



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

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Distinguished Service Award for Sir Knights and Friends of the Commandery

In 1977, The Grand Commandery of Indiana established an award known as the "Distinguished Service Award." This award may be presented by the Right Eminent Grand Commander upon the recommendation of the Commander and dais officers of the Constituent Commandery to a Sir Knight who has given outstanding, loyal and devoted service to the Commandery. A lady or non-member may also receive this award as a "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS."

Each Indiana Commandery may nominate two (2) Sir Knights and/or (2) "Friends" per year upon the recommendation of its three dais officers. Nominations are made using the enclosed forms. The cost of the jewel, certificate and any engraving is borne by the Commandery nominating the individual and a check accompanying the nomination form will be sent to the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery furnishes a certificate. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No. 3, Section 920 (a) of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be addressed to the Grand Commander or Grand Recorder.

Each Commander is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize outstanding service to Templary on a local basis. We have many Sir Knights who attend meetings, give a helping hand, do the little things in conferring the Orders, or support the activities of the officers year after year. Any Sir Knight is eligible and there are no restrictions other than he is in good standing.

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 26th day of April, A.D. 2026 A.O. 908.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Handwritten signature of Dominic J. Hamblin in cursive.

Dominic J. Hamblin, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Handwritten signature of Lawrence J. Williams in cursive.

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR SIR KNIGHTS

Rules and Regulations

An award to be known as the "**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**" (for Sir Knights) was established by the Grand Commandery of Indiana on May 6, 1977, at the 123rd Annual Conclave. It is to be conferred upon members, who, by distinguished service to Templary are worthy of such an award. The recipients are to be selected and the award to be presented as follows:

1. The recipient must be a member in good standing of a Commandery.
2. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, will acting together, present the nomination for the award as suggested by members of their Commandery. The nomination shall be on forms provided by the Grand Recorder. **Said nomination shall be forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander.** The Grand Commandery may appoint the Grand Recorder to assist him in the selection of recipients.
3. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Commander.
4. The award shall be limited to two (2) members from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1977.
5. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the recipient's Commandery, such presentation to be at a Stated or Called Conclave. It is strongly recommended that such presentation be open to the public, visitors and friends and is performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar uniforms.
6. The award shall consist of a jewel engraved with the words "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, Grand Commandery of Indiana" In addition thereto an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, attested by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
7. The cost of the jewel, certificate and any additional engraving shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. Each Commandery will be send a check to the Grand Recorder accompanying the nomination form for the cost. If a check is not received, then the nomination form will be returned to the Recorder of requesting Commandery.

**NOMINATION FORM
FOR A SIR KNIGHT
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of _____ Commandery No.,

stationed at _____ that the following Sir Knight, a member of said Commandery, be and hereby is nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award for the Templar year

1. His full name is: _____

2. His residence is _____

3. The following facts are submitted as a justification for his nomination:

(If further space is required, continue on backside or attach a separate sheet.)

Approved this: _____ day of _____, _____

Eminent Commander
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Approved: Grand Commander _____

Attest: Grand Recorder _____

Date: _____

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS

Rules and Regulations

An award to be known as the "**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS**" was established by the Grand Commandery of Indiana on April 25, 1998. It is to be awarded to a Friend who has given service to the Grand Commandery, or a Constituent Commandery of Indiana, above that which can be expected of a non-member. The recipients to be selected and the award to be presented as follows:

1. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, will acting together, present the nomination for the award as suggested by members of their Commandery. The nomination shall be made on forms provided by the Grand Recorder. Commander may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of the recipients.
2. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Commander.
3. The award shall be limited to two (2) nominations from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1998.
4. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the nominating Commandery, such presentation to be at a Called Conclave. Such presentation shall be open to the public, visitors and friends and be performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar Uniforms.
5. The award shall consist of a jewel with suitable fastener on back to be worn by a Lady or a lapel pin for a Gentleman. In addition, thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent. Grand Commander, attested to by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested to by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
6. The cost of the jewel and certificate shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. Each Commandery will send a check to the Grand Recorder accompanying the nomination form for the cost. If a check is not received, then the nomination form will be returned to the Recorder of requesting Commandery.

**NOMINATION FORM
FOR A
"FRIENDS" DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of _____ Commandery No. _____, stationed at _____ that the following Friend of said Commandery, be and hereby is nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award for Friends the Templaryear _____.

4. His/Her full name is: _____

5. His/Her residence is: _____

6. The following facts are submitted as a justification for His/Her nomination:

(If further space is required, continue on backside or attach a separate sheet.)

Approved this _____ day of _____, _____.

Eminent Commander
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Approved: Grand Commander _____

Attest: Grand Recorder _____

Date: _____