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Illustrious Knight of the Triangle



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Sir Knights,

As most of you are aware, the “Illustrious Knight of the Triangle” award was established for the purpose of recognizing Sir Knights for exemplary and dedicated service to Templar Masonry in general, and their Commandery in particular.

At this time, as our Masonic bodies navigate the issues surrounding the COVID-19 virus, what better way to recognize, reward, and honor those Sir Knights that have gone above and beyond to help those around them and their community in this challenging time. Maybe he helped out by handing out lunches at a local school, or handing out food to those people that are out of work and having a hard time making ends meet. He may have helped at his church or another community group with supporting our essential workers that had to continue to work and take care of those stricken with the virus. Maybe he is an essential worker himself put in long hours well beyond what is normally expected. There are lots of things that point out a Sir Knight as deserving of this honor, and that is what we want to hear about when a nomination is made. Giving a “reason” for the nomination should be easy to do for a deserving Sir Knight and should inspire more than a single sentence stating “he’s a great guy and an asset to the Commandery”. Nor should the “reason” be a simple list of dates and offices held.

Please remember, to be eligible, a Sir Knight **must** have at least five years of continuous service to his Commandery. That would be five years since his date of knighting. He need not have served as Eminent Commander of a Commandery to be nominated for this award.

A Commandery may nominate one (1) Sir Knight per one hundred (100) members. So if your Commandery has 99 members or less you may make 1 nomination. If your Commandery has between 100-199 members you may make 2 nominations as so on. The Eminent Commander will complete the nomination form and forward that to the Chairman of the IKT Committee.

As with many awards there is a fee of \$100.00 for this award. While the fee is the ultimate responsibility of the recipient, some Commanderies have chosen to pay for the award rather than having the recipient pay for it. The fee serves a twofold purpose. It helps to cover the costs associated with the award and the balance of the fee goes to the Grand Commandery Endowment Fund.

Make no mistake, The Illustrious Knight of the Triangle is not for sale and cannot be purchased at any price. To do so would only reduce it to a value-less piece of costume jewelry. It is given by a Commandery through the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania as a way of showing appreciation to a Sir Knight for his dedicated service.

The nomination form is attached to this email and is available on the Grand Commandery website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me so that we may make sure that deserving Sir Knights receive this award for their service.

Courteously,

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