

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
Office of the Grand Commander
Livingston, TX
April 10, 2022

General Order No. 3, Series 2022-2023

Subject: Grand Commander's Ritual of Excellence Award

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

Greetings, Sir Knights:

Purpose:

To promote full form ritual work in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. Each Commandery as an individual team or a District as a combined team will be eligible to receive the award or either or both Orders. Awards will be presented at the Banquet during the 170th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas.

Award:

Individual Commandery Team: "Grand Commander's Ritual Excellence – Commandery" for "The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" or "The Order of Malta", or both.

District Combined Team: "Grand Commander's Ritual Excellence - District" for "The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross" or "The Order of Malta", or both.

Requirements to Qualify:

The Judge, using their own standards, will determine if the conferral is sufficient to qualify for the award. The form(s) (included here) must be filled out and signed by the Judge and then filed with the Grand Commander.

The Order must be conferred on a live candidate and must be performed in full form (costumes are not required). No ritual books or other forms of written ritual are allowed to be used, except by the Judge, who cannot be a member of the ritual team. The form, included with this General Order, must be received in the Grand Commander's office no later than March 1, 2023, to be awarded at the Banquet. It can be sent to the Grand Commander by mail or electronically. If both Orders are being awarded include a form for each Order. Conferral of the Order can be at a Festival.

Individual Commandery Team: **All** members of the ritual team must be members of the same Commandery.

District Combined Team: **All** members of the ritual team must be members of a Commandery within the same District.

Judges:

All Grand Commandery of Texas Officers and all members of the Templar Instruction Committee can serve as the Judge for your conferral. You must request one of the above individuals attend your conferral of the Order and that Judge is responsible for signing off on the quality of the Order. The Judge is the sole arbiter in determining if the Order qualifies for an award. Contact information can be found in Bulletin No 1.

In His and your service,



Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander

Attest:



Jerry N. Kirby
Grand Recorder



Grand Commander's Ritual Excellence Award

Commandery Name or District Number: _____

Order Conferred (Red Cross or Malta): _____

Date of Conferral: _____

Location of Conferral: _____

Team Captain: _____

Judge: _____

Signature of Team Captain:

Date

Signature of Judge

Date

Please file electronically or by mail to the Grand Commander