

Grand Encampment Awards and Honors

Grand Cross Templar (GCT)

The Grand Cross Templar is a version of the KGT, denoting membership in the College of Honors only and is of the same level as the KGC. There are no other holders, other than the active and emeriti members of the College of Honors.



Recipients – Mississippi

James M. Ward

Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (KGT)

There is a limit of twenty seven Templars not including Grand Encampment elected officers and Past Grand Masters of Grand Encampment. The GCT is the highest decoration awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.



Recipients – Mississippi

1997 James M. Ward

Knight Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH)

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor is the highest honor awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. It is awarded “only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.” In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored and each case shall be decided upon its own unusual merits. No posthumous award shall be made, and no present or past elected Grand Officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award.



Recipients – Mississippi

2020	Matthew Keith Ballard	1993	Billy J. Morrow
2019	Michael R. Baker	1992	Claude H. Harrison, Jr.
2018	Robert Lane Dossett	1991	Jeffie C. Dukes
2017	Jason A. Jefcoat	1990	Robert Lee Earnest
2016	Dorvell L. Bugg	1989	Jack A. Saucier
2015	David B. Fricke	1988	Marvin W. Cox
2014	Terry G. Morgan	1987	Earl D. Barlow
2013	Jiles K. Grice	1986	Clyde E. Neely
2012	William R. Wood	1985	Milton D. Burns
2011	Joe W. Vawters	1984	Miles H. Byrd
2010	Jordan Downs	1983	Daniel W. Averett
2009	Charles E. Huckaby	1982	Thomas D. Woodard
2008	Jerry Wayne Reeves	1981	Isaac N. Matthews, Jr.
2007	William Arlis Wheeler	1980	William R. Stewart
2006	Jerry Lee Lewis	1979	James M. Laughter
2005	T. E. Hightower	1978	Fred. F. Bean
2004	John H. Peebles, Jr.	1977	Arthur H. Richter
2003	Roger D. Howe	1976	Charlie Herring
2002	Edward G. Holland	1975	John A. Stewart
2001	Charles F. Huckaby	1974	James L. Lucas
2000	William A. Hartle	1973	R. Marshall Shields
1999	Kenneth E. Dyer	1972	John Z. Hanna
1998	George J. Williams	1971	Thomas H. Scarbrough
1997	Lindsay W. Mundy	1970	Leighton K. Wingate
1996	Frank E. Hankinson, III	1969	W. Neill Bogan
1995	Glen Dale Brady	1967	Raymond F. Hurst
1994	Thomas C. Sharplin	1966	Mays D. Whelchel

Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT)

Knight Commander of the Temple (abbreviated KCT) is the second highest decoration of the Grand Encampment, and was adopted in the 1991-1994 Triennium. One or more Sir Knights may be honored each year in a jurisdiction with this award, recognizing the honoree's service to the causes of Templary.



Recipients – Mississippi

Jan. 20, 2020	Gerald E. Klein
Aug. 6, 2019	Jack Hourgettes, Jr.
Aug. 6, 2019	Ronald M. Gardner
Aug. 6, 2019	Bobby Ray Jones
Aug. 6, 2019	Michael R. Baker
Aug. 6, 2019	Xerxes Z. Herrington, II
Feb. 28, 2018	Billy W. Sloan
Feb. 28, 2018	Johnny C. Wolfe, Sr.
Feb. 28, 2018	Jason A. Jefcoat
Feb. 25, 2016	Charles Lynn Cox
Feb. 25, 2016	Richard L. Whitehead
Feb. 25, 2016	James W. Sigmond
Feb. 25, 2016	Robert Lane Dossett
Feb. 25, 2016	Matthew Keith Ballard
Feb. 4, 2014	Bruce D. Baker
Feb. 4, 2014	David B. Fricke
Feb. 4, 2014	Joe L. Pigott
Jan. 31, 2013	John E. Perkins
Jan. 31, 2013	John Wayne Carroll
Jan. 31, 2013	Clyde Lee Herron, Jr.
Jan. 31, 2013	Jiles K. Grice
May 27, 2011	James A. Birdsong
May 27, 2011	Carroll Dean Thompson, Jr.
Jun. 14, 2010	William F. Hall
Jun. 14, 2010	Harold A. Marlar
Jun. 14, 2010	Stanley J. Hamilton
Jun. 14, 2010	Clarence G. Levelle
Jun. 14, 2010	Joe W. Vawters
Jun. 14, 2010	Carroll Dean Thompson, Sr.
Mar. 21, 2006	Thomas Lane Cumberland

Mar. 21, 2006	Bill F. Knox
Mar. 21, 2006	Terry G. Morgan
Mar. 21, 2006	Joseph B. Murphey
Mar. 21, 2006	Terry W. Nowell
Mar. 21, 2006	Jerry Lee Lewis
Mar. 21, 2006	John H. Peebles, Jr.
Mar. 21, 2006	James A. Davis
Mar. 21, 2006	Roger W. King
Mar. 21, 2006	Billy Joe McCollum
Mar. 21, 2006	Alfred E. Lightsey
Mar. 21, 2006	Robert L. Davis
Mar. 21, 2006	Jerry Lee Lewis
Apr. 5, 2005	Charles E. Huckaby
Apr. 5, 2005	Leslie E. Reeves
Apr. 5, 2005	Wilbur A. Hartle
Apr. 5, 2005	William Joe Goff
Apr. 5, 2005	William J. Smith
Apr. 5, 2005	Robert Lee Earnest
Apr. 5, 2005	Bobby Gene Phillips
Dec. 17, 2003	Maurice C. Himes
Apr. 26, 2002	John F. Bailey
Apr. 26, 2002	Lindsey W. Mundy
Apr. 26, 2002	Hollis D. Simpson
Apr. 26, 2002	Frederick H. Stephens
Apr. 26, 2002	Jack A. Saucier
Apr. 24, 2000	Howard E. Kerce
Apr. 24, 2000	Billy Frank Smith
Apr. 24, 2000	Charles F. Huckaby
Apr. 24, 2000	James M. Laughter
Apr. 24, 2000	Kenneth E. Dyer
Apr. 24, 2000	George T. Saxon
Apr. 24, 2000	Gordon B. Nanney
1/1/1900	Gregory A. Dykes
1/1/1900	George E. Frazier
1/1/1900	Max F. Shafer
1/1/1900	John R. Fielder, Jr.
1/1/1900	Micky P. McMahan
1/1/1900	Jerry Wayne Reeves
1/1/1900	William Arlis Wheeler
1/1/1900	Jordan Downs

Membership Jewel

Any Sir Knight who is the first line signer for a total of ten petitioners who are either Knighted or restored to membership, is eligible to receive the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel. Those being restored to membership must have been off the active list for a period of one year or more in order to qualify in the count. The total is cumulative with no time boundaries. This means a Sir Knight can get his total of ten Knightings and/or restorations in one day, one month, one year, five years, or whatever, so long as the award continues to be authorized.

Further recognition in the form of a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is given for each five additional Knightings, restorations, or combination of both. A single Silver Oak Leaf Cluster replaces all bronze clusters when the recipient qualifies for his fifth additional recognition. A single Gold Leaf Cluster replaces all silver and bronze clusters when recipient qualifies with his 135th Knighting or Restoration. No more than 8 clusters may be worn on the ribbon at any time.



Recipients - Mississippi

3/25/2019	Gerald E. Klein	
7/21/2017	Phillip Wesley Hobson	
6/20/2016	Jeremy Collins Zebert	
3/31/2012	Keith Dow Kennedy	
3/31/2012	Christopher Michael Reid	2 nd Bronze Cluster
4/6/2011	Christopher Michael Reid	1 st Bronze Cluster
1/7/2011	Edgar Alejandro Gonzales	
12/22/2010	Christopher Michael Reid	
4/22/1998	Charles William McMaster	1 st Bronze Cluster
7/31/1997	Howard Wesley McMickle	
7/31/1997	Percy Moundford Smith	
6/25/1997	Alfred Ed Lightsey	
4/22/1996	Glen Dale Brady	
7/31/1995	Elwood M. Shoemaker	
9/15/1994	George Collins Brock	
9/15/1994	Billy Frank Smith	
7/6/1994	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.	
5/12/1994	Jack A. Saucier	
2/22/1994	W. A. Green, Jr.	
2/1/1994	John W. Johnson	
2/1/1994	James H. Winkler	
1/22/1994	Grady Ray Partain	
11/23/1993	Robert D. Nielsen	
12/15/1992	Billy J. Morrow	
9/13/1992	John Peebles Jr.	

Grand Commandery of Mississippi Honors

James M. Ward Meritorious Service Award

Awarded annually by the Eminent Grand Commander since its inception in 2018, this award recognizes that Sir Knight who has shown distinguished service during the year for his work and other services. The award is a pure-white shoulder cord, or aiguillette.



Recipients – Mississippi

2020	Dorvell L. Bugg
2019	David Fricke
2018	Keith Ballard

Holy Land Pilgrimage Foundation Award

This award is presented to those sir knights who have shown exemplary graciousness by donating \$500.00 or more to the Mississippi Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund. Started by Grand Commander Jordan Downs in 2018, the Fund seeks to provide a long term funding platform for Mississippi ministers to travel to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage.



Recipients – Mississippi

Freddie C. Zehner
Arthur L. Patrick
Joe R. Lee, Jr.
Jason A. Jefcoat
Xerxes C. Herrington, II
Kenneth E. Dyer
Rex C. Hasty
Thomas L. Cumberland
John B. McKelvy
Jiles K. Grice
James M. Ward
Richard Spencer