



The Grand Commandery Of Knights Templar of Virginia



General Order NO. 2

KNIGHT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE AWARD

As the Grand Commandery of Virginia seeks to increase its public visibility through our Holy Land Pilgrimage Program, which is considered an investment in the current and future ministries of the Christian religion, we need to increase our funding for this important charitable endeavor to insure its expansion and continuance.

Therefore, it is my DECISION to establish a meritorious jewel, to be known as the ***Knight of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Jewel***. The jewel, accompanied by certificate, will recognize those Sir Knights who donate at least five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. The donation may be made in one payment or in consecutive annual installments of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each. Donations will also be accepted from individuals who are not Sir Knights, Commanderies, and other organizations and appropriate recognition (exact form to be determined) will be given. Every additional five hundred dollar (\$500.00) donation over the initial qualifying donation will be recognized in the form of a bronze oak leaf cluster. Up to four additional donations may be made for such a cluster and when a fifth additional donation is made, a silver oak leaf cluster will be awarded.

Sir Knights and other donors, fulfilling the donation requirements of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or making additional donations will receive the jewel and/or cluster(s) with a certificate in a formal presentation as determined by the Grand Commander.

The award shall be in the form of a purple ribbon with an attached jewel consisting of a gold bar, one and five eighths (1-5/8) inches in length and three eighths (3/8) of an inch in height at the top of the ribbon with the inscription "Holy Land Pilgrimage" in black letters three sixteenths (3/16) of an inch in height. Suspended from a purple ribbon is a one and one quarter (1-1/4) inch white Maltese cross superimposed on two (2) inch gold rays. A black buckler sits atop the cross which is inscribed with a purple Cross of Jerusalem. As a meritorious jewel, it may be worn on the left breast with other Templar jewels in the order specified in Section 301 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

If a Sir Knight has no room on his uniform on the line with the heart, the jewel will be worn one quarter (1/4) of an inch below and centered on the Order of Malta Cross. The initial bronze oak leaf cluster is to be added, centered vertically and horizontally on the ribbon portion of the medal. Additional bronze oak leaf clusters are to be mounted on either side of the initial cluster in a horizontal line until a fourth cluster is added, then all four clusters will be arranged in a centered horizontal line at the vertical midpoint of the ribbon portion of the medal. When a total of five additional donations are made, the bronze oak clusters will be removed and replaced with a silver oak leaf cluster mounted and centered vertically and horizontally on the ribbon portion of the medal. Sixth and subsequent awards will be worn with the silver oak leaf cluster positioned on the wearer's right requiring repositioning all the clusters so they are centered in a horizontal line at the vertical midpoint of the ribbon portion of the medal.

Until a resolution is presented to the Sir Knights in conclave for approval, I, Joel D. Ratliff, Sr. do hereby direct that the jewel be awarded and displayed on the uniform.

The Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program is hereby directed to establish the program and procedures to recognize and reward the meritorious actions of the Knights of the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Checks should be made out to "Davenport and Company with the note, Holy Land Pilgrimage on the "FOR" line. Mail donations to the Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage, Sir Knight J. D. Davis, 17091 Timberview Drive, Timberville, VA 22853-2615



This General order shall be read in its entirety at the next stated conclave of each constituent Commandery and a statement to that effect entered into the minutes thereof.

Entered this 31th day of May in the year 2018, of the Christian era and of the order 900.

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Joel D. Ratliff Sr.

Joel D. Ratliff, Sr., KCT, KYCH
Grand Commander

ATTEST:



Jay L. Cotner

Jay L. Cotner, KCT
Grand Recorder