



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

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Knights Templar Cross of Honor

In accordance with the provisions of Section 237 (b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA, a meritorious award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight (or Knights, depending on Grand Commandery membership counts) of each Grand Commandery once each year.

Each Constituent Commandery of Indiana is invited to submit a nomination for the award. It is to be noted that this award is to be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or Member. No Elected Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment Officer, past or present, is eligible to receive the award. This honor is for the Sir Knight of your Commandery who you consider has been, or is, outstanding in his Chivalric labors.

1. Should your Commandery desire to make a nomination for this award, you will use the following procedure.
2. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
3. Sent the Completed nomination form to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for approval.

Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form. Fill it out and forward it directly to Sir Knight Joseph L Sparks, REGC, 564 Gettysburg, Coatesville, IN 46121.

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to February 1, 2026. Incomplete forms and those received after this date will not be considered. Your Commandery should reconsider those Sir Knights who have been nominated previously but who have never received the award.

This Bulletin shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L Sparks
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence L. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

"KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR" RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 237 (b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as amended at the 50th Triennial Conclave, the meritorious Award known as the **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**, shall be conferred by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to deserving Sir Knights of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies upon certain conditions hereinafter set forth.
- (2) The **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** shall be awarded "only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member." In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored, and each case shall be decided upon its own unusual merits. No posthumous award shall be made, and no present or past elected Grand Officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award.
- (3) Only one nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery membership of 5,000 or less, plus one additional nomination may be made by a Grand Commandery for each additional 5,000 of its members, or major fraction thereof, during any one year. Only one nomination may be made from the total of the Subordinate Commanderies during one year.
- (4) The procedure to be followed for making nominations for this Award shall be as follows:
 - a. Any Constituent Commandery desiring to make a nomination shall first adopt a formal resolution, setting forth the full name of its nominee, and the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based.
 - b. The Commander of such Constituent Commandery shall thereupon cause to be filled-in a nomination form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of his Grand Commandery, giving the date, full name of the nominee, address, and Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon.
 - c. Such Nomination Form shall be signed by the Commander of such Constituent Commandery and shall be forwarded by him to the Grand Commander of his jurisdiction for consideration.
 - d. Such Grand Commander shall consider nominations made Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee (more where qualified) in anyone year; upon making such selection, the Grand Commander shall affix his written approval to such Nomination Form and shall thereupon send the name to the Grand Master.
 - e. Any Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination for this Award shall follow the same procedure as is set forth above for Constituent Commanderies, except that such Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination, shall forward the Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and the same shall bear the written approval of the Commander of such Subordinate Commandery before being sent by to the Grand Master.
- (5) The **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** medal shall consist of a round, gold-finished medal, the outer circle of which shall bear the words "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR," showing through in black enamel, and in the center shall appear the Patriarchal Cross of the Grand Encampment in purple enamel. Such medal shall be suspended from a gold-finished bar by two small chain links on either side; upon the face of the bar shall be engraved the name of the Sir Knight who shall be the recipient thereof. The **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** Medal may be worn upon the uniform by the recipient upon all occasions.
- (6) A suitable Certificate of Award, issued by the Grand Encampment, signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, and bearing the seal of the Grand Encampment thereon, shall accompany the medal. The Certificate shall contain a summary of the Citation upon which such Award is based.
- (7) It shall the responsibility of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to provide the medals, the Certificates of Award for the **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**, without any cost to the recipient or to his Constituent or Grand Commandery, or his Subordinate Commandery. Presentation of the **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** Medals, Certificates shall be made at an appropriate ceremony by Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies, and a report thereof sent by the respective Recorder to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment within thirty days thereafter.

**NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD
"KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR"**

_____ Commandery No. _____ Knights Templar of Indiana
Stationed at _____, Indiana this _____ day of _____ in the year of _____
_____ adopted a motion to nominate the following Sir Knight, one of its own
members to be awarded the "Knights Templar Cross of Honor" for the Templar Year
_____.

Full name:

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address:

(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Highest templar rank: _____

The following facts are submitted as a justification of his nomination:

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ by Sir Knight
_____ Eminent Commander of
_____ Commandery No. _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ by Sir Knight
_____ Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ by Sir Knight
_____ Most Eminent Grand Master, Knights Templar of
the United States of America.

Important: Please follow instructions for filling in the form for the Nomination of the Award for the Knights Templar Cross of Honor and the criterion for its awarding is found in Section 237(b) of the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions which are on the back of this page.

Must be in the hands of the Grand Encampment Office at least 2 Months prior to presentation.