



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Georgia

From the Apartment of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

Brandon S. Yarbrough

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

THIS ORDER SHALL BE READ AT THE HEAD OF THE COMMANDERY LINES IN EACH COMMANDERY AT THE NEXT STATED CONCLAVE AND SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES THEREOF.

TO: Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Constituent Commanderies.

Greetings:

MEMBERSHIP

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED: Since the Masonic Fraternity, as a whole, is suffering from a decline in membership and our beloved Christian Order unfortunately is not exempt from this decline then, as Christian Knights, we have the best selling point in all of Masonry, the belief in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In our daily walk through life we should each act as a disciple of our Lord and Savior so others will want to be a part of our Magnanimous Order. This year we are focusing on membership. Sir Knights we must all do our part to RECRUIT new members as we work to RETAIN our current members and REINSTATE suspended members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Membership Committee will consist of a Chairman, Eminent Sir Knight Tyler Pledger and one Sir Knight from each Division as a Division Director. Division Directors are First Division - Brant Fletcher; Second Division - Matthew Sanford; Third Division - Tracy Lemasters; Fourth Division - Daniel Ricketts; Fifth Division - Shane Fann; Sixth Division - Raymond Laird. Each Division Director will be the Chair of a subcommittee for their Division which will consist of a Membership Chairman from each Commandery. Each Eminent Commander will appoint a Membership Chairman for their Commandery to assist in Recruitment, Retention and Reinstatement.

COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a Membership Award be hereby established. It shall be known as the Golden Spur Award and be presented to the Commandery with the largest net increase in membership in the Templar Year.

SIR KNIGHT MEMBERSHIP AWARD

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a Sir Knight Membership Award be hereby established. It is to recognize those Sir Knights who have Recruited new members into Templary as well as Reinstated suspended members. The Awards are colored single strand shoulder cords to be worn on the left shoulder of a Full Class A Uniform.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That effective May 6th 2019 any Sir Knight being the first line signer for a total of three petitioners, who are either Knighted or Reinstated to membership after the aforementioned date is eligible to receive the Sir Knight Membership Award. The Award has the following levels:

First Award:	3 Petitions	Color: White
Second Award:	6 Petitions	Color: Green
Third Award:	10 Petitions	Color: Silver
Fourth Award:	15 Petitions	Color: Gold
Fifth Award:	20 Petitions	Color: Green & White
Sixth Award:	25 Petitions	Color: Green & Silver

A request form must be filled out and used to request presentation of the Sir Knight Membership Award. The form is originated by the Recorder of the recipient's Commandery. The names of the recipients will be published in the Georgia Supplement of the Knight Templar Magazine.

All Sir Knights of Georgia shall take due notice and govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this Magnanimous Order.

Respectfully ordered on this the 6th day of May in 2019.

Brandon S. Yarbrough

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Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest:

Mark A. Bradley
Eminent Grand Recorder