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GRAND COMMANDER'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Grand Commander will recognize the Outstanding Commandery of each Division and the Outstanding Commandery in the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. The Grand Commander's Awards of Excellence will be presented at the 157th Annual Conclave. Activities to be considered for scoring are those occurring after May 21, 2009 and before by April 1, 2010.

Please complete the enclosed application for the Grand Commander's Award of Excellence and submit it to your Division Commander, by April 1, 2009, to be considered for this recognition. The Division Commander will verify the application and then forward it to the REGC. The REGC will verify that all monthly returns have arrived in the Grand Recorder's Office by the 25th of each month, for the duration of the scoring period.

I encourage you to keep track of all your activities this year which may be counted towards this award.

Points may be accumulated in each of these categories, as follows:

CRITERIA	POINTS
I. Leadership Training and Proficiency	
a. Attendance at Training	25 each Dais Officer 15 each Floor Officer
i. A Section Workshop	
ii. The Line Officer's Seminar	
b. Proficiency	
i. PASS Inspection:	REQUIRED
ii. Eminent Commander can Open and Close Conclave <u>without</u> using a manual	25
iii. Captain General proficient in his work <u>without</u> using a manual	25
II. Religious, Patriotic, and Program Activities	
a. Religious	
i. A Church Service	10
ii. A Christmas Observance	10
iii. An Ascension Day Service	10
iv. Participation in uniform at a funeral service	10
v. Participation in Easter Sunrise Service, Alexandria, VA	20
b. Patriotic Activities that Sir Knights take part in, wearing uniform	
i. Each Parade	10

ii. <i>Friend to Friend</i> Memorial Service at Gettysburg	15
iii. Each Public Flag Ceremony	5
iv. Each Veteran's Observance/ Activity	10
c. Program	
i. Each Special Program presented at a Conclave	10
ii. Each Special Program presented at other time	10
III. Membership	
a. Each Sir Knight who receives The Order of The Temple	50
b. Each <i>Restored</i> member	25
c. Each York Rite Presentation given	
i. At a Lodge	20
ii. Other Masonic Group	20
iii. Non-Masonic Group	20

IV. Constitutional adherence: all of the following are **REQUIRED**.

Note: Failure of compliance with any of the following will result in a 100 point deduction for each not completed.

- V. **All Officers installed** by May 1st, 2009, (form sent to Grand Commandery Office)
- a. **Monthly Reports** submitted on time to Grand Commandery Office, (by 25th of the month), beginning with your June, 2009 Conclave.
 - b. **The General Return** and **Annual Audit** are **NOT** to be considered in the scoring as the deadlines for those are established in the Constitution.

V. Additional points may be awarded to a Commandery based on the Eminent Commander's monthly inspirational Christian messages, those bonus points to be determined in April 2010 by the Elected Grand Officers.

VI. In order to be considered for the award, a Commandery must achieve a **MINIMUM** score of 500 points.

Participation in this incentive program has resulted in better leadership, increased enthusiasm, a more patriotic attitude, more interesting programs, an increase in membership, and consequently, much stronger Commanderies. This will also result in an increased public awareness of Templary. Please consider taking part. **Let's Be The BEST We Can BE!**

John W. Hawk,
Grand Commander