

Council of Kadosh

21st Degree - Noachite, or Prussian Knight

NOACHITE, OR PRUSSIAN KNIGHT
TWENTY-FIRST DEGREE



The apron and gloves of this degree are yellow. On the upper part of the apron is an arm, naked and upraised, holding a naked sword. Under it is a human figure, erect, with wings, the forefinger of his right hand on his lips; in his left hand he holds a key. He is the Egyptian figure of silence, called by the Greeks Harpocrates, though the wings are an addition. Plato said the wings symbolized 'intelligence'. To the alchemists they stood for the higher, active, male principle.

The order is a broad black ribbon, worn from right to left.

The jewel is a silver, full moon, suspended from the third buttonhole of the vest, or a golden triangle traversed by an arrow, point-upward, suspended from the collar. On the jewel is an arm upraised, holding a naked sword, and around it the motto, *Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum*, meaning 'Let there be Justice, though the Heavens fall'. These were the words of William Murray, First Earl of Mansfield (1704-1793), Lord Chief Justice of England, uttered in the case of *Rex vs. Wilkes*, June 8, 1768.

DUTIES

Be humble and modest, trusting in God.
Be steadfast and courageous in the face of adversity.

LESSONS

The downfall of evil is certain.
A free and independent judiciary is necessary to human progress.
Journalism should be fair, just and responsible.

FOR REFLECTION

Do you keep the ideal of justice before your own interests?

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

Masked brothers, full moon, sword of a knight.