

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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2023 - 2024 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

Sir Knights

As the end of 2023 approaches, I put a task to each Commandery within the State of Iowa to select one Sir Knight from its membership as a worthy recipient for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor, an award nominated by the Commandery, selected by the Grand Commander of Iowa, and bestowed by the Grand Master of Knights Templar at Grand Conclave in June.

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

Nominees must be living Sir Knights who have displayed exceptional and meritorious service beyond the call of duty.

Nominees cannot be a present, or past, elected progressive-line Grand Officer, or previous recipients. In Iowa, this means no Grand Captain Generals, Grand Generalissimos, Deputy Grand Commanders, or Grand Commanders.

Nominations MUST be received no later than April 1st, 2024 to be considered, as jewel procurement and engraving by the Grand Encampment does take time.

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. 2008 Tim Anderson, Apollo #26
7. 2012 Kyle Petersen, Columbian #18
8. 2013 Kenneth Brickman, St. Aldemar #30
9. 2014 Forrest Peck Jr., Ivanhoe #17
10. 2017 Mike Desplanque, Zerubbabel #68
11. 2021 Bradley Reichardt, Temple #4
12. 2023 Paul Anderson, Palestine #2

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.

Chivalric Regards,



Nathaniel F. Renner
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:



Tim S. Anderson
Grand Recorder

