

# *Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.*

## **Announcing the Crusader's Cross**

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. has a number of donation programs most with associated recognition programs. One of our primary contribution programs is the Grand Master's Club. These are contributions of \$1,000 which can be accumulated over time. These accumulations are known as the Grand Commander's Club (\$100 each until \$1,000 is reached). Currently Grand Master's Club donors receive a plaque and a lapel pin.

Many Masons like and collect lapel pins but most of us have more than we can wear. However except for a few state programs, there has been no way to recognize this generosity when in uniform. Now there is.

In 2017 the Foundation introduced a new award, The Crusader's Cross, to thank our individual Sir Knights. The Jewel comes in 5 levels, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3000, \$4,000 and \$5,000 or above. The \$1,000 level has the single, larger cross in the center. Each additional \$1,000 is identified with an additional small cross in a quadrant until at \$5,000 or above all four quadrants are occupied to complete the emblem known as the Crusader's Cross also known as the Cross of Jerusalem. The various levels of the Crusader's Cross are displayed on this page.

Because this is one of the Grand Encampment philanthropies. As such, it is a Grand Encampment jewel and may be worn on the right side of the uniform. However, generally all medals are worn on the left of the uniform if space permits.

Only the Grand Master's club donations given by the individual will count toward this award.

