

# VETERAN KNIGHTS



**Suggested Ceremony  
for Presenting  
40 Year Awards  
1945**

# Ceremony for Presentation of Forty Year Certificate

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Where the forty-year certificate is being presented in the asylum of a commandery, it is suggested that the following be used as a basis for the ceremony of presentation. It will be understood that it is only a suggestion and may be modified or enlarged at the wish of the commandery.

Wherever good music can be secured, it will be found that a few musical numbers will add to the enjoyment of the ceremony. Officers should be in full Templar costume.

The commandery will be opened. Then the following may be used:

## CEREMONY

COMMANDER: Sir Knights of -----  
Commandery No. ----, we are assembled here for the purpose of extending special recognition to one of our members, who, by his loyalty and faithfulness, has demonstrated his interest in Freemasonry and in Templary.

Nowhere in Freemasonry is so much stress laid upon Universal Brotherhood and mutual assistance as is set forth in the lectures and teachings of this Christian Order of Knighthood.

Our origin was in the great Crusades of the Middle Ages, a time when men took up arms to fight in behalf of their religion. Today such warfare is no

longer necessary. We no longer believe in taking up arms except in necessary defense, but unfortunately we are still in a great spiritual warfare against the lying deceits and vanities of the world, a warfare in which all Knights Templar are pledged to engage. We are taught by Our Great Exemplar that such a warfare may be carried on by the living of a Perfect Life, and by the exemplification of all those virtues taught us in Freemasonry. There is nothing finer in the world than living a pure, clean and helpful life.

We have in our midst, and a member of this commandery, a worthy Knight who has a commendable Templar record. Brother Recorder, you will read the Masonic and Templar Record of -----

(Recorder reads record. It is suggested that interest may be added to the reading by the addition of the full records of the conclave at which the knighting occurred.)

Sir Knight Captain General, you will conduct our frater to the center of the asylum, where more than forty years ago he was dubbed and created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple. Sir Knights Senior and Junior Warden, and Standard Guard, you will form a Triangle. (As follows)

J. W.    C.    S. W.  
      W.        Sw. B.  
              St. B.

(C) represents Veteran. The veteran is conducted to the place marked "C" and the Captain General will resume his station.

COMMANDER: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri has ordered me, as

Commander of this Commandery, to present to you an official Certificate showing that for forty years you have been a true and faithful member of the Order. It bears the signatures of the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder and the date of issuance.

In addition thereto, your name will be inscribed in the official proceedings of the Grand Commandery that it may be on perpetual record, and the Grand Commander has ordered that his personal congratulations and best wishes be extended to you upon your attainment of this unusual honor.

Sir Knights at Triangle draw swords! form Arch of Steel! Sir Knights, attention!

And now, Frater ----- under this Arch of Steel formed by your fellow Sir Knights of the Temple, and by Order of the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir -----, I present you the Certificate of a Veteran Knight, and with this hand, congratulate you upon receiving its distinction.

May you live long to enjoy additional fellowship with the members of this Commandery.

Knights at Triangle, Carry Swords.

The Captain General will escort the Veteran Knight to a seat in the East at the side of the Commander.

(Members may be seated.)

Music may follow, as well as any other program that may be arranged for the occasion. If there are other Veteran Knights present they should be invited to seats in the East.

## MASONIC RECORD

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Recorder reads:

----- was born ----- in  
-----, on -----, 1895  
He was raised in ----- Lodge No. ----- at -----  
-----, Mo.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in -----  
Chapter No. -----, at -----, Mo.,  
----- 1895.

He was greeted a Select Master in -----  
Council, No. -----, at ----- Mo.,  
----- 1895.

He was created a member of the Illustrious Order  
of the Red Cross, -----, a member of  
the Order of Malta -----, and dubbed  
and created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnani-  
mous Order of the Temple ----- in  
----- Commandery No. -----  
at ----- Mo., thereby culminating  
his record as a member of the American Rite of  
Freemasonry.

(If he has served as Master, High Priest, Master of  
Council, or Commander, the record should be  
added to the above. Service in Grand Bodies  
should also be stated. Friends of the recipient  
should be notified of the occasion and wherever  
responses are received, the telegrams or letters  
of greeting should be read at this time.)