

The Mathison Traveling Bible Award

The Mathison Traveling Bible Award was created by S.K. Ralph E. Kirk, with the permission of S.K. Leonard G. Mathison, during his year as Grand Commander.

The criterion for the judging of this award was originally determined by S.K. Ralph, and later updated in discussion with the District Officers. This criterion was just implied and not put down in written form until the 1988-89 Commandery year, and then just on a judging form.

The main purpose of the award is to encourage the use of the Minnesota Grand Commandery Tactics Manual for inspections. Judging is to be on the full form opening including the rehearsal of duties. It is also intended to encourage participation of the members of the Commandery.

Judging Criterion for the Mathison Bible Award

1. Items 1-7 Performance of deferent officers.

Each officer will be evaluated on his proficiency of the work as indicated in the manual. (His Dress Uniform, Sword, and Chapeau should also be considered).

2. Item 8 Tactics

Performance of various Tactics and formations.

3. Item 9 Officers Participating.

This item is to indicate whether the Commandery is using their installed officers to put on the inspection. The award is not meant to be given for "Standing Inspection Teams". A deduction of 2 points will be made for each Sir Knight substituting for an unexcused officer. If the substituting Sir Knight is a Grand Officer a deduction of 5 points will be made, unless the Grand Officer is an elected member of the Commandery and is filling his station or office.

4. Item 10 Rehearsal of Duties

This is so every officer can know what his duties are.

5. Item 11 Attendance and members filling lines.

Attendance of Commandery Members in relation to their membership. Guests would also be considered if the inspection is open. This item is to encourage participation of all members and their ladies.