

PRESENTATION OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS KNIGHT OF THE TRIANGLE

(This Presentation SHOULD be made by a Grand Officer; or, if none be available, by the Division Commander.)

(However, whoever does the presentation must hold the Award himself.)

(At an appropriate time, the Presenter should be called to the East by the Eminent Commander and asked to TAKE CHARGE of the Presentation.)

(All those who hold the Illustrious Knight of the Triangle award should be addressed, during this Presentation, as "Illustrious Sir Knight".)

PRESENTER:

The Award of Illustrious Knight of the Triangle is peculiar to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. It was conceived by our own R.E. Past Grand Commander Illustrious Sir Knight Lawrence R. Breletic, who solicited the help of Illustrious Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, R.E. Past Grand Commander and Honorary R.E. Past Department Commander, in designing the award and its jewel.

Illustrious Sir Knight Albert L. Kappeler, as Right Eminent Grand Commander, instituted this award on May 30, 2000. Its intent was to recognize all those Sir Knights in any and all of our constituent Commanderies who had distinguished themselves by their service and devotion to Templary in general and their own Commandery in particular.

Would all those who hold the Illustrious Knight of the Triangle award please rise. *(All in the Asylum or assembly room who hold the Award, whether in uniform or not, would rise IN PLACE at this time.)*

Illustrious Sir Knights, form the triangle! *(Using the stations of the Senior and Junior Wardens as the base of the Triangle, those Illustrious Sir Knights would form a triangle, with the apex occupied by the Presenter; the base is NOT filled in so those receiving the Award can occupy that space.)*

Sir Knight Captain General, *(or if he is presently a holder of the Award, addressed as Illustrious Sir Knight Captain General)* (appropriate salutes exchanged) Present Sir Knight(s) _____ at the base of the Triangle. *(At this point, the Captain General escorts him or them to at the base of the Triangle, positioning him /them facing the apex, then resumes his station so as to assist the Presenter with plaque(s) and jewel(s).)*

Sir Knight(s), you have been singularly honored by being nominated for this distinguished award by your Fraters for your dedication to Templary and your service to your Commandery. As once you knelt at the base of the Triangle to seal your faith and receive the preferment of a disciple of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so tonight you stand here to receive the preferment recommended by your Fraters and conferred upon you by our R.E. Grand Commander.

(At this point, the Presenter reads the Award plaque; if multiple awards are to be presented, he need only read it once, adding the other names at the appropriate places. He then advances to the honoree(s) to present him /them with the award plaque(s); then returns to the apex of the triangle.)

You are also entitled to wear the Jewel of this order; either on your Templar uniform or on a dress/sport coat. It is to be worn on the right side of your uniform, one-half inch below your name badge; or it may be worn on the right side of a dress or sport coat. This jewel is highly symbolic of the Order of Knighthood, and a fitting expression of our beliefs in the Christian religion.

The triangle is an important symbol in Templary, for it is there we committed ourselves to the many precepts of Templary. It is also a representation of the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The candles on the triangle represent the Apostles, among whom we take our place.

The sword represents all Sir Knights, and in some of our ceremonies, becomes a Passion Cross, reminding us whereon our Savior died for the redemption of fallen mankind.

The Scepter is taken from our Grand Commander's jewel, showing his authority and representing the authority of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Templar Cross in the center of the Jewel is the cross used to designate a Grand Commandery. It is also a part of our Grand Commander's jewel, and ties us to the original Knights Templar, as well as to its modern expression, for this award is conferred only by the authority of the Grand Commander.

The circle of perfection in the jewel, which has no beginning and no end, the eternal Alpha and Omega, reminds us both of that divine attribute of love unending, symbolized by the arms of our Savior binding us close to Him, as well as uniting all Knights Templar into one body of commitment to the Christian religion and the ideals of Templary.

I now present you with your jewel. *(Presenter leaves apex to present jewel(s) to the honoree(s); then returns to the apex.)*

I now hail you as an Illustrious Knight of the Triangle and congratulate you on receiving this distinguished honor. *(may encourage applause)*

Illustrious Sir Knights, you may all now be seated.

(Presenter returns to the East, and waits until all are seated.)

Eminent Commander, I thank you for this privilege extended to me in honoring this /these Illustrious Sir Knight(s), and return to you your station.