

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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Knights Templar Cross of Honor

To: *All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa*

In accordance with the provisions of section 237(b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, a meritorious award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight of each Grand Commandery once a year.

Each constituent commandery of Iowa may make a nomination for the above award. It is to be noted that this award is to be made only for exceptional and meritorious service to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the call of duty. No ELECTED Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment Officer, past or present, is eligible for this award. This honor, is for the Sir Knights of your Commandery who you consider is or has been outstanding in his chivalric labors.

Enclosed in the Grand Encampment Nomination form for you to fill in. If you have no one that you wish to nominate, make a notation across the face of the form. RETURN THE FORM TO THE GRAND COMMANDER who will make the final selection. The forms must be received by the Grand Commander no later than March 1, 2017. He will then forward the name of the nominee to Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master.

All nominations are to be mailed to the Grand Commander, Wade E. Sheeler at the following address (1204 East 13th Street South, Newton Iowa 50208-5012). The nomination form must be completed in its' entirety. Incomplete forms and those received after March 1, 2017 will not be considered. Please read the instructions on the reverse side of the nomination form.

In Templar Service,

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NOMINATION
For The Award, Of
“KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR”

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 service 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) One nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery membership, regardless of number of members, plus one additional nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery for each **5,000** 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. (amended 2009)

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 Commander, giving the date, full name of the nominee, address, Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based.
- 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 all nominations made by Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee (more where qualified) in any one 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 ENCAMPMENT FOR THE GRAND MASTER’S CONSIDERATION.
- e. Any Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination for this Award shall follow the same procedure as is set forth above for the Constituent Commanderies, except that such Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination, shall forward the Nomination Form 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 to the GRAND ENCAMPMENT FOR THE GRAND MASTER’S CONSIDERATION.

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 may be worn upon the Commandery uniform by the recipient upon all occasions.

6) The 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 of Award shall contain a summary of the Citation upon which such Award is based.

7) It shall be 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 of Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies, and a report thereof shall be sent by the respective Recorder to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment within thirty days thereafter.

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Specify Jewel: THROAT OR BREAST

_____ Commandery No. _____, K.T. stationed at _____
City

_____ , on _____ Day of _____ , _____ adopted a motion
State Month Year

to nominate the following Sir Knight, one of its own members, to be awarded the “Knights Templar Cross of Honor”

for the Templar Year _____

1. His Full Name:

(Print Full Name)

2. His Residence:

_____ Street (number) City State Zip Code

3. His Templar Rank:

4. The following facts are submitted as a justification for his Nomination:

Approved this _____ Day of _____ , 20__ by _____
Commander of _____ Commandery No. _____

Approved this _____ Day of _____ , 20__ by _____
Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of _____

Approved this _____ Day of _____ , 20__ by _____
Grand Master

IMPORTANT: Please follow instructions for filling in the form for Nomination for the Award of Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Rules and Regulations appear on the reverse side of this form.

Submit Form To the Office of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment at least two (2) months prior to presentation.