

## OREGON SUPPLEMENT

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Sir Knights;

Oregon's Governor decided to follow the CDC recommendations for meeting, and Oregon's Grand Master Edict allows for face-to-face meetings along with degree work. Please review their documents to insure your operations are acceptable to their conditions.

I encourage all Commanderies to practice their sword work, tactics, and orders. DeMolay Commandery #5 is currently preparing for the Orders and holding sword drill and is going very well. If each Commandery provides a well executed Malta and Red Cross Order for their new knights, I hope to have regional conferral of the Order of the Temple assistance available. The Grand Commandery will not confer any Orders, that is a Commandery function. The Grand Commandery will assist by providing qualified Sir Knights to assist your Commandery with the Orders. If your Commandery would like to host a ceremony and needs assistance, let me know as soon as possible. Other Commanderies may wish to ask for courtesy work and will need to know what dates you may choose.

If you are planning an installation for fall or sooner, public or private, I would appreciate an invitation. If I am available I will attend or will send a representative. I will be attending the Grand Session of Nevada this August in Las Vegas. It is always a great event. I expect the Northwest Conference to take place in October. This event is a highlight of York Rite activities and you are encouraged to attend. Go the Grand Encampment site to check for date and time. Look for a notice as well. The Leadership Program is extremely valuable, and you should attend.

### Awards and Honors:

#### **"Knight Templar Cross of Honor" (KTCH)**

A nomination for the award shall be made by the Commandery of which the nominee is a member by a motion adopted by the Commandery and must be submitted in writing and approved by the Grand Commander of the respective state. The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member. No present or past elected grand officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award.

#### **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).**

The Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Medal is available to all Commanderies to award to one of their worthy members. Only one such award per Commandery may be awarded in a calendar year. Each Commandery has the option of awarding this medal. This award is available from the GEKT grand office.

Your Commandery is eligible to select a Knight to be honored by one of these medals. The KTCH is a nomination to the Grand Commander. The MSM is a Commandery selection of a worthy Knight. You are encouraged to honor those knights that have done so much for our order. I recommend that these fellow knights, if so honored, be awarded these honors, at a dinner, meeting, installation, or other public event, so their families and the public may see them so honored. Don't forget to check on our fellow knights, and if possible hold that special meeting this fall to renew old friendships and update on their welfare.

If you are proficient in any of the parts in our Orders, please e-mail me with the part you have done and your availability to assist neighboring Commanderies if your part is needed. Participants to help confer the Order of the Temple are needed.

Courteously;

S.K. Grant Sharp,  
Grand Commander of the  
Grand Commandery of  
Knights Templar of Oregon

