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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 THREE**

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

Sir Knights:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 237(b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a Meritorious Service Award, known as the "Knights Templar Cross of Honor" may be awarded by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight of a Commandery once each year. Paragraph C of said Section 237(b) describes the eligibility for this award.

This National Award is the highest honor the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar can confer upon an individual Sir Knight. Therefore, this award is made only for EXCEPTIONAL and MERITORIOUS service rendered to the Order, above and beyond the call of duty and beyond the service normally expected of an officer or member.

Elected Grand Officers, past or present, will NOT be considered for this award. A nomination for this award shall be made by motion by the Commandery of which the nominee is a member. Then the Commander of said Commandery shall cause to be filed, with the Grand Commander, the proper Nomination Form supplied with this General Order.

PLEASE NOTE.... The item of this form, "Facts Submitted for Justification for Nomination" should be a summary of the Nominee's merits for this award. These merits will appear on the award plaque, so please, write it as you would like it to appear. It should be concise and summarize why this individual is an exceptional Sir Knight, worthy of receiving the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Grand Encampment. This will aid the Grand Commander in selecting the worthiest recipient for this distinction.

Complete and submit the attached Supplemental Nomination Form. This completed form, after being signed by the Commander, shall be forwarded to:

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TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1, 2022. Incomplete forms OR any nominations received after that date will NOT be considered.

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 over my hand and seal of the Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania on May 23, 2022.

Courteously,

*Harry J. Smith*

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Grand Commander

Attest:  
Mark G. Mattern, PGC  
Grand Recorder