

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
Office of the Grand Commander
Livingston, TX
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GENERAL ORDER NO.2, SERIES 2022-2023

Subject: Membership Retention and Restoration Committee, Liaison Committee, Member Citation Cord Award Program and Grand Officer Availability.

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

Sir Knights, Greetings:

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

If the Commander has not done so already, he should immediately appoint a Membership Retention and Restoration Committee, consisting of at least 3 to 5 Sir Knights.

1. This Committee should work with the Recorder to identify every Sir Knight in danger of being suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. The Committee should contact these members to keep them from going suspended. The Committee should find ways, if possible, to pay or remit the dues of those Sir Knights who are unable to pay their dues for financial or health reasons.
2. This Committee should also work with the Recorder to identify every Sir Knight who has been suspended for any reason during the last ten years. The Committee should contact these Sir Knights and see if they would like to become members in good standing of the Commandery again. Encourage them to participate and be active members if possible.

The Committee should report their findings to the Commandery on a regular basis.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Commandery should appoint, as soon as possible, a Liaison Committee consisting of one Sir Knight from every Masonic Lodge to which the members of the Commandery belong. The Committee Members should:

1. Keep the lodge they represent informed of all activities of the Commandery.
2. Keep their lodges supplied with information on the York Rite.
3. Contact the Worshipful Master of the lodge they represent, and offer to do programs on the York Rite, Flag Presentations for installations and special open

meetings, and to assist when needed in the conferral of the Blue Lodge degree work.

The Committee should report their actions to the Commandery on a regular basis.

MEMBER CITATION CORD AWARD PROGRAM

Commanderies are encouraged to participate in the Member Citation Cord program found in Art. 346 (B) of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Texas. When a Sir Knight has qualified for a Cord Award, he should have his Recorder fill out the following form and send it to the Grand Recorder and the Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Grand Commandery. Contact information for both Sir Knights can be found in Bulletin No. 1.

AVAILABILITY OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Your Grand Commandery officers are available to confer the Order of the Temple when requested. Please contact the Grand Commander if you desire to have the Grand Officers confer the Order of the Temple in your Commandery.

This General Order shall be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

In His and your service,



Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander

Attest:



Jerry N. Kirby, PGC, KCT
Grand Recorder



MEMBERSHIP CITATION AWARD APPLICATION

TO: Membership Committee Chairman and Grand Recorder

Sir Knight Qualifying to receive the Citation Award: _____

Award Requested (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd) _____

I attest that the following Sir Knights were enrolled in _____ Commandery No. _____

Name of Sir Knight	Knighted Date	Suspended Date	Reinstated Date
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*I certify that, as of this date, the Sir Knights listed above are members in good standing of this Commandery.

Recorders Signature

Date

Recorders Printed Name

Those being restored to membership must have been off the active rolls for a period of one year or more to qualify in the count.

* All Sir Knights listed must currently be in good standing in the Commandery, or if deceased must have been in good standing at the time of death.

Mail to Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Membership Committee, retain a copy for your records.