

Mentoring Program For the Knights Templar

The purpose of this program is to increase membership in the York Rite. Not just in quantity but in quality. We often find ourselves signing petition after petition and steering the candidates to the Tri-State Festival to quickly and easily get them Knighted. Oftentimes that is where it ends. Without a solid mentor, the new Sir Knight struggles to find his way in the York Rite and does not fully participate in our order.

This program is designed to increase membership by challenging every Sir Knight in Indiana to find just one Master Mason to introduce to the York Rite and to Mentor him through the process. There will be a new jewel/bar created that may be worn on your uniform for successfully completing this program. If approved this program will begin in April after the 2022 Grand Conclave.

In order to qualify for the Mentor Jewel, you must Top Line Sign a Candidate's Petition and carry it to your local York Rite. After a successful vote you must then assist the Candidate in receiving the degrees in Chapter, Council, and Commandery. This can be accomplished by traveling with your Protegee to attend degrees presented singularly or to attend Classes to receive degrees in a group.

After your Protegee is Knighted, you will then have several milestones to achieve with the new Sir Knight.

The following list is a first attempt at criteria for earning the Mentor Jewel. The Grand Commandery and the State Membership Chairmen will determine the final criteria to be presented to the Grand Commander for approval.

Things to achieve during the first year of Knighthood:

1. Explain the signs and words and have the Sir Knight commit all to memory for and Commandery.
2. Attend with your Protegee at least two conclaves for the Commandery.
3. Visit another York Rite for a Stated Conclave.
4. Put together a Commandery Uniform, either through purchase, the Quartermaster, or a combination of both.
5. Attend at the Grand Conclave.
6. Attend inspection - at least one commandery inspection. .
7. Explain the structure of each body, i.e., Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Grand Commander, Eminent Commander, etc.
8. Commit to memory the 11 offices of the Commandery and plot them on a chart. Match the Jewel to the Office.
9. Understand the Commandery structure, Battalion, etc.
10. Learn proper sword use – Learn the Sword Manual