



Application fee \$40.00
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PETITION FOR THE ORDERS

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights
of South Shore

Commandery No. 15 of Knights Templar:

I _____ having received the Degree
of Master Mason in _____ Lodge, under
the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____,
and having received all the necessary preceding Degrees of Freemasonry,
(or, having petitioned a Chapter and Council for the Degrees), signify that I
am a firm believer in the Christian Religion, and herewith make application
to receive the Orders of Knighthood in your Commandery.

Date and Place of Birth _____

Address of Residence _____

Occupation and Employer _____

Date Raised a Master Mason _____

Member of _____ Lodge

Member of/Applied to _____ Chapter

Member of/Applied to _____ Council

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone _____

SPONSORS' CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, members of _____
Commandery No. _____ Aforesaid, are acquainted
with Companion _____ Named in the
above application, and believe him to be of regular and upright con-
duct, fair fame and of good moral character. We do, therefore, rec-
ommend him as being worthy of membership in this Commandery.

Please Mail to:

David F. D'Amato, Recorder

872 West St., Duxbury, MA 02332-3737

please print the email address and phone number

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**COMMANDERY
Knights Templar
(Chivalric Orders)**



The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross

This Order is taken from the Bible and from the history of the Jews at the time of Darius, the Great, Ruler of Persia. It is a simple lesson of the powerful testimony to the almighty force of TRUTH presented to a great monarch and the resultant founding of a New Order which is a fitting foundation for the Orders that follow. It is designed to impress upon you that there is but one God and that human nature changes but little over great cycles of time. It prepares you for a more serious participation in subsequent Orders and leaves you with a clearer understanding of their purport.

The Order of Malta and the Mediterranean Pass

The background of these two Orders is at the time of the Crusades from whence the insignia, traditions and symbolism of the Commandery originates. Admission to the Mediterranean Pass assures safe pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre. At this period the members of our Order were known as Hospitallers who were famed for the construction and maintenance of hospitals for the poor. In 1530 Charles V. gave the Order the Island of Malta where they made continuous warfare against the enemies of Christ.

The Order of the Temple

The Order of the Knights Templar is conferred on you in the Order of the Temple. It was founded in the twelfth century and is much older than Ancient Craft masonry in its present form. It was a union of the Religious and the Militant spirit. Its members were referred to as "Soldiers of the Cross." The Order of today, though bearing the same name, and yet not historically connected with the Knights Templar of that warring period, is motivated by the same principles – the protection of the weak and oppressed, the relief of the distressed and the defense of the Christian religion. Their symbol is the Passion Cross the same as worn by the Knights Templar of old.

The Order of the Templar has been called the most beautiful of all the Orders and Degrees of Masonry. No Mason who is a believer in the Christian religion should be satisfied until he has received this, the zenith of the York Rite.

Time is required to advance through the York Rite. There is no "short cut." Candidates are honored and dignified as in the Blue Lodge by being received individually and not collectively. There are, however, periodic York Rite Festivals conducted throughout the year, which permit those whose available time for spiritual and moral teachings is at a minimum to secure all the Degrees and Orders in a two day period set a week apart.

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