



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 5 Sparks

April 27, 2025

R. Frank Williams Award Program

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC and GPE who passed July 2, 2014, was instrumental in the National Holy Land Pilgrimage Program for over 25 years. He was the spearhead in getting Indiana involved in this great work.

Therefore, an award, being established in 2015 and will be continued in his honor. This Indiana Award will be given to the Commandery that contributes the most money to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund each year. Whether you pay the full price of a minister to go to the Holy Land or just donate money to help send a minister, everything that is donated from your Commandery will count toward your Commandery's annual donation. The year will run from January 1st to December 31st of each year. Nominations of ministers to go to the Holy Land may be submitted to the Holy Land Committee, who will then select the minister to go based upon the funds available. Your Commandery may pay and select a minister of your choice by paying the complete cost of the trip.

The R. Frank Williams Award, a traveling trophy, will be presented at the Grand Conclave the following year for that Commandery to display for the year. A plaque will be placed on the award with your Commandery's name and year in which the award was presented.

It is the goal of the Grand Commandery of Indiana that sufficient funds each year are raised through the R. Frank Williams Award to send at least one minister to the Holy Land. The Grand Commandery is asking that each Commandery in the State of Indiana set a goal to donate at least \$100.00 to the Holy Land fund each year. Those Commanderies that donate at \$100.00 or more will receive a certificate showing the amount of their donation. With the continued funding, we will be able to meet our goal of sending at least one minister to the Holy Land from the State of Indiana each year.

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at their first Stated Conclave after 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 J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

