



# IDAHO KNIGHTLY NEWS

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### Editor's Note

If anyone would like to submit an article for the Idaho Knightly News, please email me your article using Microsoft Word. Keep it between 1 page and 1.5 pages.

### Upcoming 2023 Events:

Grand York Rite of CO..... Sep 7-9  
Grand York Rite of WY ..... Sep 14-17  
NW/SW Department Conf..... Oct 20-21

### Reminders

Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws can be made only by proposing the change in writing and filed with the Grand Recorder on or before December 15 before the next preceding the Annual Grand Conclave.

### NW/SW Department Conference

The first-ever combined Northwest/Southwest York Rite Conference in Salt Lake City on October 20-21, 2023,

provides excellent training, current information, an opportunity to talk to and become better acquainted with the national officers of York Rite and to find out what is happening in the other jurisdictions of the Northwest & Southwest Department.

The Conference will be held at the Little America Hotel, located at 500 Main St. in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Remember, all elected Grand Commandery officers are **required** to attend a Department Conference.

For a conference agenda and registration please see: <https://nwyr.org/home/agenda/>



## The Sword and the Trowel, Part 7

By Barry E. Newell



### **Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite**

Lastly, the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite has some degrees such as the 15° or Knight of the East, 17° or Knight of the East and West, 18° or Knight Rose Croix, 21° or Noachite, or Prussian Knight, 25° or Knight of the Brazen Serpent, 27° or Knight Commander of the Temple, 28° or Knight of the Sun, 29° or Knight of St. Andrew, and 30° or Knight Kadosh, or Knight of the White and Black Eagle. While these degrees surround knighthood only a few claim derivation from the Knights Templar.

### **Conclusion**

Can I say that we are the descendants of warrior-monks? I cannot. There are so many theories that it is very hard to tell the difference between reality and romanticism. Many accept these theories on pure faith, but despite their protestations, there is no definitive proof that Freemasonry stemmed from or is connected to the medieval Knights Templar. This is something even stated by

the Grand Encampment, the governing body of the Masonic Knights Templar in America and several jurisdictions throughout the world. What I will say is that the myth and legend of this knighthood were so immense that it has transcended time and captured the imaginations of the noble-of-heart and with puffed-up pedigrees.

