

GRAND COMMANDERY RESOLUTION - 2004

WHEREAS, S/K James Morris Ward, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, approved the use of a Knight Templar Summer Uniform in 1999, by a Decision of the Grand Master and

WHEREAS, this uniform was approved for use by all Knights Templar within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Grand Commandery of the State of Louisiana "UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS, adopted April 09, 2001, be amended to add the summer uniform regulations as follows;

SUMMER UNIFORM

Authorized Use of Summer Uniform: The summer uniform may only be used for the period beginning with May 1st and continuing through October 31st, unless changed by a General Order of the Grand Commander. A Commandery will either make use of this Summer Uniform, the Cap and Mantle, or the Regulation Uniform when appearing in public, but may not appear attired as a group using a combination (no mixing of uniforms).

Pants; Plain Black as prescribed.

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

Tie; Black Tie optional at the discretion of the Senior Officer present.

Sword Belt & Sword; As prescribed. No slings to be used.

Shoes; As prescribed.

Name Badge; The name badge shall be of metal, gold color, ½-inch wide by 2 ½-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 of current design, available from the Grand Encampment Office, shall be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket. (Optional 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 1/2 -inch high by one-inch wide. On the left panel shall be centered a miniature Red Cross 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.)

Shoulder Insignia; For Grand Commandery Officers: A Red Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line, 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, ¾-inch by 1 ½-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 (optional); For Grand or Past Grand Commandery Officers, shall be ½-inch gold cut out letters with the abbreviation of the State as prescribed by the US Postal Service (no periods) to be worn on the wear’s left collar, and ½-inch gold “KT” cut out letters (without periods) on the right collar. For Commanders or Past Commanders, ½-inch gold State Abbreviations as above on the left collar with ½-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 ¾-inch from the leading edge of the collar.

Cap; For Past Grand Commanders: Military style Naval Garrison Cap with white top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, metal purple Templar Cross, 2 ½-inch square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons. For Grand Commanders: Same as above except red Templar Cross. For Grand Commandery Officers: Same as above except plain black visor. For Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above except with a 1 3/8-inch by 2-inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays. For all Sir Knights: Same as above except using a red metal Passion Cross trimmed in silver and a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

Howard F. Entwistle, Past Grand Commander

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