



Knights Templars & Gettysburg— 'America's Golgotha'

5th Annual Group/Branch Conference & St. John's Festival
June 24th-26th, Hershey & Gettysburg, PA



The 150th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's birth coincides with the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War (1861-65). The high water mark and turning point is Gettysburg. For three days brother fought against brother in the greatest conflagration to befall North America. Blood flowed through Pennsylvania fields converging on **Bloody Run** and skull-like boulders known as **Devil's Den** in the **Valley of Death**. Today, Templar crosses overlook the Valley of Death from memorials girding "Little Round Top."

Gettysburg battlefield casualties prompted President Abraham Lincoln to consecrate ground hallowed by sacrifice and the probation of American Freedom. During a lecture on "The Mystery of Ashes," Rev. Richard Dancey, a priest of The Christian Community, referred to Gettysburg as the **"American Golgotha."**

How does the 'American Golgotha' shed light on Templar sacrifice?

Why did Knights Templars (1119AD to 1312AD) courageously stand firm in battle, calmly awaiting their deaths, even when opposing military forces were up to three times stronger? How do Templar deeds reveal enigmas of the Temple of Solomon, prepare the Rosicrucian ideal of freedom, modern group/branch life, and the temple's restoration as the social fabric of Philadelphia—city and epoch of sisterly/brotherly love? We will consider these and additional themes in the light of indications by Rudolf Steiner: *[Templar sacrifice] established more firmly in earth existence the impulse which went forth from the Mystery of Golgotha.*



The sweetest Michaelites on earth—Corps de Michael—cordially invite you to join us on St. John's Day 2011 in Hershey, Pennsylvania USA. A warm community spirit promises to pervade keynote lectures—**Restoring the Lost Temple, America's Blood Sacrifice, Shining Waters and the Valley of Death: A Rosicrucian Geography**—festivities, group-study, picnics, singing, Nature walk, reports by groups and branches of the Anthroposophical Society, Class Lesson of the School of Spiritual Science, and gargantuan bonfire-on-the-meadow! Our venue is Stonehaven, a secluded 100 acre farm situated in the beautiful Hershey countryside and founded in 1737 by proprietary grant from William Penn's *Holy Experiment*. On Sunday we shall experience an informal guided tour of nearby Gettysburg—the *'American Golgotha'*.

Registration and program details will be posted at www.corpsdemichael.org 'Knights Templars Conferences' link. For advance registration call: 717-964-3376 or write: thecorpsdemichael@yahoo.com

