



# A CHANCE TO REACH BEYOND!

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**DID YOU KNOW** that three new badges were introduced for Youth members who have successfully completed the prestigious milestone of Grand Priory's Badge (12 proficiency subjects)?

### Background

The Grand Prior's Award Program is an Order award for St. John Ambulance Cadets (age 11-15) and Crusaders (age 16-20). Youth members reach an identified level of competence in a variety of subjects from the Cadet Proficiency Program. Once they have achieved at least twelve subjects, over a minimum of three years, they earn the Grand Prior's Award. Approximately 25 to 40 young people earn this award annually.

The Cadet Proficiency Program is made up of over 50 subjects in 7 categories from which young members can choose. Some ambitious young people like to continue beyond the required twelve subjects. Although Crusaders may choose to become Adult members at age 18, they are provided with the option of remaining in the Youth Program until age 20, with a view to continuing to work towards the Grand Prior's Badge.

**What is the Grand Prior's Badge?** As mentioned in **Did You Know? May 1999 Vol. 6, No. 5**, The Grand Prior's Badge is the highest of all the Cadet awards, and is awarded by the Order in the name of the Grand Prior.

### Expansion

While all the principals and guidelines of the current Grand Prior's Award requirements remain unchanged, the introduction of Bronze, Silver and Gold *Levels of Distinction* badges provide Crusaders with new milestones to reach for in the Cadet Proficiency Program.

The expansion allows for easy implementation with the existing program and further youth programming and recognition.



**Grand Prior's Badge**

**Bronze, Silver, or Gold Badge**

The new levels of eligibility are:

- Bronze Level of Distinction — upon completion of 18<sup>th</sup> proficiency subject
- Silver Level of Distinction — upon completion of 24<sup>th</sup> proficiency subject
- Gold Level of Distinction — upon completion of 30<sup>th</sup> proficiency subject

The badges can be ordered through your Provincial Headquarters quoting Stock No. 1300 Bronze (B), Silver (S) or Gold (G) and indicate the type of thread, normal thread (NT) or metallic thread (MT).

Examples: #1300 BNT – Bronze Normal Thread, #1300 SMT – Silver Metallic Thread

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