

## WHAT IS KNIGHTS YORK GRAND CROSS OF HONOUR

A member of K.Y.C.H. who has served any of the Four Grand York Rite Bodies as Presiding Officer is thereby a Knight Grand Cross of Honour, with one Quadrant for each of the Grand Bodies he has served. This means that if he has served any of these Four Grand Bodies before he is inducted into K.Y.C.H., he would be a Knight Grand Cross of Honour upon being inducted into membership. If he serves any of these Four Grand Bodies after he is a K.Y.C.H. member, then he gets a Grand Quadrant when his term ends for each of those Grand Bodies.

When a member is awarded Knight Grand Cross of Honour, he is entitled to a Certificate from Convent General showing the distinction, i.e., Knight Grand Cross of Honour with One Quadrant, Two Quadrants, Three Quadrants or Four Quadrants, as the case may be. These certificates are awarded by the ME Grand Master General through the Office of the RE Grand Registrar – General. Lapel emblems are available to indicate Knight Grand Cross of Honour. Each Quadrant is represented by the appropriate color of the order served, i.e., Blue for the Lodge, Red for the Chapter, Purple for the Council, and White for the Commandery. If a member is a regular K.Y.C.H. member their color is White. The color Blue designates Eminent Prior or Past Prior. Red designates a member is elected or appointed officer of the Convent General. The color Purple designates a Past Most Eminent Grand Master General. If he is a Knight Grand Cross of Honour, but not a Past Prior, the background should be White.

The meaning of membership in K.Y.C.H. can best be explained by a closing statement of Most Eminent Knight Donald E. Friend, Grand Master General, at his Convent General Session in 1995, "As a Knight of the York Cross of Honour; you are a proven servant of the Masonic Fraternity; your inspiration has come from your Past; your duty is in the present; your hope is in the Future. I ask you always to remember—In all you do, In all you say, In all of your actions, take a good look at yourself, you are someone's impression of Freemasonry."