



Section VI
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GRAND COMMANDERY OF WASHINGTON

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of these Regulations for Uniform and Regalia are to define the constituent parts of the uniform, regalia and jewels and the proper attire for given events.

2.0 UNIFORM

The Order of Knights Templar is declared to be a uniformed Order. No member of this Grand Commandery or of its Constituent Commanderies shall be eligible for election, appointment or installation as an officer who is not the owner of a regulation Knights Templar Dress. Full Templar Uniform comprises a Chapeau, Dress Coat, trousers, inside leather belt with sling, sword, scabbard, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt and black long tie.

2.1(a) Dress Uniform (Class A)

2.1.1 Dress Coat

2.1.1.1 Knights: Black, three (3) buttons, double breasted, equidistant from each other with no buttons on the sleeves, outside left breast pocket, regular side pockets sewn shut except for left pocket, side opening for sword, sleeve insignia on each cuff.

2.1.1.2 Commanders, Generalissimo, Captain General and Past Commanders: Same as Knights, except rank shall be indicated on epaulets. (Shoulder Straps)

2.1.1.3 Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders on epaulets. (shoulder straps) with Templar Cross.

2.1.1.4 Grand Appointees, Same as Commanders, except rank shall be indicated on Epaulets (shoulder straps).

2.1.1.4.1 Epaulets (Shoulder Straps) As specified in §243 thru §244, in the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, pages 59 and 60.

2.1.1.4.2 Sleeve Insignia Passion Cross on each sleeve to be 1-2" x (*proportionate to length*) and applied 3 1/2" from bottom of cross to bottom of each sleeve.

2.1.1.4.2.1 Knights' Silver Cross with bright red center.

2.1.1.4.2.2 Commanders and Past Commanders' Gold Cross with bright red center *w/rays*

2.1.1.4.2.3 Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder Templar Cross 1-1/2" to 2" *square* with bright red center.

2.1.1.4.2.4 Grand Appointees' Same as for Commanders.

2.1.1.4.2.5 Past Grand Commanders - Templar Cross 1-1/2" to 2" *square* with purple Center.

2.1.2 Insignia - May be Bullion or Mylar embroidery.

2.1.3 Trousers Black cloth of standard military cut, with no cuff, and with plain front (no pleats).

2.1.4 Sword and Scabbard Twenty-eight to forty inches long inclusive of scabbard, helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade, one (1) inch in height on the hilt.

2.1.4.1 Knights White metal blade, scabbard suspended by three (3) white metal rings, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.

2.1.4.2 Commanders and Past Commanders Same as Knights, except substitute gold-plated metal on scabbard and blade.

2.1.5 Belt Worn under coat, sword fixture extending through openings at side. To be plain black leather with two (2) short suspension straps with nickel-plated fixtures for Knights and gold plated fixtures for Commanders, Past Commanders and all Grand and Past Grand Officers.

2.1.6 Chapeau Knight Military Chapeau trimmed with black binding, two (2) black and one (1) white ostrich plumes, bright red velvet Passion Cross two and three-eighths inches long by one and one-half inches wide, bordered with silver, on left side of chapeau, in black satin rosette, placed vertically, front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one - fourth inches from head, sides of chapeau beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at the head.

2.1.6.1 Commanders and Past Commanders Same as Knights, except Passion Cross and rays bordered in gold, and a strip of gold lace, one and three-eighths inches wide on both sides of the chapeau, running diagonally from head, at front and rear, upward to front and rear, to a point at top five inches from peaks, inside edges of lower end one and one-half inches apart, and with gold tassel on upper side of front peak.

2.1.6.2 Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders: Same as for Commanders, except substitute Templar Cross for Passion Cross, in silk velvet, two inches square, bordered in gold to correspond with shoulder straps, bright red cross for grand officers listed above and purple for Past Grand Commanders.

2.1.6.3 Other Grand Appointees Same as for Commanders

2.1.7 Gloves Buff colored, of cotton thread, leather or Chemisette

2.1.8 Black Shoes Plain Military black shoes, *no Ornamentation*

2.1.9 White Shirt Plain White Shirt

2.1.10 Black Socks Plain Black, no decoration or pattern.

2.1(b) Optional Templar Uniform for Constituent Commanderies

Cap, Mantle, trousers, inside leather or nylon belt with sling, sword and scabbard, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt, black long tie. Officers of Commanderies may wear the Cap and Mantle as prescribed by Grand Encampment in lieu of dress coat and chapeau only when all officers are so clothed. This uniform may be worn to any Templar function. It is recommended that only the Jewel of Office and the Malta Jewel to be worn.

2.2 Fatigue Uniform

2.2.1 Fatigue Caps

2.2.1.1 Knights: Pershing style cap or Bell type cap of black cloth. Visor of black leather, or other appropriate man made material, double knotted black silk cord, 3/16" in diameter, and cord attached to corner of visor by gold plated cross and crown buttons. In center of cap in front of a Passion Cross of bright red velvet, bordered with silver plated bullion embroidery, 1 1/2" in height, cross arms to be in proportion to height of cross

2.2.1.2 Commanders and Past Commanders: the same except cord and cross shall be of gold plate instead of silver plate, and rays are added to the Passion Cross.

2.2.1.3 Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder_ same as for Commanders except band is of black velvet in place of mohair braid, and Cross of Templar design with bright red center and gilt bullion border, 1 1/2" square in place of Passion Cross. Front strap of gilt wire lace 3/8" wide, stitched on black leather or some other appropriate man made material, and has two (2) loops of same pattern lace.

2.2.1.4 Other Grand Appointees Same as for Commanders

2.2.1.5 Past Grand Commanders Same as for Grand Commander except Templar Cross will have a purple center. A cap with black velvet band with gilt bullion embroidery of a laurel and olive vine, in leaf and berry pattern, with border, top and bottom in rope pattern, gilt bullion may also be worn at the option of a Past Grand Commander

2.2.2 Dress Coat. The dress coat shall contain the appropriate sleeve insignia, shoulder straps, jewels and name tag as prescribed for the Full Templar Uniform. Black double breasted, three (3) button, equidistant from each other, outside left breast pocket, regular side pockets. The sleeve insignia and service stripes as prescribed for the dress coat are to be worn, as well as shoulder boards prescribed below. Nametags as prescribed shall be optional. The Malta Cross is the only jewel to be worn on this coat. It shall be centered on the left breast pocket on a line with the top of the pocket. The military service bar may be worn above the Malta Cross.

2.2.2.1 **Buttons** Three (3) 36 ligne black cross and crown buttons on each forepart of the coat.

2.2.2.2 **Shoulder (Epaulet)** As specified in Grand Encampment, §243 and §244, pages 49 and 50.

2.2.3 Black Trousers

2.2.4 Black Shoes

2.2.5 Black Socks

2.2.6 White Shirt

2.2.7 Black Tie

2.2.8 No Sword.

2.3 **Summer Uniform**

2.3.1 Dates of Service The Summer Uniform may be worn between the dates of *May 1st and October 31st*. This uniform may

be worn in the Constituent Commanderies during these dates with permission of the Eminent Commander and as directed by the Grand Commander for various parades, etc.

2.3.2 White Garrison Cap w/Cross, White Garrison Cap with appropriate hat badge, Military style short sleeve white shirt, shoulder insignia, collar insignia, long plain black tie, Knights Templar tie clasp, metal ribbon bar, metal military service bar (if eligible), name plate, black socks, and black shoes. Uniform trousers shall be black service type with no cuff or pleats. NO SWORD

2.3.3 White Short Sleeve Shirt The Shirt will be white in color, with shoulder tabs attached. On the shoulder tabs appropriate badge of rank will be attached, i.e. Cross for Sir Knights, Cross with Rays for Commanders and Past Commanders, Red Templar Cross for the Grand Commander and all Elected Members of the Grand Commandery Line. Purple Templar Cross for all Past Grand Commanders. The collar of this shirt will be secured with the button.

2.3.4 Collar Insignia The collar insignia shall consist of KT - WA, worn on the collar points.

2.3.5 Long Black Tie The tie will be long and black as is normally worn with the Dress Uniform.

2.3.6 Knight Templar Tie Clasp The tie shall be secured with the appropriate gold tie clasp imprinted with Washington on it.

2.3.7 Nametags When worn, the nametag shall be centered on the right breast of the coat, even with the tops of the ribbons on the left breast. Name tags shall be rectangular with 1" X 3" dimensions and shall be black in color with white letters, the first, MI and last name of the Sir Knight in 1/4" block letters. The second line identifies the position held in the case of an elected or appointed line officer, or the Constituent Commandery name and number, and shall be no larger than 3/8" block letters.

3.0 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR REGALIA, JEWELS, EPAULETS, CHAPEAU, & INSIGNIA

3.1 Jewels Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the dress Templar Uniform on the left breast welt, spaced apart 1/8" apart even with the top welt and a line with the top of the pocket, placed in the order named, from the wearer's right to left, but only a maximum of four (4) Jewels can be worn in a single line.

3.1.1 Military Service Ribbon. The Military Service Ribbon is to be centered above the Malta Cross Jewel and Knights Preceptor Pin is to be centered above the Past Commander's Jewel.

3.1.2 Mandatory Templar Jewels Templar Jewels prescribed for

MANDATORY WEAR are the Jewel of Office, if applicable, and the Malta Cross Jewel. Other jewels are as follows:

3.1.3 The K.T.C.H. Jewel

3.1.4 Jewel of Office

3.1.5 Knight of the Triangle. A Constituent Commandery of Fifty (50) members or less may make a nomination for the “Illustrious Knight of the Triangles A” award. Additional nominations may be made for each additional fifty (50) members or a portion thereof. (A portion thereof has been determined as twenty-six (26) members). A nominee must be a Knight Templar for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of his Knighting.

The award is intended for those Sir Knights who have given exceptional and dedicated service to the Commandery. The nomination for this award shall be made by resolution of the Constituent Commandery of which the nominee is a member.

The Eminent Commander of the Constituent Commandery will sign the completed nomination form and forward it to the Grand Recorder who shall be the Chairman of the Committee and the Committee shall consist of the elected Dais Officers.

The award will consist of a distinctive jewel or badge to be worn on the left with the seal and signature of the right Eminent Grand Commander affixed. An honoree not in uniform may wear the jewel of an “Illustrious Knight of the Triangle” centered on the left breast pocket of a business suit, sport coat or blazer. The jewel being a meritorious service award may be worn on the uniform as prescribed in Chapter XXI Section 257 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

A Sir Knight upon his election to the office of Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commander of Washington shall be awarded the Illustrious Knight of the Triangle. Also, the Illustrious Knight of the Triangle shall be awarded to any Sir Knight of this jurisdiction who is awarded Knight Templar Cross of Honor, Knight Commander of the Temple and Grand Cross by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander may award “The Illustrious Knight of the Triangle” to three (3) Sir Knights of this jurisdiction but not more than one from each district in recognition of their past and present service and continued dedication to Washington Knights Templar, “The Illustrious Knight of the Triangle” is hereby awarded to all Eminent Grand Elected Officers, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Knights Templar Cross of Honor Recipients and those Knights Templar who have been awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of the United State of America.

Acceptance of The Illustrious Knight of the Triangle” award is contingent upon an honorarium of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars by the nominee to the Grand Commandery of Washington.

Fifty (\$50.00) dollars going to the Grand Commandery of Washington for the jewel, fifty (\$50.00) dollars to the Grand Commandery Endowment Fund and fifty (\$50.00) dollars shall go to the General Fund of the Grand Commandery of Washington.

The jewel shall be pictured as below. The letterhead, certificates and all such other uses shall be of the same.



3.1.6 (074) Past Commanders Jewel, Past Grand Commander’s Jewels will hereafter be issued in order of seniority to living Past Grand Commanders, when jewels are made available by widows and families of departed Past Grand Commanders, and these jewels shall, remain the property of the Grand Commandery, and to be possessed and worn by the Past Grand Commander during his life, and then returned to the Grand Commandery for redistribution. When the standard Past Grand Commander jewel is not available, a stock gold-plated jewel may be substituted. These jewels are to be the property of the Grand Commandery.

3.17 (075) Grand Commander’s Red Cord The Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Washington shall be given the option of wearing his jewel suspended from a red cord, worn around his neck. The cord to have tassels at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with rosette. The cord to have a total length of sixty-four inches.

3.1.8 Malta Cross and the Red Cross Jewel

3.1.9 Commandery Badge: The distinctive badge of a Constituent Commandery shall be worn on the right breast of the mantle. The badge will be no less than five inches or more than eight inches high. The badge of the Commandery shall be superimposed upon the Malta Cross, or the Malta Cross shall be incorporated within the Commandery badge. The design shall be approved by the Grand Commandery Committee on Jewels and Uniforms. No other ornamentation or Templar jewels or recognition shall be worn on the mantle.

3.2 Epaulets and Chapeau Insignia Epaulets, commonly referred to as the “shoulder board,” the Knight Templar shoulder strap should be placed on the shoulder seam and on top of the shoulder.

The authorized epaulet (shoulder strap) worn by any officer is described in the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes, § 243 and § 244, pages 59 and 60.

In the absence of any reference enumerated in the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment regarding the chapeau in a Grand Commandery or Constituent Commandery, this Grand Commandery shall follow the section 250 for Subordinate Commanderies (pages 70, 71). The authorized Chapeau insignia worn by any officer is also described in the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery Statutes and By-Laws.

3.3 Templar Mantle and Cap

3.3.1 (084). Templar Mantle: In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Pories. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

3.3.1.1 (084(a)) Members of the Order below the rank of Commander: The mantle shall be of white material; the hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

3.3.1.2(084(b)) Commanders and Past Commanders: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide stitched one-half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with a similar material; the Passion cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

3.3.1.3 (084(c)) Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to Permanent Rank: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one-half inch wide, stitched one-half from said ribbon; the Templar cross in red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

3.3.1.4 (084(d)) The Grand Commander: The mantle shall have single red ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with a similar material; the Templar cross in red, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.