



# **Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah Awards Booklet**



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## *Knights Templar Cross of Honor*



The Knight Templar Cross of Honor is the highest honor awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. It is 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.

At the 47th Triennial Conclave held in 1958, the Awards Committee made a recommendation to create an award entitled "Knight Templar Cross of Honor" (KTCH) to be given to one member per state per year. This was referred to the Templar Committee on Jurisprudence to be written in proper form and to be reported upon at the next Triennial Conclave. For whatever reason, the award was not finally approved until the 49th Triennial Conclave held in 1964. A description of the KTCH and the criteria for its awarding are found in Section 237(b) of the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions. In summary, these are: An award consisting of a gold medal upon the center of which shall be a Patriarchal Cross in purple. Around the cross shall be inscribed the words "Knights Templar Cross of Honor." A lapel pin in the form of the medal as described above shall also be provided. A suitable certificate of award issued by the Grand Encampment and signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder bearing the seal of the Grand Encampment and thereon shall set forth the citation. A nomination for the award shall be made by the Commandery of which the nominee is a member, by a motion adopted by the Commandery and must be submitted in writing and approved by the Grand Commander of the respective state. The award shall be made 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. No present or past elected Grand Officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award. One nomination may be made from each Grand Commandery, regardless of the 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. No posthumous awards shall be made.

# NOMINATION For the Award of “KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR”

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 is: \_\_\_\_\_  
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. \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**FORMS ARE DUE IN THE GRAND COMMADERY OFFICE BY  
MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR**

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

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America  
**Grand Encampment Membership Award**



**Requirements - Regulations**

Effective September 1, 1991, any Sir Knight being the first line signer for a total of ten petitioners, who are either Knighted or restored to membership after the aforementioned date, is eligible to receive the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel. Those being restored to membership must have been off the active roll for a period of one year or more in order to qualify in the count. The total is cumulative with no time boundaries. This means a Sir Knight can get his total of ten Knighting's and/or restorations in one day, one month, one year, five years, or whatever, so long as the award continues to be authorized. Further recognition in the form of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is given for each five additional Knighting's, restorations, or combination of both. A single Silver Oak Leaf Cluster replaces all bronze clusters when the recipient qualifies for his fifth additional recognition. A single Gold Leaf Cluster replaces all silver and bronze clusters when recipient qualifies with his 135<sup>th</sup> Knighting or Restoration. No more than 8 clusters may be worn on the ribbon at any time.

Jewels and clusters will be awarded promptly upon receipt of the request form in the Grand Encampment office. This form is originated by the Recorder of the recipient's Commandery, and properly certified by the Grand Commander, if a constituent Commandery, or by the Department Commander, if a Subordinate Commandery.

The names of the recipients will be published in the Knight Templar Magazine. Those receiving the Gold Oak Leaf Cluster will have their picture published on the cover of the magazine.

Accept the challenge to be among the few who have qualified for this award and make Templary grow in your state.

Committee on Membership

Henry A.  
 Adams Carson  
 Smith William

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America  
**Grand Encampment Membership Award**  
 Requirements - Regulations

10 - Original Jewel

Bronze Cluster (Total 1)	110 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Silver Cluster replaces all Bronze Clusters	(Total 4)
Bronze Cluster (Total 2)	Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Cluster	115 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Silver
Bronze Cluster (Total 3)	120 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Silver Cluster, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 5)
Bronze Cluster (Total 4)	125 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Silver Cluster, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 6)
Silver Cluster replaces all Bronze Clusters(Total 1)	130 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Silver Cluster, 4 <sup>th</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 7)
		(Total 8 Max)
	<b>135 - 1<sup>st</sup> Gold Cluster replaces all Silver and Bronze (Cover of Magazine)</b>	<b>(Total 1)</b>
Silver Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 2)	140 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Gold Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 2)
Silver Cluster, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 3)	145 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Gold Cluster, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 3)
Silver Cluster, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 4)	150 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Gold Cluster, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 4)
Silver Cluster, 4 <sup>th</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 5)	155 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Gold Cluster, 4 <sup>th</sup> Bronze Cluster	(Total 5)
Silver Cluster replaces all Bronze Clusters(Total 2)		
Silver Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 3)	160 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Gold Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Silver Cluster replaces all Bronze Clusters (Total 2)	165 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Gold
Silver Cluster, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 4)	Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Silver Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 3)	
Silver Cluster, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 5)		
Silver Cluster, 4 <sup>th</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 6)		
Silver Cluster replaces all Bronze Clusters(Total 3)		
Silver Cluster, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronze Cluster (Total 4)		
Silver Cluster, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bronze Cluster		

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP JEWEL**

\_\_\_\_ Original Jewel  
10 new members or  
reinstatements

\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Cluster  
each 5 additional

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver Cluster  
at 35, 60 85, 110

**TO:** \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Recorder

Da \_\_\_\_\_

te:

**I attest that the following Sir Knights were enrolled in:**

\_\_\_\_\_   
Commandery Name

No. \_\_\_\_\_ K  
T \_\_\_\_\_

**On the dates indicated by S.K.**

**Name:**  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Name, Address</u>	<u>Date Knighted</u>	<u>Date Suspended</u>	<u>Date Reinstated</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
1.	_____				
2.	_____				
3.	_____				
4.	_____				
5.	_____				
6.	_____				
7.	_____				
8.	_____				
9.	_____				
10.	_____				

I certify that as of this date these Sir Knight are members  
of this Commandery

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Recorder

Submit Original to Grand Recorder Make a copy for your files.

## ***Knight Commander of the Temple***



The KTC, Companion of the Temple, and the KGT are submitted by the Dean of the College of Honors. Knight Commander of the Temple (abbreviated KCT) is the second highest decoration of the Grand Encampment and was adopted in the 1991-1994 Triennium. One or more Sir Knights may be honored each year in a jurisdiction with this award, recognizing the honoree's service to the causes of Templary.

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 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.

## Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (GCT)



There is a limit of twenty-seven Templars not including Grand Encampment elected officers and Past Grand Masters of Grand Encampment. The GCT is the highest decoration awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

As previously noted, the Grand Cross Templar (GCT) is a version of the KGC, 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 at right. 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.



## Companion of the Temple



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. 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 at left. 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.

## National Award



Section 237(c) of the Constitution provides for a National Award. This is an award which is given by the Grand Encampment at each Triennial Conclave. It is awarded to a person--not necessarily a Knight Templar--who has made an outstanding contribution to our country through civic, professional, military, scientific, religious, etc., endeavors. Nominations for the award may be made by any Commandery or Sir Knight. Nominations are to be made to the Grand Master who may either refer the nominations to a Special Committee or have the Grand Encampment Line Officers choose the recipient. The Grand Encampment Line Officers or the Special Committee may at their discretion determine the criteria for the award. The award consists of a framed certificate and a Lucite obelisk appropriately inscribed and with the recipient's name.

Before presenting the next set of awards, a bit of history may be instructive. At the 59th Triennial Conclave in August 1994, the then Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Thornley, knew that the Grand Encampment had no means of recognizing a member of the Order for continued service to the Order, service to Freemasonry, service to the community, or service to mankind. Several Grand Encampment officers, both past and present, were of the opinion that some tangible means of recognizing such service should be available to the Grand Encampment, much the same as the honors that were awarded for service in other Masonic Bodies. At the suggestion of the officers and other interested Templars, MEGM Thornley was asked to design three awards: The Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT), Companion of the Temple (CT) and the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (KGC). With the active and past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment acting as a cadre of Knights Grand Cross of the Temple, a minimum of five members of the Order were nominated in each of the Grand Commanderies, based on the requirements noted above. These were then voted upon and those who passed the ballot were invited to accept the nomination as Knight Commander of the Temple. These included candidates from each of the four service categories. A similar procedure was followed for the first Companion of the Temple recipients. This was done several times during the next three years, each time including those Knights Commander of the Temple from each Grand Commandery who were already members.

In order to oversee the KCT and KGC awards as well as to ensure that the KTCH was administered according to the Constitution, the Grand Encampment College of Honors was instituted by MEGM William J. Jones in 2003. In addition to the KCT and KGC awards, a special version of the KGC, the Grand Cross Templar (GCT) was created in 2003 for certain members of the College of Honors. Before turning to a discussion of the KCT, CT, KGC, and GCT decorations, let us look a little more closely at the structure of the College of Honors.

## National Award

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The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is ex officio Grand Master of the College of Honors and is the titular head of the College. The Active Members of the College of Honors are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General, during the terms of their respective Offices. Active Membership in the College of Honors exists only so long as a Knight Templar is serving in one of the above-named offices. No active member will ever be a "permanent" active member, except the Grand Master, whose membership in the College of Honors is considered permanent by virtue of his election as Grand Master.

The Emeriti Members of the College of Honors consist of all Past Grand Masters, who are permanent members of the College of Honors. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer are considered Emeriti Members of the College of Honors during their terms of office only, and their membership in the College of Honors terminates at the end of their tenure in office as Grand Treasurer or Grand Recorder. Only the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters are considered Permanent Members of the College of Honors.

Each Triennium, the College of Honors designates at least one, but no more than two Deputies for each Grand Commandery. Any Active Member of the College of Honors acts as Deputy in his Grand Commandery by virtue of his Active Membership. Any Emeritus Member of the College of Honor will act as Deputy in his Grand Commandery by virtue of his Emeritus Membership, unless there shall is an Active Member in his Grand Commandery, in which case, the Emeritus Member becomes Co-Deputy, with the Active Member serving as the Senior Deputy. In Grand Commanderies having more than two members of the College of Honors, all serve as Co-Deputies, with any Active Member being the Senior Deputy.

All Deputy selections, except those listed in the preceding paragraph, are made by the Grand Master, and must be approved by a majority of the other Active Members of the College of Honors.