



KNIGHT TEMPLAR UNIFORM REGULATIONS

For

THE GRAND COMMANDERY of ALABAMA

and its

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of these Regulations for Uniform and Regalia are to define the constituent parts of the Knight Templar uniform, regalia and jewels and to establish specific guidelines for Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Alabama when purchasing a uniform.

FULL DRESS UNIFORM

The full Templar Uniform shall consist of a Dress Coat, trousers, white shirt, black long tie, black shoes, black socks, gloves, Chapeau or white garrison cap with insignia of rank, sword, sword belt, and appropriate insignia of rank.

DRESS COAT:

The full dress uniform coat shall be, double-breasted sack coat, with two rows of three (3) buttons, to close with two (or three) buttons, of black clothing material (A ten to ten and one-half ounce tropical of 45% wool and 55% Dacron or 100% wool tropical worsted is recommended.). The coat shall be square cut with a roll collar with peak lapels, three inches wide at peak. Coat to have two lower square pocket flaps (no outside pockets), the left side having a four inch horizontal zippered slit for sword sling, outside left breast pocket, sleeves to have sleeve insignia and three (3) small black buttons on each sleeve at the cuff.

All buttons used on coat to be special composition Knight Templar buttons with Cross and Crown in the center and the motto of the Order in the circle around the outer edge. The uniform buttons shall be black in color.

Insignia: Centered over the left breast pocket a black strip not to exceed 1" wide with ALA" and the Commandery number embroidered on it; Knights to have embroidered lettering to be silver; for Commander and above gold.

Trousers: The trousers shall be of the same clothing material as the coat, of standard military cut, no cuffs, and without ornamentation.

Shirt: Plain white with turned down collar (no button downs).

Tie: Long Black Tie, Plain with no design or ornamentation. A tie bar may be worn on the tie below the coat opening so that it is not seen when the coat is buttoned.

Shoes: Plain Military black shoes, no ornamentation.

Socks: Plain Black, no decoration or pattern.

Gloves: Buff colored, of cotton thread, leather or Chemisette. Knights may have silver cloth red Passion Cross on back, Commanders and Past Commanders gold red Passion Cross, Elected Grand Officers gold red Templar Cross, and Past Grand Commanders gold purple Templar Cross.

Sleeve Insignia (sleeve cross): An appropriate sleeve cross shall be applied to each sleeve not less than 1" to not more than 2" up from bottom of the sleeve to the bottom of the sleeve cross, centered front to back. Either Bullion or Mylar embroidery is allowed.

Shoulder Straps (Epaulets): as specified in §243 thru §244, in the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, must be applied, one on each shoulder touching the sleeve seam and centered front to back.

Chapeau: Military Chapeau, front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth (4 1/4") inches from head, sides of chapeau beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at the head; trimmed with binding, white ostrich plume; a satin rosette (of proper station) two and three-eighths inches long by one and one-half inches wide, placed vertically, on left side of chapeau.

White Cap - Military Style Naval Dress Cap (Section 257. Regulation Uniform)

In lieu of the chapeau, a Grand Commandery may adopt a Military Style Naval Dress cap. The white garrison cap may be worn in place of the Chapeau to any Templar function unless it be a drill, where all Sir Knights must be dressed alike.

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

Sword Belt: May be external sword belt or sling worn on belt under coat, or shoulder sling worn under coat.

SIR KNIGHTS – Full Dress Uniform plus:

Shoulder Straps (Epaulets): None

Sleeve Insignia: Silver Cross with bright red center.

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

External Belt: Black nylon with Silver bullion stripes trim and either chain slings or straps to hold sword scabbard with nickel buckle with red passion cross thereon

Or

Sling/Shoulder Sling: Worn under coat, sword fixture extending through openings at left side.

To be plain black leather with two (2) short suspension straps with nickel-plated fixtures for Knights.

Chapeau: Military Chapeau, front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth (4 1/4") inches from head, sides of chapeau beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at the head; trimmed with silver binding, white ostrich plume; a satin rosette (Silver Cross with bright red center) two and three-eighths inches long by one and one-half inches wide, placed vertically, on left side of chapeau.

Military Style Naval Dress Cap (Section 257. Regulation Uniform)

Military Style Naval Dress Cap with white top, black band and black visor with no oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch red metal Passion Cross.

GENERALISSIMO and CAPTAIN GENERAL – As Sir Knight plus:

Shoulder Straps (Epaulets): to include insignia of rank on a green background

COMMANDERS: Full Dress Uniform plus:

Shoulder Straps (Epaulets): Passion Cross on a green background

Sleeve Insignia: Commanders, Gold Cross with bright red center w/o rays

Chapeau: Same as Knights, except Passion Cross bordered in gold, and a strip of gold lace, one and one-quarter 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.

Sword Belt: Same as Knights, except gold stripes and buckle.

Sword: Same as Knights, except substitute gold-plated metal on scabbard and blade.

PAST COMMANDERS: As Commander plus:

Shoulder Straps (Epaulets): Passion Cross on a red background.

Military Style Naval Dress Cap (Section 257. Regulation Uniform)

Military Style Naval Dress Cap with white top, black band and a black visor with no oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs).

The cover will have a two inch gold metal Passion Cross with rays or sunburst.)

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS: No change in uniform

ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS: As Commander / Past Commander plus:

Shoulder straps to have Templar Cross on a field of red.

Sleeve Insignia: Templar Cross 1-1/2" to 2" square with bright red center.

Chapeau: Same as for Commanders, except substitute Templar Cross for Passion Cross, in silk velvet, two to two and one-quarter inches square, bordered in gold to correspond with shoulder straps, bright red cross for elected grand officers and purple for Past Grand Commanders

Military Style Naval Dress Cap: (Section 257. Regulation Uniform)

Military Style Naval Dress Cap with white top, black band and black visor with no oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs).

The cover will have a two inch red metallic Templar Cross.

Sword Belt: Same as Commanders except buckle has red Templar Cross thereon.

GRAND COMMANDERS:

Military Style Naval Dress Cap (Section 257. Regulation Uniform)

Military Style Naval Dress Cap with white top, black band and black visor with one row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs). The cover will have a two inch red metal Templar Cross.

The jewel of Office of Grand Commanders may be worn suspended from a heavy, red, silk cord with swivel; the cord to have a tassel at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with rosette; the cord to have a total length of sixty-four inches.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS: Full Dress Uniform plus:

Shoulder straps (epaulets) Templar Cross 1/2" to 2" square with purple Center.

Sleeve Insignia: Templar Cross 1-1/2" to 2" square with purple center.

Chapeau: Same as for Commanders, except substitute Templar Cross in silk velvet, two to two and one-quarter inches square, bordered in gold, purple in color

Military Style Naval Dress Cap (Section 257. Regulation Uniform)

Military Style Naval Dress Cap with white top, black band and black visor with one row of oak leaves and acorns (scrambled eggs)

The cover will have a two inch purple metal Templar Cross.

Sword Belt: Same as Elected Grand Officers except purple stripes and buckle has purple Templar Cross thereon.

The jewel of Office of Past Grand Commanders may be worn suspended from a heavy, red, silk cord with swivel; the cord to have a tassel at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with rosette; the cord to have a total length of sixty-four inches.

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 and members are so clothed. This uniform may be worn to any Templar function. It is recommended that only the jewel of office and the Malta and Red Cross jewels be worn.

SUMMER UNIFORM

A Summer Uniform has been adopted by The Grand Commandery of Alabama, and is authorized for use for the period beginning with Memorial Day and Continuing through Labor Day of Each Year.

Shirt: White shirt, short sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two flap pockets, one on each breast.

Pants: Plain black with no cuffs or ornamentation of any kind.

Tie: Plain black with no ornamentation of any kind. The wearing of the tie is optional at the discretion of the Senior Officer Present.

Sword Belt and Sword: The use of a sword belt, shoulder sling or belt sword slings are optional and are at the discretion of the Senior Officer (usually for conferring orders only). The sword belt and sword are the same as prescribed in the Dress Uniform regulations according to rank and office.

Shoes: Black as prescribed in the Dress Uniform regulations.

Name Badge: The name badge shall be of metal, gold color, ($\frac{1}{2}$) one half inch wide by ($2 \frac{1}{2}$) two and one half inches long, with the full name of the wearer in black letters to be worn centered above the wearer's right pocket.

Malta Jewel: A Malta Pin shall be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket. (Option instead of pin: A metal ribbon bar, representing Commandery Jewels, to be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket. The metal bar shall contain three black panels, each surrounded with a silver line, each panel ($\frac{1}{2}$) one half inch high by (1) one inch wide. On the left panel shall be centered a miniature Red Jewel, on the center panel shall be centered a miniature Malta Jewel, and on the right panel, shall be a Templar Cross with a Cross and Crown in the center). The jewel of office may be worn.

Shoulder Insignia: For Grand Commandery Officers: A Red Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line, (1) one inch square, to be worn in the center of each epaulet. For Past Grand Commanders: The same except the color shall be purple. For Past Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains General: A metal bar, ($\frac{3}{4}$) three-quarters inch by ($1 \frac{1}{2}$) one and one half inch of green or red color surrounded by a gold or silver line, as appropriate to the office, with appropriate emblems of their rank as currently prescribed to be worn centered on each epaulet. Essentially these are miniatures of currently prescribed shoulder straps in metal, and of similar configuration.

Collar Insignia: For Grand or Past Grand Commandery Officers, shall be ($\frac{1}{2}$) one half inch gold "AL" cut out letters (no periods) to be worn on the wearer's left collar, and ($\frac{1}{2}$) one half inch gold "KT" cut out letters (without periods) on the right collar.

Commanders or Past Commanders, ($\frac{1}{2}$) one half inch State abbreviation as above on left collar with ($\frac{1}{2}$) one half inch cut out gold Commandery Number on right collar. Sir Knights below the rank of Commander are the same as for Commanders and Past Commanders, except the color shall be silver.

These insignia to be worn centered on the collar and parallel with the top edge and set back ($\frac{3}{4}$) three-quarters inch from the leading edge of the collar.

White Garrison Cap: The Military style Naval Garrison Cap as previously described in the uniform regulations is the only cap to be worn with the Summer Uniform.

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

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

Red Cross: Optional

Malta Jewel: The Malta Jewel is prescribed as MANDATORY WEAR on any Templar uniform; when worn alone it is to be centered on the breast pocket at the top. Other jewels are as follows:

Meritorious Jewels: Past Commander's Association, Knight Crusader of the Cross, Knight Templar Cross of Honor

Jewels of Office: Present or past: Sitting officers, Past Commanders Jewel, Grand Commandery Officers (optional), Past Grand Commander's Jewel. Note: The Grand Commander and Past

Grand Commander may choose to wear the jewel of office on his uniform in lieu of the jewel on a cord.

Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders Red Cord: Grand Commander's and Past Grand Commanders of Knights Templar of Alabama shall wear a cross suspended from a red cord bearing the name of his office, worn around his neck. It is to have tassels at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with a rosette, and have a total length of sixty-four inches.

K.T.C. and K.T.C.H: Either the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and / or the Knight Commander of the Temple Jewels may be worn suspended from a ribbon around the neck.

Military Service Ribbon & KYCH Ribbon: These ribbons are authorized and should be centered on the left breast pocket and above the black strip designating Alabama.

Epaulets and Chapeau Insignia: Epaulets (commonly referred to as the "shoulder board). The shoulder board should be placed at the shoulder seam and on top of the shoulder. It is recommended that epaulets with Velcro backing be used and that Velcro strips be sewn to the shoulders of the uniform to secure the boards. The authorized epaulet (shoulder board) worn by any officer is described in the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes, § 243 and § 244. 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. The authorized Chapeau insignia worn by any officer is also described in the Grand Encampment Statutes and By-Laws.

Grand Encampment Staff Badge: Knights honored with a Grand Encampment Staff Position Appointment (Committeeman, Aide, Coordinator, etc.) shall wear the badge prescribed by the Grand Master on the right breast of the uniform coat, centered, with the top of the badge level with the top button of the coat.

Aide-de-Camp: Grand Commanders desiring to appoint ADC's shall also supply them with a shoulder cord similar to those worn by Army personnel, of two colors: red and gold. These shoulder cords are to be worn around the right shoulder and are to be removed when the Grand Commander is no longer in office. ADC's to Grand Encampment Officers wear the aiguillettes supplied by the Grand Encampment in the manner prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

Templar Mantle and Cap

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Past Grand Commander: Same as for Grand Commander except color is purple.

Templar Cap: The Cap shall be of "pillbox" style, of white material. At the front center of the cap shall be a red Passion Cross for Knights; red Passion Cross with gold rays for Commanders and Past Commanders; red Templar Cross for elected Grand Officers, and purple Templar Cross for Past Grand Commanders.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Grandfathering: Knights who possess a uniform acquired prior to the effective date of these Regulations may wear that uniform.

Grand Encampment Governance: For all matters pertaining to uniforms and insignia not specifically covered herein, the statutes, regulations and decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America concerning such matters shall govern.

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