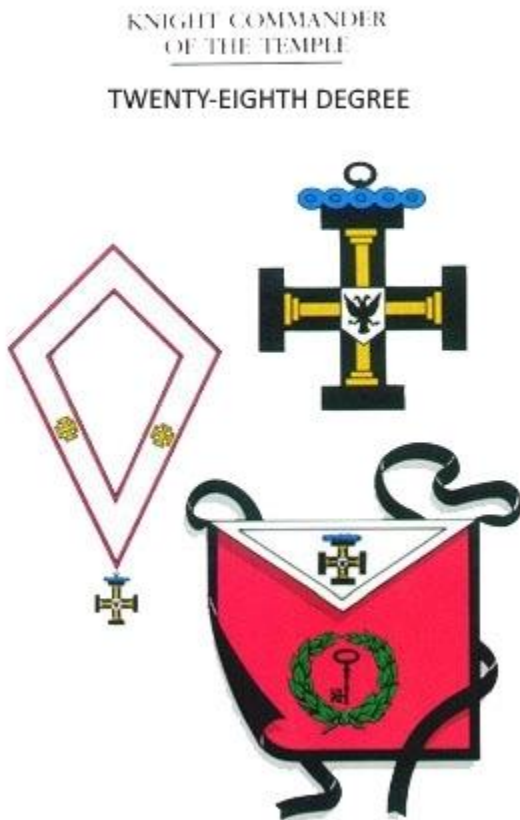


Council of Kadosh

28th Degree - Knight Commander of the Temple



In the Liturgy, Pike describes the apron thus: "The APRON is square, of scarlet-colored lambskin, lined and edged with black. The flap is white, and on it is a Teutonic Cross described as a cross potent sable, charged with another cross double potent or, surcharged with an excutcheon of the Empire, the principle Cross surmounted by a chief azure, seme of France; ...". He is using the terminology of heraldry: 'potent' is a word used to describe a cross with cross pieces at the ends; 'double potent' means two cross pieces at the ends; 'sable' is black; 'or' is gold; 'charged' means superimposed upon; 'chief' means on top of; 'azure' is blue; 'seme' means strewn or scattered. In the middle of the apron is a black key and around it a wreath of laurel. The laurel symbolizes the good opinion our brethren have for us.

The order is a white, watered ribbon edged with red, worn as a collar, from which the jewel is suspended.

The jewel is the Teutonic Cross shown on the apron.

There are also gloves and a scarf among the clothing of a Knight Commander of the Temple. The colors of these, as well as of the apron and order, are white, red and black. The last of these is symbolic of the death of one who will be revealed at a later degree.

DUTIES

Be devoted to truth, honor, loyalty, justice and humanity.

LESSONS

Masonry is practical and requires its members to be actively involved in life.

Virtue and duty have been the same in all times.

FOR REFLECTION

It is nobler to err and make amends than never to err at all. Is this statement contrary to the virtue of prudence?

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

The colors scarlet and black, garland of laurel, circles and globes, swords drawn and extended to a central point.