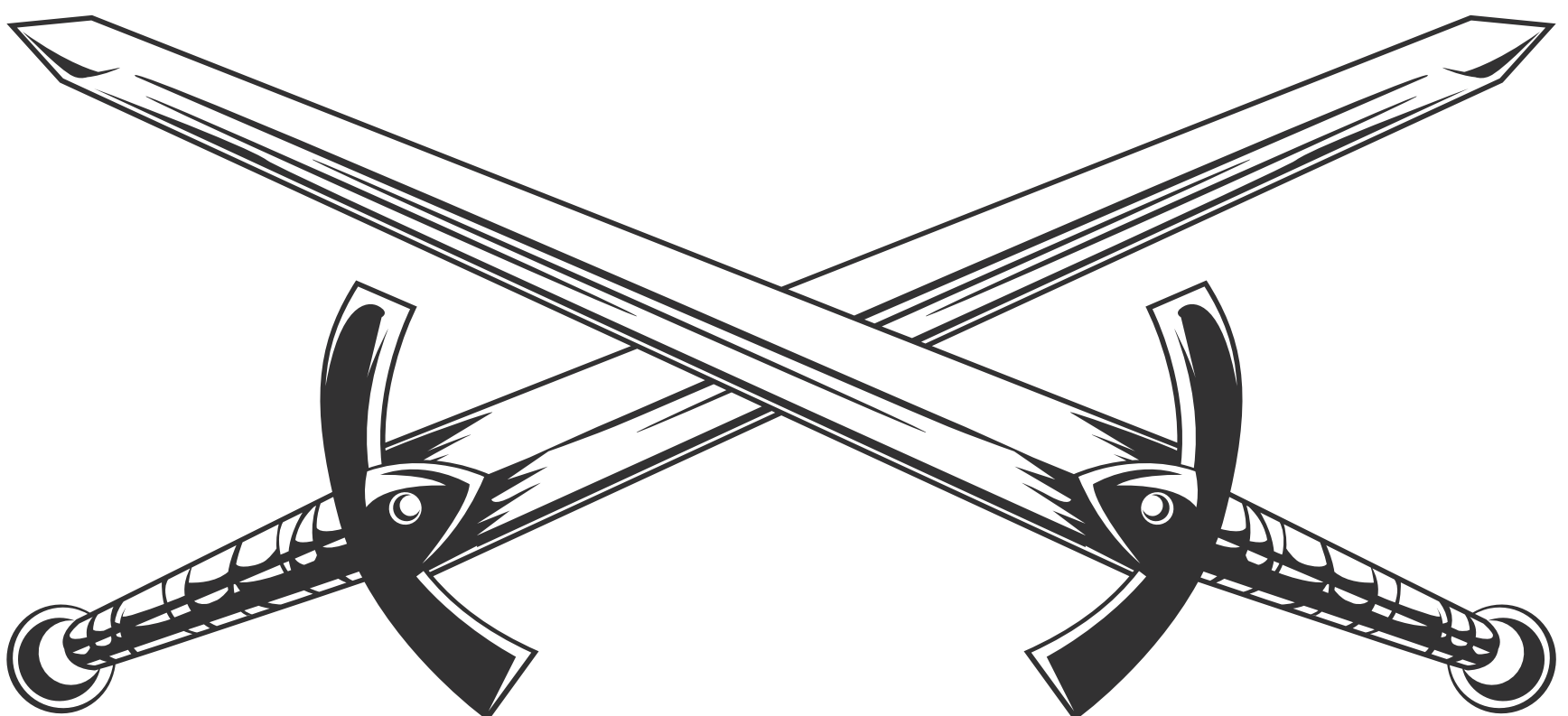
KNIGHT CARRIWITCHET



Knight: Squire, whatever became of the May issue?

Squire: I'm not sure, Sir.

Knight: Neither am I. That's why they're reading the June issue.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

York Rite Sponsored Masonic Picnic

Maple Grove, MN

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026

Opens @ 4:00 pm, Meal @ 6:00 pm

Games, play area, and beach for guests to enjoy, bring the kids

The Masonic Camp

Erhard, MN

August 28-30th, 2026

28th- outdoor Entered Apprentice

Degree, dinner, followed by campfire fellowship

29th- Presentations, education, 3 square meals; concluded with MtG draft and campfire

MasonicCamp.com

Mysticism Influences on Freemasonry

Sandstone, MN

September 11-13th, 2026

Seven meals and two nights lodging, and an experience of Easter Tradiation.

[Flyer & Registration](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

**Royal Arch Masonry Festival
Minneapolis Scottish Rite
February 6th, 2027 @ 9:00 am
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)**

**Cryptic Council Festival
Minneapolis Scottish Rite
February 20th, 2027 @ 10:00 am
(RSVP required, will open closer to event)**

**Knight Templar Festival
Minneapolis Scottish Rite
February 20th, 2027 @ 8:45 am
(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

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

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)

SOUTH DAKOTA

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

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

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[Sword Manual Lesson #1](#)

[Sword Manual Lesson #2](#)

[Swordsmanship: Door of Protection](#)

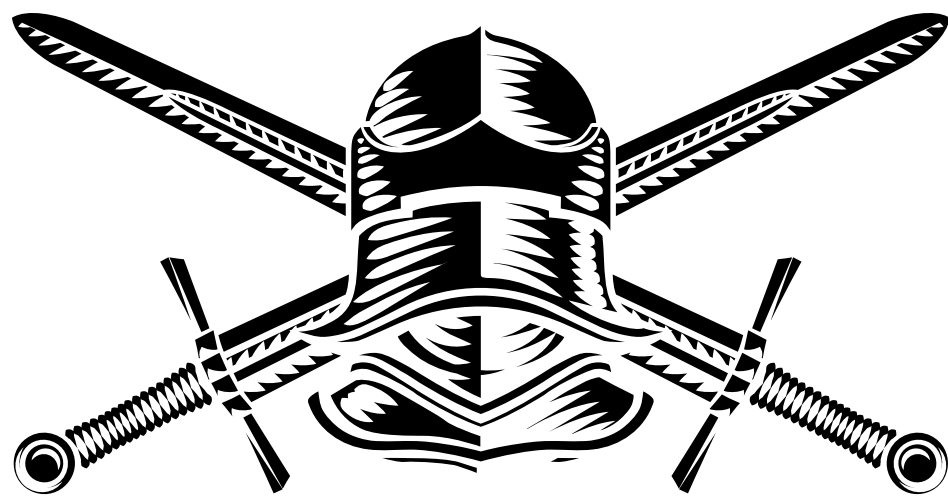
[Security Reminder for Masonic Lodges](#)

[The Peculiar Stone](#)

[Chinon Parchment](#)

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

[A Tribute to Benjamin Franklin](#)



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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.

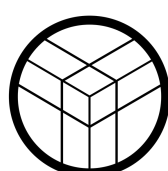
Knight Companion of the Temple Nomination

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or [Click Here](#) to sign up

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