



**W.E.B. Du Bois Grand Commandery
Order of Knights Templar, P.H.A.
Washington and Jurisdiction**



PROCLAMATION 2026-004

Grand Commandery Individual Performance Recognition

Date: March 20th, 2026

Subject: Proclamation for the Grand Commandery Individual Performance Recognition Program

To: All Sir Knights of W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar Washington Jurisdiction, P.H.A

(THIS PROCLAMATION IS TO BE READ IN IT'S ENTIRETY IN THE NEXT 3 CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY CONCLAVES)

Pursuant to Article V (Power of Enacting Laws and Regulations) of the Grand Constitutions and General Laws of the W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, Washington and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated, Know ye that by the authority vested in me as **Most Eminent Grand Commander, I, Sir Miles G. Hicks**, do hereby issue this **Proclamation**, promulgating the Grand Commandery Individual Performance Recognition Program. It is the prerogative of this Grand Commandery to establish an Individual Performance Recognition Program, to recognize and honor Sir Knights whose individual efforts exemplify excellence, dedication, and faithful service to the Brethren, their Widows and Orphans, Chivalric and Ancient Craft Masonry. This program is intended to acknowledge those who consistently go above and beyond in their duties, demonstrating leadership, commitment, and adherence to the timeless Masonic principles of integrity, charity, and brotherly love. Nominations for any Individual Award are due by May 15th annually. The award recipients will be announced and presented the recognition at the Annual Grand Conclave.

Awards categories and descriptions are below:

- **Grand Commandery Terrell D. Hicklin Leadership, Inspiration and Excellence Award (Medal-Certificate)**
 - A Sir Knight that receives this award showcases superior ability to mentor and lead teams from inside and external to the Jurisdiction, develop others, provide sound guidance to masonic organization's leaders, and achieve results that directly and positively impact the fundamental mission, programs, practices and values of the Grand Commandery.
- **Grand Commandery Distinguished Service Award (Medal-Certificate)**
 - This award serves as an opportunity to recognize Sir Knights who have attained past presiding rank in their Grand or Constituent Masonic Bodies (Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery) and who have then gone on to continue their work and commitment to service beyond the term of their office, or beyond the normal boundaries of dedication and commitment to the masonic order, charitable events and showcases strong positive-visual ambassadorship, leadership, citizenship and a pillar in the community.



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- **Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Award (Medal-Certificate)**

- A Sir Knight that receives this award has rendered selfless service without fanfare, to the Craft normally exemplified by giving of his time, effort, and/or finances for some years for the promotion and ongoing of Chivalric Masonry, always available to visit the sick, always available to counsel depressed and troubled Sir Knights, always personifies "Mr. Mason," over a substantial period of time and respected as a cornerstone of Masonry, has made a salient contribution to the civic community while holding high the banner of York Rite Masonry and displays himself as "Mr. Dependable" who is always there to open the door, see that the physical property is well maintained, and is in suitable array for the smooth operation of conferrals and activities of the Commandery.

- **Grand Commandery Veteran's Service Award (Medal-Certificate)**

- Presented to any Sir Knight, in good standing, attends Annual Grand Conclave, who currently serves in an active or reserve unit; or has honorably served in an armed force, foreign or domestic, is eligible to receive and wear the Grand Commandery Veteran's Service Medal.

Directive

All Constituent Commanderies owing allegiance to the W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, are hereby instructed to honorably participate in the Grand Commandery programs and record masonic accomplishments and submit worthy Sir Knights, ECs and Commanderies for recognition afforded by these prestigious programs.

Let all Sir Knights take due notice and govern themselves accordingly, that harmony, discipline, and brotherly love may continue to prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Given under the hand and seal of the W.E.B. du Bois Grand Commandery, Order of Knights Templar, Washington Jurisdiction, P.H.A this 20th Day of March 2026.

Miles G. Hicks, KYGCH
Most Eminent Grand Commander



Attested: *Eugene Brown*

Eugene Brown, KYCH
Right Eminent Grand Recorder