

GRAND COMMANDERY OF ALABAMA

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HONORS IN THE YORK RITE – COMMANDERY AND OTHER

Knights Templar Cross of Honor

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor is awarded by the Grand Encampment upon the recommendation of the Grand Commander for exceptional and meritorious service to the Order. One award per year is made in each Grand Commandery, but Grand Commanderies with membership over 75,000 may award a second medal.

Knight Commander of the Temple

One or more Sir Knights may be honored each year in a jurisdiction with this award, recognizing the honoree's service to the causes of Knights Templar.

Strictly speaking, these next three awards are not honors of the York Rite. They are awarded by the Sovereign York Rite College of North America, an appendant body whose members are all York Rite Masons. In a coming month I intend to discuss this and other bodies appendant to or associated with the York Rite.

York Rite College Gold Award

This award is presented to any Mason for outstanding service. Each College may nominate one or more Masons in their area to receive this award from the Sovereign College.

Order of the Purple Cross

This award is made to members of the subordinate Colleges to the Sovereign College. Each College may nominate one member for this award. This nomination must be first approved by the Grand Governor of the state or province, and then by the Sovereign College itself.

York Rite College Service Award

One of these awards may be made each year in each jurisdiction. The Grand Governor of the state or province makes the nomination based upon leadership, service, and moral and intellectual qualities.

WHAT IF GOD...

What if God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank HIM yesterday?

What if GOD decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow HIM today?

What if we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when GOD sent the rain?

What if GOD didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

What if GOD took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

What if GOD didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin?

What if the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

What if GOD stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if GOD would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday?

What if GOD answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

What if GOD met our needs the way we give Him our lives???

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