

Council of Kadosh

29th Degree - Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew

SCOTTISH KNIGHT OF
SAINT ANDREW
TWENTY-NINTH DEGREE



A Knight of St. Andrew wears a green collar edged with crimson, over the neck, and a white silk scarf, fringed with gold, and worn from left to right.

The jewel is a St. Andrew's Cross, of gold, with a large emerald in the center, surmounted with the helmet of a knight, and with a thistle of gold between the arms at the bottom. It is worn suspended from the collar. The emerald signifies the manliness and uprightness of chivalry, its color that of the renewal of virtue, always bright and sparkling. The thistle is the national emblem of Scotland and recalls a tradition that the Danes invaded Scotland and stealthily surrounded Staines Castle. They took off their shoes to wade the moat, only to find it dry and filled with thistles. The resultant yells and curses roused the garrison, and the Danes were soundly defeated (Leach, p. 1108).

The banner of the Order is a green St. Andrews Cross on a white field fringed with gold. At the end of each arm of the cross is one of the four Hebrew letters that form the Ineffable Name of Deity. Above the cross is a circle of five stars with a thistle in the center.

DUTIES

Reverence and obedience to the Deity.
Serve the truth.
Protect virtue and innocence.
Defend the people against tyranny.

LESSONS

Ideas and institutions wax and wane in the great cycle of time which is but change.

FOR REFLECTION

Is virtue an armor stronger than the strongest metal?

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS

St. Andrews Cross, castle in ruins, armorless knight.