

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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## *2017 – Grand Commander's Program – 2018*

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

This Grand Commander's Program is to reward a Commandery for being active and promoting Templary within the Commandery as well as to the public and the entire Masonic family. This program shall be in effect June 3, 2017 through June 2, 2018. Each Commandery may apply for rewards from the Grand Commandery of Iowa, these rewards will be in the form of dollars to be used as the Commandery sees fit. The application form for rewards shall be submitted to the Grand Recorder's Office and received thereby, no later than June 16, 2018. A Commandery successful in receiving rewards from the 2017-2018 Grand Commander's shall comply with all the items and conditions of eligibility as detailed in the Program Requirements and submit requests for funds on forms in such format as provided by the Grand Commandery.

Chivalric Regards,

*Kyle J. Peterson*

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R.E. Grand Commander



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Attested:

*Rusty L. Hill*

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Grand Recorder

### Program Requirements

Each eligible Commandery shall:

- Have each Monthly Report received by the Grand Recorder's office on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month, reports may be submitted by email or sent via the United States Postal Service or as the Grand Recorder deems acceptable. If a Commandery, per its bylaws, goes dark for any portion of the year, the period of being dark shall be reported with a monthly report. Each Commandery is expected to submit 12 monthly reports per calendar year. Reports for Election of Officers, Report for Installation of Officers and Reports of a New Knighting shall be considered as part of the Monthly Report where and when applicable. Report of New Knighting shall include a fully completed New Member Form. In general, all reports and forms shall be fully completed. The Annual Return Report with all fees included shall be received by the Grand Recorder's Office on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Have at least one new knighting or hold a school of instruction conducted by the Board of Instruction.
- Have made a financial contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation during the Voluntary Campaign. Said contribution shall be made through the Chairman of the Charitable Activities Committee.

- d) Have the Commandery represented at the 2018 Grand Conclave by the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General in person or by proxy. By proxy with the stipulation that the proxy document bears the raised seal of the Commandery, bears the necessary signatures and is fully completed prior to being presented for registration. No blank or replacement proxy forms will be available at the 2018 Grand Conclave. Furthermore, only one proxy per Sir Knight. An installed officer attending in person may carry one proxy. However, only one ballot per Sir Knight will be issued. Typical in all situations 1 Sir Knight, 1 vote. Example - the Commander attending in person may carry the proxy for the Generalissimo or Captain General, not both.
- e) Have made a financial donation to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund during this program.

## Program Rewards

### 1. Reports and Representation

Goal is to receive ALL reports on time and to have the Commandery represented at the Grand Conclave session.

- A. Monthly Reports received in the Grand Recorder's Office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month for twelve (12) months. If the Grand Recorder's office receives reports for all twelve (12) months by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, the Commandery will receive **\$120**. Telephone calls are not accepted for any changes, except for the last week of December and then the Commandery must also send the written report.
- B. If all twelve-monthly reports are received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month; and are all fully complete as per the program requirements, the Commandery will receive a **\$20** bonus (one-time).
- C. Grand Commandery dues and assessments shall be due and payable on the **first day of February** of each year for which said dues and assessments were levied, and the same shall become delinquent on the first day of March of the same year. (To be eligible for the 2017-2018 Grand Commander's Program, the Annual Return plus the entire amount due must be received by the Grand Recorder's office no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>). If this requirement is met the Commandery will receive **\$50**.
- D. The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General in person or by proxy must be registered and in attendance at the 2018 Grand Conclave. If all three dais officers attend in person, the Commandery will receive **\$75**.
  - a. If all dais officers and the recorder attend, the Commandery would receive an additional **\$25**.
  - b. If all the dais officers, recorder and three additional installed officers attend the 2018 Grand Conclave the Commandery will receive a bonus of **\$150**.
  - c. Otherwise each dais officer attending in person is **\$15**.
  - d. Each dais officer by proxy **\$10**.
  - e. Recorder attending **\$15**.

### 2. Membership

The Goal is to have a positive gain in membership.

- A. **\$75** for each Commandery showing a positive gain in membership.
- B. **\$25** for each new Commandery member knighting. (**No Maximum**)
- C. **\$10** for each reinstatement in a Commandery. The reinstated Sir Knight must have been out of the Order for at least one year. (**No Maximum**)

### 3. Inspection, Ritual and Tactics:

Goal is to improve Ritual and Tactics in the local Commandery and increase the number of Schools, Inspections, and Sir Knights attending. The ritual is our story.

- A. **\$100** for a Commandery holding an Inspection along with the prescribed school of instruction. Board of Instruction registration sheet must be submitted to be eligible.
- B. Commandery holding a School of Instruction. Board of Instruction registration sheet must be submitted to be eligible. (**Maximum of two per year**).
  - a. **\$20** for 3% of the membership attending
  - b. **\$30** for 5% of the membership attending
  - c. **\$40** for over 5% to 10% of membership attending
  - d. **\$50** for over 10% of membership attending.

- C. Commandery attending a School of Instruction other than its own. Signatures of member(s) from your Commandery must be on the registration sheet of the school. Board of Instruction registration sheet must be submitted to be eligible. **(Maximum of 3)**
    - a. **\$20** for 3% of the membership attending.
    - b. **\$30** for 5% of the membership attending.
    - c. **\$40** for over 5% of the membership attending.
  - D. **\$30** for each speaking part, and **\$10** for each non-speaking part(s) when assisting another Commandery you are not a member of, in conferring the Order of the Temple. **(Maximum of \$250)**
  - E. **\$25** for a Commandery holding an educational program with at least 9 Sir Knights in attendance. Program dates and details along with a registration sheet must be submitted for each event. **(Maximum of \$100)**
4. **Observances and Friendship Nights:**  
Goal is to increase Commandery participation in Public activities.
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a Public or participating with another Masonic Body in a Public Christmas Observance.
  - B. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a Public or participating with another Masonic Body in a Public Easter Observance.
  - C. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a Public, or participating with another Masonic Body in a Public Ascension service or the Commandery members attending a church service of the Commander's choice.
  - D. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a York Rite Friendship Night to which non-York Rite Masons are invited.
  - E. **\$25** for each Sir Knight that attends a Grand Encampment Easter Observance.
5. **Masonic Cooperation:**  
Goal to assist other Masonic Bodies.
- A. **\$50** for a Commandery having a minimum of four Sir Knights present, in full uniform to assist in forming the lines for a Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony (report by the officer in command required). **(No Maximum)**
  - B. **\$25** for a Commandery that co-sponsors a Friendship Night with a Symbolic Lodge, Scottish Rite or Shrine to which prospective members are invited. (documentation required)
  - C. **\$25** for a Commandery that presents the flag or forms an escort for an installation of Symbolic Lodge officers or any other Masonic Family event. (documentation required). **(\$75 Maximum)**
  - D. **\$25** for a Commandery presenting the flag at a non-tiled Masonic event (documentations required). **(\$75 Maximum)**
6. **Patriotic or Civic Activity:**  
Goal is to promote patriotism in the community.
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery presenting a flag at a public event. Sir Knights shall be in full uniform (documentation required). **(No Maximum)**
  - B. **\$25** for a Commandery participating in a VFW or American Legion related type of activity. Must be four Sir Knights in attendance. Name of event and Sir Knights participating must be submitted. **(No Maximum)**
  - C. **\$100** for a Commandery hosting a Veterans appreciation event with a program honoring those that have served our country. (documentation required)
  - D. **\$5** for each active member of a Commandery who is active in the American Legion or VFW. (documentation required)
7. **Holy Land Pilgrimage:**  
Goal is to raise funds to send a qualified clergyperson to the Holy Land.
- A. **\$25** for a Commandery making a donation of \$100 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Donations should be made payable to the Holy Land Pilgrimage and sent to the Grand Recorders' office.
  - B. **\$50** for a Commandery making a donation of \$250 or more to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Donations should be made payable to the Holy Land Pilgrimage and sent to the Grand Recorder's office.

8. **Assistance to the Needy:**

Goal to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.

- A. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a food drive with donations going to a homeless shelter or similar type of organization. (documentation required)
- B. **\$25** for a Commandery holding a clothing or blanket drive with donations going to a homeless shelter or similar type of organization. (Description of activity and sir knights participating must be submitted.)
- C. **\$15** for each member of a Commandery that volunteers his time at a food bank, soup kitchen or other community focused programs. (Documentation required)
- D. **\$25** for each member of a Commandery that volunteers to be a Salvation Army bell ringer and donates any stipend or pay back to the Salvation Army. This shall be a per member basis for the entire bell ringing campaign. Or for a member that volunteers, a minimum 12 hours working in a Salvation Army Thrift Store. (documentation required)

9. **Masonic Youth – DeMolay – Rainbow – Jobs Daughters**

Goal is to promote, support, enable and fund our future leaders.

- A. **\$125** for a Commandery that has a member or members that becomes an authorized adult leader of a masonic youth organization. (Verification required)
- B. **\$100** for a Commandery that institutes and executes a plan to support a Masonic youth organization. (Plan is subject to review – submittal required.)
- C. **\$100** for a Commandery that contributes to a masonic youth organization by making a significant effort to promote new members to join a masonic youth organization whereby that organization reflects a 2 percent net gain in membership, by actively assisting with or participating in a program of a masonic youth organization. For example, assisting with the goals of the Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor's program or supporting a local masonic youth organization that is in need.
- D. **\$5** for each Sir Knight of a Commandery that attends a masonic youth organization, meeting, event, or Grand Sessions. (verification required)
- E. **\$250** for a Commandery that sponsors an existing masonic youth organization which is in need of adult leadership or is instrumental in creating a new Chapter, Assembly or Bethel of a masonic youth organization and continue with leadership support in its future development. (much documentation required)
- F. **\$1 for \$1** for a Commandery that financially supports a masonic youth organization. Note: The Grand Commandery match goes to the organization, not the Commandery.

10. **Knights Templar Eye Foundation:**

Goal is to increase the contribution from Iowa Sir Knights and for Iowa to become a 100% Life Membership State.

- A. For each new member of the Grand Commanders' Club of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (donation of \$100), the member's Commandery will receive **\$25**.
- B. For each new member of the Grand Masters' Club of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (donation of \$1,000 or more), the member's Commandery will receive **\$50**.
- C. For each new Sir Knight who becomes a life member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (donation of \$30), the Commandery will receive **\$15**. *(This is paid out on a separate reporting form from the Grand Commander's Program form.)*
- D. The Grand Commandery will match dollar for dollar of money collected at a public fundraising activity for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Funds must be received by Iowa's Knights Templar Eye Foundation Chairman, prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Verification of the public fundraising event made by the District Commander and report forwarded to the Grand Recorder's office. NOTE: **To be eligible for matching funds or any Iowa Awards ALL funds shall be submitted through the Chairman of the Charitable Activities Committee. Funds submitted directly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Office shall not be eligible for matching funds or any Iowa Awards.** Eligible matching funds shall be added to the funds raised by the Commandery and those proceeds shall go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, not the Commandery. **(Maximum of \$750)**. *(This is paid out on a separate reporting form. A separate report form will be sent to the local recorder to processes.)*