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2024 - 2025 Bulls Eye and Golden Arrow Awards

*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*

Bulls Eye Award

In the early 1990's, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa created a special award for constituent Commanderies to compete for in donating monies to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. This award is known as the "Bulls Eye Award." The idea for this award came from Sir Knight Clifford M. Baumbach, PGC who at the time served as the Chairman of the Charitable Activities Committee. This award was last implemented by Wade Sheeler, PGC for the Templar year 2016-2017.

This award is to be given to a constituent Commandery which donates the most money on a per member basis through public fundraising activities during the annual campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF). This award is unique to the Grand Commandery of Iowa. It was designed to recognize public fundraising efforts for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The award was designed to be competitive for both small and large Commanderies.

The 57th annual voluntary campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation runs from July 1st 2024 to the following May 15th, 2025.

The criteria to earn the Bulls Eye Award is as follows:

1. Only monies raised through public fund raising activities shall count towards earning the award;
2. In order for monies to count towards this award, they must be forwarded to the Iowa Voluntary Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (Ryan Reid). Monies must be forwarded within thirty days of the fundraising event;
3. Only those monies donated during the period of the annual Voluntary Campaign shall count;
4. Monies have to be received by the Chairman prior to the end of the Voluntary campaign in order for the donation to count towards the award;
5. Any monies sent directly to the KTEF office will not count;
6. The winner of this award will be determined by dividing the total amount of monies raised by a constituent Commandery through public fundraising activities by the total number of Sir Knights in the respective Commandery on the day the Voluntary Campaign closes.

Golden Arrow Award

Also being reinstated is the “Golden Arrow Award” which was another award program that Sir Knight Baumbach used and was also last instituted by Sir Knight Wade Sheeler to be used to encourage Commanderies to donate to the annual voluntary campaigns of the KTEF. The criteria for this award will be as follows:

1. Commanderies will earn this award for donations of \$5.00 per capita or greater;
2. Only donations given during the annual voluntary campaign will count;
3. Donations from the following sources will count (public fundraising, memorials, individual donations, bequests, etc.). As we are now a 100% Life Sponsor jurisdiction, only new sponsorships (new Knighting's that occur and are reported during the voluntary campaign period) will count.
4. Winners will be determined by the report issued at the close of the campaign by the KTEF office.

Sir Knights, remember, these award programs are designed to promote friendly competition among the constituent Commanderies in assisting with the important work of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. All of your efforts should be conducted in the spirit of that goal. I encourage your support of the upcoming Annual Voluntary Campaign.

Chivalric Regards,



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R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:



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