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From the Desk of the Grand Commander

To: Elected and Appointed Grand Officers; Past Grand Officers; Division Commanders; Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

**GENERAL ORDER NUMBER EIGHT**  
**THE FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE BAR**

Sir Knights:

In order to recognize those Sir Knights who, respond to render immediate aid at emergencies within their communities and surrounding areas, often putting themselves at risk, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania establishes the “First Responder Service Bar”. This service bar was developed by SK Richard Muth, PGC.

The service bar may be worn on the uniform of any Sir Knight who serves or has served on the Local, State or Federal level, in Law Enforcement, Fire Services or Emergency Medical Services, by responding, or dispatching others, to emergencies that threaten the lives or property of those in their community or local area. The bar is to be worn on the left of the uniform, in line with or below the Veteran Service and/or York Rite Leadership bars, if present, or in place thereof if neither is present.

As with the Veteran’s Service bar and the York Rite Leadership bar, no application is necessary. Each Sir Knight is on his honor to wear it when he believes he meets the qualifications

established above. The designated bar is Blackinton model number A7142-AD-R, in silver tone, as pictured below, which may be purchased from the Grand Commandery office for \$10 as supplies are available.

Knights Templar of Pennsylvania First Responder Service Bar:



This General Order is to be read in full at the next Stated Conclave and all Stated Conclaves prior to the deadline and entered in full in the records.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania this day, August 1, in the year of our Lord 2021, A.O. 903.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark G. Mattern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark G. Mattern  
Grand Commander

Attest:

Douglas M. Rowe  
Grand Recorder