



## The Men of Iron Member-Errant

Membership is important. Men of Iron understands that there may be those who desire to be members of Men of Iron but are unable because a household has not yet been started in their area or the nearest household is too far from their location. For this reason, Men of Iron has developed the Member-Errant.

What is a member-errant? It is a member of Men of Iron who in the tradition of the Knight-Errant who has no household to call his own.

The member-errant is a full member of Men of Iron but has no household. Starting a household can take time, so for those who are considered members-errant, an adjusted list of requirements has been prepared to assist those who are members errant. The key adjustments are found in the requirements that are impossible to complete without being a part of a household. These adjustments will assist the member errant in actively working to promote Men of Iron and to enlist new members in his area so that a new household can be formed as soon as possible.

The member errant is designed to be a temporary designation for members as they work to develop a household.

In any one church, there may be two members errant. When a church has three or more members the member errant designation will automatically be dropped for those members. If an established household is within a reasonable distance from a member, he should join that household until he can assist in starting another closer to him.

It is highly suggested that your pastor, youth pastor, or other member of the pastoral staff of your church serve as your mentor for completion of these requirements.

There are two reasons for this. One, it will introduce Men of Iron to your pastor(s) in a meaningful way. As you work on the requirements, they will need to understand what is going on so they will need to read up on what it is to assist you. This can help open the door to establishing a household.

Two, by working directly with your pastor, it can help establish the validity of Men of Iron in your pastors eyes as a way to connect men to each other and the church.

Men of Iron Members-Errant under 18 must work with a mentor approved by your pastor from one of the following categories:

- A. Pastor/Youth Pastor/Children's Pastor
- B. Youth Sponsor/mid week discipleship leader
- C. Spiritually mature seasoned leader of the church approved by your pastor

### Belt Banners for Members Errant

Members-Errant will wear the grey household belt banner until they establish a household and choose a color for their household banners.

### The Quest for the Cross Event

The importance of the Quest cannot be understated. The need to both experience the event and participate in assisting in one is a vitally important step to everyone in the Men of Iron advancement process.

How then should a member errant handle this step? Begin working on the requirements for the Page level. If you complete all of the requirements before a Quest is offered, you may begin working on the Squire level requirements. This will be on the approval of your mentor.

When a Quest is available or your area has grown enough to then host a Quest, you can then submit an application for advancement after completing the event. This will be the same for the Squire level.

However, before beginning the Knight level, you must complete the Page and Squire advancements in their entirety. There are no exceptions to this.

## Page Advancement Requirements, Member-Errant

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1. Become an official member of Men of Iron
2. Memorize the Men of Iron Oath
3. Present Men of Iron to a minimum of 5 separate individuals to consider membership. This can be done individually or all at once. (Member Errant specific requirement)
4. Completed the Service in Action worksheet and journal (Found in the Pages Workbook)
5. Memorize the Pages Scripture– Matt. 7:25-28
6. Assist your church in serving at an event that serves a meal. This could be a missions banquet, men's ministry event, or all church dinner. This must be verified by your pastor. (Member Errant specific requirement)
7. Memorize the Rules of Courtesy (Found in the Pages Workbook)
8. Completed the Rules of Courtesy worksheet (Found in the Pages Workbook)
9. Develop your own garb consisting of a tunic, mantle, and belt.  
This should be correct for our period. A photo of you in your garb should accompany your application for Page.
10. Attend and complete the Quest for the Cross event. Contact the leadership of Men of Iron about dates/locations of Quest events. There is no equitable substitute for this requirement.

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To officially become a Page, you must complete all ten requirements. If you are not able to attend a Quest for the Cross but have completed requirements 1-9 verified by your mentor, you may begin working on the Squire requirements.

As soon as a Quest is available or one is scheduled for your area, you can submit an application for Page after completion of the event.

## **Squire Advancement Requirements, Member-Errant**

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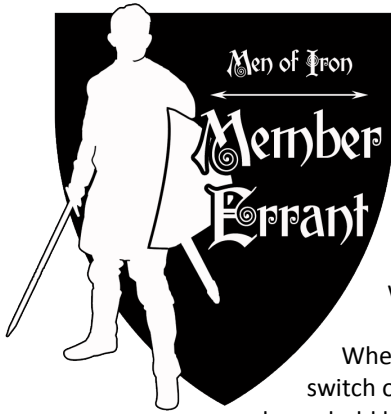
1. Be an active member of Men of Iron for 1 year
2. Present a devotion with a medieval theme at a men's event at your church. Wear your medieval garb when you are presenting your devotion. (Member Errant specific requirement)
3. Complete the Discipleship in Action worksheet and journal (Found in the Squires Workbook)
4. Memorize the Squires Scripture– Matthew 28:18-20
5. Earn at least three Tournament Card endorsements (Found in the Tournament Manual)
6. Prepare and schedule a Men of Iron presentation at your church. Invite the young men in your youth group, college and career group, and men's ministries. Set up displays of all your gear and explain what Men of Iron is for and what it offers to men and the local church. This should be exciting and informative for all participants. Be sure to include a question and answer period at the end. As always, get approval from your pastor to hold this presentation. (Member Errant specific requirement)
7. Memorize the Men of Iron Code of Chivalry
8. Completed the Code of Chivalry worksheet (Found in the Squires Workbook)
9. A photo of you in your full medieval garb and should be submitted with your application for Squire.
10. Assist in conducting a Quest for the Cross event. Contact the leadership of Men of Iron about dates/locations of Quest events. There is no equitable substitute for this requirement.

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To officially become a Squire, you must complete the Page level and all ten requirements for Squire.

To begin working on becoming a Knight, you must complete the Page and Squire levels.

If at any point in this process a household is established, then the Member Errant requirements will become null and will default to the requirements found in the Men of Iron workbooks.



## Member Errant Belt Banner

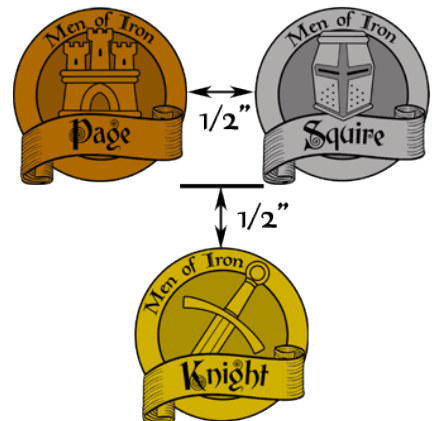
Members Errant of Men of Iron will wear the grey belt banner. This will indicate that while a member of Men of Iron, he has not yet established or joined a household. There will be no arms displayed on the banner.

When a member becomes a part of a household, he will switch out the grey belt banner with a colored banner of his household bearing the arms of that household.

The Men of Iron advancement pins will be worn centered on the belt banner as pictured below.



### Advancement Pin Spacing



The Men of Iron advancement pins are awarded by the National Men of Iron.

After completion of the requirements and submission of the advancement application and fee, the pin is awarded along with an official certificate bearing the official seal of the realm.