

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas
Office of the Grand Commander
Livingston, TX
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Subject: Grand Commandery Ritual Certificate Program

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

Greetings, Sir Knights:

Purpose:

To recognize those Sir Knights dedicating themselves to the preservation of our Ritual and qualify them as instructors. To improve the quality of our ritual work, increase interest in the ritual, provide an incentive to learn, encourage Sir Knights to learn the Malta and Red Cross ritual and to have some fun while we learn. Every Sir Knight under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas is eligible to earn and hold an Instructor Certificate. There are seven Instructor Certificates available.

1. Instructor of the Asylum
2. Instructor of the Order of the Temple
3. Instructor of the Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
4. Instructor of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross
5. Instructor of the Priory of Malta
6. Instructor of the Order of Malta
7. Master Instructor of the Commandery

Qualifications:

Instructor of the Asylum - All parts in the full traditional form of the opening and closing ceremony of a Commandery of Knights Templar.

Instructor of the Order of the Temple – All parts of the Order of the Temple.

Instructor of the Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross – All parts in the opening and closing ceremony for a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Instructor of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross – All parts in the Order of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Instructor of the Priory of Malta – All parts in the opening and closing ceremony for a Priory of Malta.

Instructor of the Order of Malta – All parts in the Order of Malta.

Master Instructor of the Commandery – Earn all six of the above certificates. You are not required to earn all six in one year.

Certificates can be earned one at a time or in multiples. Certificates can be earned in any order. It is not required to earn all Certificates; each is a stand-alone Certificate and qualifies the Sir Knight to be an Instructor for that Certificate ritual.

Examinations:

Examinations should be held at least once a year in each District by the District Templar Instruction Committeeman or by a Grand Officer. Sir Knights desiring to sit for an examination may request one from any member of the Templar Instruction Committee or a Grand Commandery Officer. The time and place of the Examination will be set by the Examiner. A Sir Knight can sit for an examination wherever they are held.

The examination will follow a round-robin format as is done in the Grand Lodge of Texas Certificate program. The Examiner is the sole decision maker on the performance of a Sir Knight being examined and his decision on whether to issue a certificate cannot be appealed.

All certificates are Lifetime Certificates.

All certificates earned during the 2022-2023 Templar year will be awarded at the Banquet during the 170th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas. To receive the certificate at the Banquet the form below must be received by the Grand Commander no later than March 1, 2023.

Acknowledgements:

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In His and your service,



Richard R. Jernigan
Grand Commander

Attest:

Jerry N. Kirby

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Grand Recorder



Commandery Instructor Certificate Program

Name of Sir Knight: _____

Certificate Earned: _____

Date of Examination: _____

Location of Exam: _____

Examiner: _____

Examiner's Title: _____

Signature of Examiner

Date

Please file electronically or by mail with the Grand Commander