

“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, 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 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 him 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 may be worn upon the Commandery 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 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 by 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.