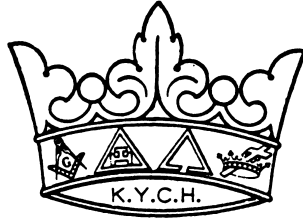


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OHIO PRIORY # 18 KNIGHTS OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Eminent Prior, Officers and Knights of Ohio Priory No. 18:

The undersigned, a member in good standing in this Priory, hereby proposes for membership in this Priory the following named Brother, Companion and Sir Knight and hereby certifies that he has presided over the York Rite Bodies of Masonry as set forth below and that he has fully performed all of the requirements for eligibility for membership in the Knights of the York Cross of Honour:

Full Name of Proposed Member _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Mailing Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Served as Worshipful Master in the year _____ of _____ Lodge
No. _____ at _____ State of _____

Served as Excellent High Priest in the year _____ of _____
Chapter No. _____ at _____ State of _____

Served as Illustrious Master in the year _____ of _____
Council No. _____ at _____ State of _____

Served as Eminent Commander in the year _____ of _____
Commandery No. _____ at _____ State of _____

He completed serving the fourth body and successor installed on _____
Dated _____

Confirmed by Hospitaler

Signature of Proposer

Certified by District Deputy Prior

Signature of Proposer

THE PURPOSE OF A KNIGHT OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

Each Knight of the York Cross of Honour has the responsibility of helping Masonic officers to give their best effort in serving Masonry. Aiding an officer to develop leadership as he serves the various bodies will provide the satisfaction which is the ultimate reward. In so doing a Knight may enable a brother to qualify and be proposed for membership in Ohio Priory.

When a brother first becomes an officer in his fourth qualifying body, the County Hospitaler records his name in a confidential file, and the Knights in the area are encouraged to visit the body's meetings and observe this officer. More than that, they are charged, as Knights of the York Cross of Honour, to assist the officer, and help him develop his ritualistic and leadership ability, to be dependable and conduct himself so as to be a credit to the entire fraternity. Nowhere is it more important to "whisper good counsel."

The basic qualification is presiding to the best of one's ability in a Symbolic Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Commandery Knights Templar. A brother Mason who has completed the year of presiding in his fourth body may be proposed following the installation at the completion of his first term. Knights in clubs and/ or counties should review the progress of each brother continually, and reach unanimous agreement before proposing the name to Ohio Priory.

The Hospitalers and District Deputies have proposal forms. Each proposal should be filled out completely by a Knight, and signed by two Knights. The proposal form is *not* given to the brother being considered. The Hospitaler and District Deputy constitute the "review committee", ascertaining that the proposed brother has presided in the four bodies, and is well recommended in his county, his district, arch and division. They sign the proposal form before it is submitted to the Registrar.

With each County Hospitaler, as well as each area Club operating efficiently, there should be unanimous agreement in the local area before a proposal is submitted to Ohio Priory.

The names of those who have been proposed are printed in the bulletin, so it is necessary to have the proposal submitted at least 60 days in advance of the meeting to be sure there is sufficient lead time.

A brother should never know that his name has been proposed until after he has been *elected* to membership by Ohio Priory. When elected, the Registrar sends him an acceptance form in duplicate, to be completed and returned with the fee. He is also notified of the date of the next meeting, the proper attire, etc. The first a brother should know that he has been proposed for membership is when he receives the letter and acceptance form from the Registrar.

Occasionally a Mason with good intentions inquires how he may become a Knight of the York Cross of Honour. A Knight will courteously respond that membership is by invitation, and suggest that the best way to be invited is to do outstanding work in each body of Masonry, be helpful and friendly, and live by the tenets of Masonry. Usually when an inquiry is made, it is because it has not been made known that membership is not automatic.

Each man has a varying degree of ability, and none is perfect. Ohio Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, is composed of dedicated Masons who continue to serve to the best of their ability.