

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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2024 - 2025 Knight Templar Cross of Honor Nominations

*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 Knight 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.

Nominations shall be made by the Commandery of which the nominee is a member and must be submitted in writing and approved by the Grand Commander. Nominations submitted must give his name, address, Masonic rank, name of his Commandery and particulars outlining the nature of his meritorious service, thus justifying the nomination. No posthumous awards shall be made.

Enclosed is 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 COMMANDEER who will make the final selection.

Nominations MUST be received no later than March 15, 2025 to be considered, as jewel procurement and engraving by the Grand Encampment does take time.

Nominations should be sent to: Keith A. Myhre, REGC
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Chivalric Regards,

Keith A. Myhre
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:

Scott A. Schabacker
Grand Recorder

Previous living recipients:

1. 1993 Charles Yates, Columbian #18
2. 1998 Robert Johnson, Columbian #18
3. 1999 Jeffery Buchman, Columbian #18
4. 2001 Bryce Hildreth, Temple #4
5. 2005 David Dryer, Temple #4
6. 2012 Kyle Petersen, Columbian #18
7. 2013 Kenneth Brickman, St. Aldemar #30
8. 2014 Forrest Peck Jr., Ivanhoe #17
9. 2017 Mike Desplanque, Zerubbabel #68
10. 2021 Bradley Reichardt, Temple #4
11. 2023 Paul Anderson, Palestine #2
12. 2024 Bryan Bever, Temple #4

Highlights of the pertinent Grand Encampment Statutes:

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Section 237(b). There is hereby created and established a meritorious award to be known as the "Knights Templar Cross of Honor" which may be awarded by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to deserving Sir Knights of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies on the following conditions and stipulations:

[...]

(b) 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 and must give his name, address, Masonic rank, name of his Commandery and particulars outlining the nature of his meritorious service, thus justifying the nomination.

(c) 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.

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(f) No posthumous awards shall be made.