

# KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

Any holder of the KCT may make nominations for the Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) to the deputy in each Grand Commandery. Knights Commander of the Temple are selected by the deputies of each state, in accordance with the number allotted to each Grand Commandery, and their names are forwarded to the College of Honors. Since this honor is given for service to the order, the fraternity, the community, or mankind, it is left to the deputy of each jurisdiction to prioritize nominations within the guidelines given. The deputy is also free to accept or reject any nomination for the KCT. The number of Knights Commander of the Temple selected for each Grand Commandery annually is determined as follows: five KCTs may be awarded to Grand Commanderies with fewer than 7,500 members.

Ten KCTs may be awarded to Grand Commanderies with more than 7,500 members. Any active or emeritus member of the College of Honors has the "right of veto" for any nomination for the Knight Commander of the Temple. This veto can only be overturned by a unanimous vote of the active members of the College of Honors. All department commanders are ex officio awarded Knight Commander of the Temple if they have not previously received this distinction. The award consists of a neck jewel on a purple ribbon as shown above, a lapel pin of the same design as the center of the jewel, and a wood-mounted certificate or patent. All Knights Commander of the Temple, elect, are invested with the KCT at some appropriate occasion. A KCT dinner, a special KCT meeting, a Grand Commandery Conclave, or other function deemed suitable by the deputy is appropriate. The deputy, or some holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple he so designates, shall perform the investiture. The ceremony authored by MEPGM William H. Koon, II, or another appropriate ceremony of the deputy's choosing may be used. The investiture may be done in public with ladies present.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

Nominee:

Address:

Qualifications:

Nomination must be received no later than February 1st of each year by the Minnesota  
Jurisdictional Deputy  
SK Daniel Sherry, KGC 312 S. Maple St. Ellsworth, WI 54011-9164