

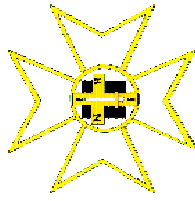
**Commandery of
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
(Chivalric Orders)**

Only qualified Masons who believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ may petition a Commandery for membership. The "circle of perfection" in Ancient Craft Masonry was completed in the Royal Arch and Cryptic Degrees. But it is in the Commandery that the impressive lessons and beautiful ceremonies of the preceding degrees are dramatically and directly applied to the Christian way of life.



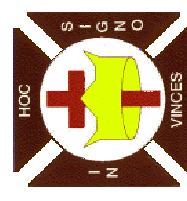
Order of Red Cross

It is here that the first direct connection is established between the preceding Degrees and the Chivalric Orders. The emblem of the Order is the Red Cross, and each of its four arms has important symbolic allusions.



Order of Malta

Strictly Christian in origin and character, this Order receives its name from the Island of Malta and its setting dates back to the time of the Crusades when admission to the Order was sought as a means of safe pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulcher. The Maltese Cross is the emblem of the Order.



Order of the Temple

This Order is solemn, impressive and soul-searching. It receives its name from the original Crusaders, the first Christian protectors of Jerusalem sworn to protect the Pilgrims to the Holy Land and uphold the Cross. This ritual still retains some of the ceremonies of the original Order.

Founded on the New Testament, this Order is the fitting climax to the labors of the humble penitent, culminating in his Knighthood as a Christian Warrior.

The emblem of a Knight Templar is the Passion Cross, ever a symbol of sacrifice, and a reminder of the spirit of refined and moral chivalry which prompts members of the Order to be ever ready to defend the weak, the innocent the helpless and the depressed - in the true spirit of Christ.

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, and Sir Knights of
Portsmouth Commandery No. 5,
Knights Templar, Portsmouth, Virginia

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS

The undersigned, who has resided in the State of Virginia for the year immediately prior to the date of this petition and for the six months last past within the jurisdiction of the Commandery to which this petition is addressed, and a firm believer in the Christian religion, is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood in your Commandery, and, if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

I have read the petition and declare the within statements to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

7. I was made a Master Mason in _____ Lodge No. _____; and am now a _____ holden under the Grand lodge of _____; and am now a member of _____; _____ Lodge No. _____ holden under the Grand lodge of _____.
 8. I received the degree of Royal Arch Mason in _____ Chapter No. _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of _____; and at the present time I am a member of _____ Chapter of _____; (or I have petitioned _____ Chapter No. _____ Royal Arch Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of _____ Virginia for the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees and will be affiliated with _____ Chapter No. _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Virginia).
 9. Have you ever petitioned this or any Commandery of Knights Templar? _____ If so, state the name, number and location of each such Commandery and the result of every petition _____
 10. I was born at _____ in the State of _____ on the _____ day of _____ in the year _____.
 11. My occupation is that of _____ and I am employed by _____.
 12. My place of residence is _____ Town _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
- (Sign in full) _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
- Dated: _____ (Print name) _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
- We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission.
- Sir Knight _____ Address _____ Sir Knight _____ Address _____
- _____
(FEE OF \$150.00 TO ACCOMPANY PETITION)
(For use of Recorder only)
- Presented: _____ Elected/Rejected: _____