

Merit Badges...

Merit Badges are meant to be areas of additional study that will enhance your ability as a member of the Monastic Order of Knights to serve yourself, your family, your community, and your world. At least one Merit Badge is required in order to be considered for Knighthood, and must come from the category of Service to Others. Many badges listed below will have multiple levels or multiple requirements. Work with your Training Master/Knight Sponsor to determine which badges are best suited to you and what will be required to complete them.

All submissions for badges must have proof where required, a signed statement, a time sheet where necessary, pictures, and a journal entry explaining what was done, your experience and what you got from it. All submissions will be reviewed by your Sponsor/Training Master and a member of Small Council for approval. A digital representation of your badge will be awarded at time of completion for inclusion in your signature. Actual Merit Badges will be awarded at quarterly gatherings in a ceremony to be conducted by a member of Small Council.

Merit Badges are broken into three loose categories; Service to Others, Personal Development, and Creative Pursuits. Emphasis should be placed on badges in the Service to Others category, and these are the only badges that will count toward rank requirements.

SERVICE TO OTHERS:



Charity 1: Donating a one-time minimum dollar amount to a non-profit organization.

Charity 2: Set up a repeating monetary donation to a non-profit organization.

Charity 3: Raising and donating a minimum dollar amount to a non-profit organization.



Volunteering 1: Give a minimum amount of your time to a selfless act.

Volunteering 2: Give a minimum amount of your time to a non-profit organization.

Volunteering 3: Give a minimal amount of time at a retirement home or assisted living facility.



Feed the Needy 1: Collect food for a food pantry

Feed the Needy 2: Volunteer at a soup kitchen for a set amount of hours.



First Aid 1: Prepare a personal First Aid Kit for your home and vehicle. Describe what is in it.

First Aid 2: Becoming certified in first aid and CPR. Your local Red Cross should be able to assist you.



First Responder 1: Becoming certified in first aid, CPR, AED, fire extinguisher use and emergency procedures.

First Responder 2: Research how to prepare, respond, recover, prevent, and mitigate losses from emergency situations. Research what natural disasters are likely in your area and how to prepare for them.

First Responder 3: Identify local organizations tasked with emergency response such as FEMA, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc and volunteer your time.



Paramedics: Pass a state paramedic exam.



Medical Care 1: Discuss the role of modern medicine in securing a certain quality of life. Research the Hippocratic Oath and explain why it is important in medicine.

Medical Care 2: Research various jobs in the medical field, both volunteer and professional positions. Choose one that appeals to you and describe what certifications and/or licenses are necessary to perform in this capacity.

Medical Care 3: Donate a minimum amount of time practicing medicine (*requires a medical license or other certifications*)



Search and Rescue 1: Research who in your local area has Search & rescue authority and what their duties are. Learn what certifications are required. Then find out how to volunteer your services.

Search and Rescue 2: Earn the necessary certifications to volunteer with or join your local Search & Rescue Team.

Search and Rescue 3: Actually donate time and effort of your services for a cause (*requires needed certifications*)



Crime Prevention 1: Research your local law enforcement including police, sheriff, and federal authorities. Describe their roles in your community and learn how to contact them for information or to report a crime.

Crime Prevention 2: Learn about local crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch, Crime Stoppers, etc. Volunteer your time assisting in the planning and organization of this program in your community.

Crime Prevention 3: Learn what is required to actually become a law enforcement officer in your community and determine if it is something you can pursue or discuss your service if you are currently a law enforcement officer.



Child Care 1: Donate time at a mother's day out program, or similar program (*may require state certifications*)

Child Care 2: Clothe children. Donate clothing to a child's needs program.

Child Care 3: Help underprivileged children celebrate the holidays. Donate toys for children's Christmas (*Toys for tots, shoe box, church function*)

Child Care 4: Mentor a child. Donate time at a child Mentorship Program or organization.



Animal Care 1: Adopting, or being a foster home for, and providing a nourishing and caring home and security for neglected or needy animals.

Animal Care 2: Donating time and financial aid to an animal shelter or organization.

Animal Care 3: Donate for an animal's care at a vet.



Recycling 1: Recycle paper, and donate any proceeds from the recycling to a charity.

Recycling 2: Recycle plastic, and donate any proceeds from the recycling to a charity.

Recycling 3: Recycle Glass, and donate any proceeds from the recycling to a charity.

Recycling 4: Recycle metal/aluminum, and donate any proceeds from the recycling to a charity.

Recycling 5: Recycle batteries, and donate any proceeds from the recycling to a charity.

Recycling 6: start a recycling program in your community.



Music 1: Give an instrument to a needy person.

Music 2: Teach someone how to read music.

Music 3: Teach someone to sing.

Music 4: Teach someone to play an instrument.

Music 5: Volunteer in a not for profit choir (*church choir, Choir for holiday music*)

