

# THE SCOTTISH WRITE

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## MEMBERSHIP EVENT NOV. 16th



meet Brothers of the Valley and start up relationships.



The Membership Event held on Thursday Nov 16th at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite proved to be greeted with enthusiasm by the fourteen guests including 10 Master Masons.

The evening started with a great meal in our newly refurbished dining room where our guests had a chance to

The guests were then treated to a performance in the Red Room of "My Grandpa was a Mason", performed by Illustrious Brother Frank Namestek and Brother David Graham.



The performance was especially meaningful

to several of our guests who could relate to the story.

The guests were then escorted to the auditorium where they could watch the preparation and performance of an exemplification of our 27th Degree before being escorted back to the Red Room for a lively question and answer session with our P.R. David Kampf.

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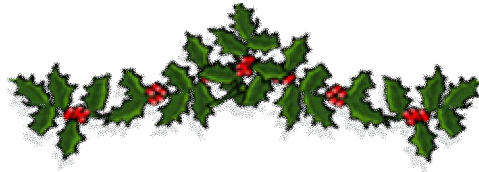
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## MEMBERSHIP EVENT NOV. 16th (cont.)

The evening was capped off (no pun intended) with a meet and greet in the lounge featuring hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar from the Lowry. Based on the reaction of our guests we can be assured of seeing some of them back real soon.



### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Chair  
Illustrious  
Ed Perlman 33

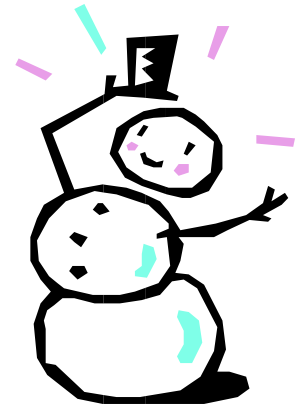
Thanks to everyone in Membership for making the Nov 16th event a success. A special shout out to Brian D. who put in a lot of overtime making sure our skit would be YouTube-worthy.

Now lets cap off the year with a great shot at keeping Brothers coming back to the Valley. Don N. and Pete O. will soon let us know what afternoon we will be making our calls.

Done right, we can make a lot of men feel wanted and needed and we need the support of everyone to make this a success.

Plus pizza and pop will be on hand to keep you happy.

**tk's, tbc**



## FEAST of TISHRI—2017





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## SOLVING THE KENSINGTON RUNE STONE MYSTERY, Part III: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

### Solving the Kensington Rune Stone Mystery,

By Scott Wolter, PG – APS/AET Saint Paul

*In this series, we'll reveal ancient discoveries related to the Kensington Rune Stone, a medieval artifact unearthed in 1898 in northwestern Minnesota, and how these revelations could reshape what we know about North American history.*

After "crunching the numbers" of the Kensington Rune Stone in the first two articles of this series, we're left with the question: What does it all mean? First, the inscription that has puzzled scholars for nearly 120 years is not what they believed it to be. Long thought to be a memorial to the *"...ten dead men,"* with trite lines like, *"We were fishing one day..."*, we now understand some of the inscription is allegorical and not to be taken literally. Of course, this begs another question: What parts of the inscription were intended for literal interpretation?

The party of men likely did include *"8 Gotälanders and 22 Northmen,"* but why not just say a total of 30 men? We now know, as discussed in our previous article, 8 and 22 were sacred numbers used to acknowledge deity in Hebrew mysticism. The line *"...on this acquisition journey/taking up land from Vinland far to the west"* is also to be taken liter-

ally, as the stone is a land claim placed on the north-south continental divide of North America—consistent with 14<sup>th</sup> century land claim practices in France, where the Order of the Knights Templar, a medieval military and religious order, were originally founded (how is the word founded being used? Is this after they were outlaw from Rome?) (Founded as in officially created through a Papal Bull at the Council of Troyes in 1128). And by cross-referencing the Viking sagas from Norway (now you introduce Vikings from Sweden/Norway?), we find that "Vinland" is the northeast coast of the North American continent, which could mean the land claim "far to the west" refers to at least Kensington, Minnesota. One could argue the Templars were claiming the entire continent!

If the Kensington Rune Stone is a 14<sup>th</sup> century land claim, why didn't the Templars make the claim in the name of a monarch or the Church? The likely reason is that the French king and the Roman Catholic Church outlawed the Order of the Knights Templar in 1307 on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (recall the significance of the number 13?). As a result, the Templars were forced underground and the survivors are believed to have

fled to Scotland, Portugal and Denmark. But a symbol found on the Kensington Rune Stone—one scholars had never before seen until recently—could hold the answer to this mystery.

In 1980, a 1<sup>st</sup> century burial tomb in Jerusalem was discovered during construction of an apartment building. The tomb contained ten bone boxes, or ossuaries. The lid of one of the ossuaries was inscribed with "Jesus, son of Joseph" along with a strange carving. In 2014, I discovered the carving was actually a monogram of two symbols: the Tau Cross and the Hooked X, the latter of which appears 22 times on the Kensington Rune Stone. Hebrew scholars agreed with my finding, noting that the Hooked X represents "a" or "aleph," which is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and the tau is the last. Knowing this, the monogram on the ossuary can be interpreted as "alpha-omega," or beginning and end.

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# SOLVING THE KENSINGTON RUNE STONE MYSTERY, Part III: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? Cont.

So how does this relate to the Templars and their North American land claim? Archaeologists confirmed the Jerusalem tomb was entered in the 12th century when the Templars controlled the city after the First Crusade. Whoever entered the tomb left a "calling card" of three human skulls placed in the south, west, and east quadrants of the burial chamber.

It so happens that the configuration of the skulls matches the seating position of the three highest officers in both a medieval Templar preceptory and a modern-day Masonic lodge. If the Templars did in fact enter the tomb, which many believe is the family tomb of the biblical Jesus, and saw the Hooked X on the lid of the ossuary, perhaps the Kensington Rune Stone is a land claim made in this name?



**This monogram of two symbols is carved into the lid of a 1st century ossuary, or bone box, and is inscribed with the name "Jesus, son of Joseph." In 2014, the author interpreted the symbols to be a Tau Cross and the Hooked X.**

Many believe the medieval Knights Templar evolved into modern Freemasonry. If so, it's likely our Founding Fathers, many of who were Freemasons, understood why the Templars came to North America to establish a "Free Templar State." They, too, wanted freedom from tyranny of Monarchs, freedom of religion, and the basic individual rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It now appears the carver of the inscription used the numbers 8 and 22 to ask their feminine deity, the Great Goddess, to bless and protect this vitally important artifact. When viewed in light of newly discovered evidence, and with a new perspective, it is clear the Kensington Rune Stone land claim represents the *true beginning* of the founding of the United States of America.



**Arguably the most common symbol of Masonic Knights Templar is the Christian Cross inside the Crown. The secret symbolism represents how the medieval Knights Templar conquered the monarchs of Europe and the Roman Catholic Church by founding of the United States of America by their ideological descendants; modern Freemasons.**

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## WRITINGS & HUMOR

*Editor—Brother Alvin Kauffman*

### Flawed Invention

The inventor of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Corporation, Arthur Davidson, died and went to heaven.

At the gates, Sat. Peter told Arthur, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven."

Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said, "I want to hang out with God."

St. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room, and introduced him to God.

God recognized Arthur and commented, "Okay, so you were the one who invented the motorcycles, eh?!"

Arthur said, "Ya, that's me...."

God commented, "Well what's the big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution, and can't run without a road?!"

Arthur was apparently embarrassed, but finally spoke, "Excuse me but aren't you the inventor of Woman???"

God said, "Ah, yes."

"Well," said Aruther, professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention.

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusion;
2. It chatters constantly at high speeds;
3. Most of the rear ends are too soft and wobble too much;
4. The intake is placed way to close to the exhaust;
5. And the maintenance costs are outrageous!!

"Hmmm, you may have some good points there," replied God, "hold on."

God went to his Celestial supercomputer, typed in a few words and waited for the results.

The computer printed out a slip of pager and God read it.

"Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed," God said to Arthur, "but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours!"



## Dear BLACK CROW

### Dear Black Crow,

I am a Master Mason who attended your Membership Night and was very impressed by everything I saw. I am thinking strongly of petitioning for your next class.

However when I got back to my Lodge, most of the guys were very supportive, but a few of the older Brothers said I should wait for a couple of years. I really want to get involved, but I also respect those dissenting Brothers. What's your advise.

### Dear Confused,

There are arguments for both sides.

What are your Masonic goals?

Are you content with the Ma-

sonic Knowledge that you have received or did it create a thirst to explore further?

Do you envision your Masonic future to center on your Blue Lodge and the Brothers you know there, or do you want to develop a relationship and bond with more good men?

For myself, I made the decision within weeks after being raised to further my education and relationships by joining the Scottish Rite. To be perfectly honest, I don't if I would have become that active in the Craft if I hadn't done so. The grandeur of the degrees and the relationships I built made me realize that I had made the right decision.

The second thing of note I might suggest is that almost to a man,

the active members of the Rite are also active in their Blue Lodges. In fact the Sovereign Grand Inspector General (the head honcho) of the Orient of Minnesota is careful to point out to all new candidates, that their Blue Lodge will always and should always be the focal point of their Masonic Experience.

Brother, it is up to you, I know you will make the Rite decision.

All requests for advise should be sent to: [DaBlakCrow@aol.com](mailto:DaBlakCrow@aol.com)

## Minneapolis Valley Clubs

**Minneapolis Valley  
Amateur Radio Club**

(editor—Russel)

The "**Soaring Eagles**" meet the second Thursday of the month at 5:30—6:00 pm.

**Cribbage—**

**Darts—**

**Pool—**





# MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE

## December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Schedule of Events

### DEGREES:

12/07/17– 30° & 31°

12/14/17– 32°

1/4/17– 4° & 6°

1/11/17– 7° & 9°

1/18/17– 10° & 11°

1/25/17– 12° & 13°

### EVENTS:

11/30/17– Red Room  
"Mysteries of  
Washington, DC



<http://scottish-rite-mn.org/minneapolis-valley/event-calendar>

**MINNEAPOLIS VALLEY EVENTS**  
(click on to review)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Event's Being Held at:

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

5:00 pm Dinner

5:45 pm Red Room

6:30 pm Degree(s)



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### ***Scottish Rite Creed***

*Human progress is our cause,  
liberty of thought our supreme wish,  
freedom of conscience our mission,  
and the guarantee of equal rights to all  
people everywhere our ultimate goal.*

## **Lost & found**

*If you have misplaced a item and  
you think you may have left it at  
the Minneapolis Valley.*

*Please let me know and it will be  
listed here in case someone  
found your item.*

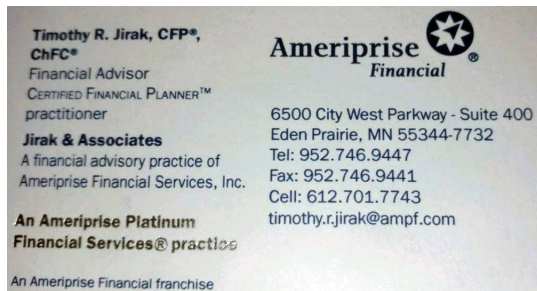




# "SCOTTISH RITE BROTHER'S"

## Buisness Card's

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# "SELL" — "TRADE" — "BARTER"

## **SELL**

*What you would like to  
get rid of!*

⇒ In-Ground Winter Cover  
(20 x 40) Good condition. \$70  
Contact Stephen Kesler at 612-  
790-0365 or email to:  
sfk133@comcast.net (9/14/17)

⇒ Craftsman Bench Model Drill  
Press, Model No. 137.219100,  
1/2 HP, 5 speed, 1/2 inch  
chuck. Includes dolly, table ex-  
tension and owners man-  
ual....\$100.00

Donald Severson

763-561-5926,  
[froghair2@gmail.com](mailto:froghair2@gmail.com)

(11/26/17)

⇒ DeWalt Heavy duty, 12 1/2  
inch thickness planer, Model  
No. DW734. Includes dolly, new  
blades and owners manual  
....\$200.00

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## **TRADE**

*Do you have something  
you would like to trade  
for something else!*

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## **BARTER**

*I can do this for you  
to get that!*

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## **WANTED**

*I am looking FOR!*

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## **FREE!!**

*You Can Have This Treasure!*

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