

**The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas**  
**Office of the Grand Commander**  
**Pearland, Texas**  
**June 1, 2016**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3, SERIES 2016-2017**

Subject: Membership Retention and Restoration Committee, Membership Committee, and Member Citation Cord Award Program.

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

Sir Knights Greetings:

**MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:**

If the Commander has not done so already, he should immediately appoint a Membership Retention and Restoration Committee, consisting of at least 3 to 5 Sir Knights.

1. This committee should work with the Recorder to identify every Sir Knight who is in danger of being suspended for Non-Payment of Dues. The committee should contact these members to keep them from going suspended. The committee should find ways, if possible, to pay or remit the dues of those who are unable to pay for financial or health reasons.
2. This committee should also work with the Recorder to identify every Sir Knight who has been suspended for any reason during the past ten years. The committee should make contact with these Sir Knights and see if they would like to become members in good standing of the Commandery again. Encourage them to participate and be active members if possible.

The committee should report their findings to the Commandery on a regular basis.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

The Commander should appoint as soon as possible a Membership Committee consisting of one Sir Knight from every Masonic Lodge to which the members of the Commandery belong.

1. These committee members should keep the lodge, to which they are the representative, informed of all activities of the Commandery (ie, meetings, conferrals, festivals, and open meetings.)
2. These committee members should keep their supplied with information on the York Rite/Commandery as well as petitions for the Orders.
3. These committee members should contact the Worshipful Master of the lodge, to which they are the representative, and offer to do programs on the York Rite, flag presentations for Installations and special open meetings, and to assist when needed in the conferral of the Blue Lodge degree work.

The committee should report their actions to the Commandery on a regular basis.

## **MEMBER CITATION CORD AWARD PROGRAM:**

The Member Citation Cord Award Program is designed to recognize those Sir Knights who have brought new members into Templary as well as restored to membership those Knights Templar who have been out of their Commandery for a period of at least twelve or more months.

Effective January 1, 2016, any Sir Knight being the first line signer for a total of three petitioners, who are either Knighted or restored to membership after the aforementioned date, is eligible to receive the Member Citation Cord Award.

Those being restored to membership must have been off the active roll for a period of one year or more in order to qualify in the count. The total is cumulative with no time boundaries. This means a Sir Knight can get his total of ten Knightings and/or restorations in one day, one month, one year, five years, or whatever, so long as the award continues to be authorized.

Affiliations do not count as an increase in membership and cannot be use for this award.

The Member Citation Cord Award is awarded at the following levels:

First Award:	3 Petitions	Color: White
Second Award:	6 Petitions	Color: Green
Third Award:	9 Petitions	Color: Red
Fourth Award:	15 Petitions	Color: Purple
Fifth Award:	20 Petitions	Color: Gold
Sixth Award:	25 Petitions	Color: Green & White
Seventh Award:	30 Petitions	Color: Green & Red
Eighth Award:	35 Petitions	Color: Green & Purple
Ninth Award:	40 Petitions	Color: Green & Gold
Tenth Award:	45 Petitions	Color: Red & White
Eleventh Award:	50 Petitions	Color: Red & Purple
Twelfth Award:	60 Petitions	Color: Red & Blue
Thirteenth Award:	70 Petitions	Color: Red & Gold
Fourteenth Award	80 Petitions	Color: Purple & White
Fifteenth Award	90 Petitions	Color: Purple & Blue
Sixteenth Award	100 Petitions	Color: Purple & Gold

The attached request form is the only official form to be used to request presentation of the Membership Citation Cord Award. This form is originated by the Recorder of the recipient's Commandery, and then properly certified by the Grand Commander. The names of the recipients will be published in the Texas Supplement of the Knight Templar Magazine.

# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TEXAS

## MEMBERSHIP CITATION AWARD APPLICATION

Award Requested, (ie. 1st, 2nd, 3rd ...), \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Right Eminent Grand Commander

Date, \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box 273341, Houston, TX 77277-3341

I attest that the following Sir Knights were enrolled in

No. \_\_\_\_\_ KT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commandery Name

On the dates indicated by S.K.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Name, Address

Date Knighted

Date Suspended

Date Reinstated \*

Current Status

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

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10.

I certify that as of this date the Sir Knights listed above are members in good standing of this Commandery. @

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder

Approved, \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Those being restored to membership must have been off the active roll for a period of one year or more in order to qualify in the count.

@ All Sir Knights listed must currently be in good standing in the Commandery or if deceased must have been in good standing at the time of death.

This General Order is to be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

Fraternally,

*John C. Elkinton*

John C. Elkinton  
Grand Commander

Attest:

*Jerry N. Kirby*

Jerry N. Kirby  
Grand Recorder

