



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah

Grand Encampment Awards and Recognition Packet

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Prepared for use by the Grand Commandery of Utah

KTCH NOMINATION
For the Award of
"KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR"

_____ Commandery No. _____, K.T. Stationed at _____
City
 _____, on _____ day of _____, _____, adopted a motion
State date 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.

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

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1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 237(b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as amended at the 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 maybe 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. 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.

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.

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.

Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT)

Any holder of the KCT may make nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) to the deputy in each Grand Commandery. Knights Commander of the Temple are selected by the deputies of each state, in accordance with the number allotted to each Grand Commandery, and their names are forwarded to the College of Honors. Since this honor is given for service to the order, the fraternity, the community, or mankind, it is left to the deputy of each jurisdiction to prioritize nominations within the guidelines given. The deputy is also free to accept or reject any nomination for the KCT. The number of Knights Commander of the Temple selected for each Grand Commandery annually is determined as follows: five KCTs may be awarded to Grand Commanderies with fewer than 7,500 members. Ten KCTs may be awarded to Grand Commanderies with more than 7,500 members. Any active or emeritus member of the College of Honors has the “right of veto” for any nomination for the Knight Commander of the Temple. This veto can only be overturned by a unanimous vote of the active members of the College of Honors. All department commanders are ex officio awarded Knight Commander of the Temple if they have not previously received this distinction. The award consists of a neck jewel on a purple ribbon as shown above, a lapel pin of the same design as the center of the jewel, and a wood-mounted certificate or patent. All Knights Commander of the Temple, elect, are invested with the KCT at some appropriate occasion. A KCT dinner, a special KCT meeting, a Grand Commandery Conclave, or other function deemed suitable by the deputy is appropriate. The deputy, or some holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple he so designates, shall perform the investiture. The ceremony authored by MEPGM William H. Koon, II, or another appropriate ceremony of the deputy’s choosing may be used. The investiture may be done in public with ladies present.



Companion of the Temple (CT)

An additional recognition is the Companion of the Temple (CT) award. Companions of the Temple may be nominated in the same manner as listed above for the KCT but are not subject to any numerical limitation. All nominations must be made through the deputy or deputies for the program with no exceptions. As with the KCT, any member of the College of Honors may nominate any suitable person for the Companion of the Temple with the same guidelines as listed for the Knight Commander of the Temple award. However, the recipient need not be a Knight Templar or a Mason. Both men and women are eligible for the CT award. In a similar fashion as used for the KCT, all Companions of the Temple are to be invested with the honor, utilizing a format or ceremony designated by the deputy or one devised by REPGC George Marshall, Jr. and approved by MEPGM Koon during his tenure as grand master. The jewel of a Companion of the Temple is shown above. It is to be pinned on the left side of a dress, blouse, or sweater for ladies and a blazer or suit coat for men. The design of this award has not changed, except that it may now be ordered with either a pin or magnet attachment.



Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (KGCT)

Upon the election of any officer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, he will be presented the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (KGC) following his Installation into office, unless he is a current holder of the same. His patent and jewel are presented at no cost to him. Should a death occur in the elected line and an appointment made to fill a vacancy, the same shall apply, with the KGT being presented at the Installation of the new officer appointed by the grand master. Additional Knights Grand Cross of the Temple may be nominated by any member of the College of Honors but must carry the unanimous approval of the active members. All active members must give their approval before any KGT may be awarded, either orally or in writing.

The total number of Knights Grand Cross is set at twenty-four, not counting elected or appointed officers of the Grand Encampment, per an original decision by MEPGM Thornley. The original decision delineated “officers or past officers of the Grand Encampment” would not count in the twenty-four total. Accordingly, department or past department commanders are not counted toward the total of twenty-four. The Investiture of Knight Grand Cross of the Temple is performed by the grand master of the College of Honors, or by a member of the College of Honors that he so designates. The jewel of a KGT is shown on the previous page and is worn on the left side of the recipient’s uniform.



Grand Cross Templar (GCT)

As previously noted, the Grand Cross Templar (GCT) is a version of the KGT, denoting membership in the College of Honors only and is of the same level as the KGC. The jewel of a holder of the Grand Cross Templar (GCT) is pictured above. There are no other holders, other than those previously listed, namely, the active and emeriti members of the College of Honors. The jewel is worn on the left side of the recipient's uniform. All who have received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor, Knight Commander of the Temple, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, or Grand Cross Templar retain the honor so long as they are members of the order. The aforementioned honors cease at the time of membership termination. Upon restoration of membership, the College of Honors may, by unanimous consent, restore said honor.



Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)

A new award as of July 2019 is the Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). This award consists of the medal shown above plus a lapel pin (inscribed “Meritorious Service”). The Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Medal is available to all Commanderies to award to one of their worthy members. Only one such award per Commandery may be awarded in a calendar year. Each Commandery has the option of awarding this medal. This award is available from the GEKT grand office.

