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Please describe your relationship with the Nominee, including the length of time you have known one another and how you believe the nominee is prepared to actively embrace the mission and responsibilities of membership in the Order.

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### Section I - Pastor Recommendation

Your testimony is required for consideration of this Candidate for membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Please sign below if you believe the Candidate is a devout and observant Catholic in good standing with whom you are personally acquainted; who is inspired by deep faith and practices it with consistency; has a charitable attitude, and is capable of actively supporting the mission of the Order.

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### 2 5 Certification

By signing below, I certify that the Nominee is qualified for membership and, without reservation, and in my opinion, will embrace the mission and works of the Order and is worthy of this nomination.

Nominator - Please sign and print name

Nominator E-Mail - Please print

Secunder - Please sign and print name

Secunder E-Mail - Please print

Pastor - Please sign and print name

Pastor E-Mail - Please Print

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**Arch) Bishop and Lieutenant** Upon reviewing the Nominee's qualifications, we recommend that this Candidate's nomination be submitted to the Grand Magisterium for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept

Decline

Date

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept

Decline

Date

(Arch) Bishop

**RECOMMENDATION**

Accept

Decline

Date

Lieutenant

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING NOMINATION FORMS

Nominees for membership must be people you believe have a vocation to embrace the mission of the Order, clearly understand and accept the responsibilities of membership, and be willing to enthusiastically serve in the fulfillment of its mission. The nomination of worthy Nominees who can bring energy, passion and vitality to the Order is encouraged. Whenever appropriate, bringing married couples into the Order together is also welcomed. As a Nominator or Secunder, you will have an ongoing responsibility to shepherd and mentor Nominees you sponsor through the formation process.

### Other Criteria for Nominations

- **Practicing Catholic** - Nominees must be practicing Catholics in good standing for at least 5 years; be at least 35 years of age; frequently receive the sacraments; have received the sacraments of baptism and confirmation; have a distinguished and long standing record of service and fidelity to the Church; and be known to their pastor.
- **Personal relationship** - Nominees must be personally known to, but not related to, the Nominator or the Secunder (i.e. spouse, children, parents, siblings). The Nominator and Secunder cannot be married to one another.
- **Worthiness** - Membership is an honor and recognition by the Holy See for past service and a call to further service to the Church. In addition to a capacity to serve and support the Order and embrace its mission, the Nominee must be worthy of recognition for service to the Church.

### The Nomination Process

- Nominations received by your Area Concillor after **December 1** may not be considered.
- The Nominator and Secunder will be notified just before invitations are sent to nominees. Nominators and Seconders should immediately contact the nominee to begin the discernment process. Shortly thereafter, Nominees will receive a letter notifying them of their nomination for membership in the Order and inviting their initial acceptance.
- If a Nominee is not approved for membership, the Nominator and Secunder will be notified.

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

- 1) Each Nominee must have an individual form completed for nomination.
  - 2) EACH section must be filled out completely. The pastor's parish, phone number, and address are essential.
  - 3) It is important to list in detail all church related activities and positions of the Nominee. It is not sufficient to say, "he/she is very involved," keeping in mind that the Candidate must be worthy of recognition for service to the Church.
- 1) The Nominator, Secunder and Pastor must indicate how long he/she has known the Nominee and in what capacity.
  - 2) Be specific when stating why you believe the Nominee will help further the works and mission of the Order.
  - 3) When listing other members of the Order who are acquainted with the Nominee, include their phone numbers and email.

### SECTION V & VI - CERTIFICATION & RECOMMENDATION TO THE LIEUTENANT

Certify that they believe that the Nominee has the qualities necessary for membership in the Order and is prepared to commit to its mission and responsibilities.

**Please complete Nomination Forms fully and carefully. Nomination Forms are reviewed and approved by the Nominee's Pastor, Area Councillor, and (Arch) Bishop. The Lieutenant scrutinizes nominations and submits them to the Grand Magisterium, after review by the Lieutenancy Prior. Final approval is subject to acceptance by the Grand Magisterium and the Vatican Secretariat of State.**

**AND**

**INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE NOMINATOR**