

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS  
TEMPLAR**

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included "Chapeau or Summer Cap".

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The purchase of Knights Templar uniform by a petitioner for the Orders in this Grand Jurisdiction is optional with the petitioner.

Each and every officer of a Constituent Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction is required to own or possess a Full Dress Uniform or cap and mantle prior to his installation.

In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a Constituent Commandery may provide and use ceremonial robes conforming to and consistent with the historical traditions and practices of Templary. These ceremonial robes are to be used only in the Asylum for the conferring of the orders of Knighthood.

**USED UNIFORMS**

It shall be deemed a compliance of the uniform regulations, if any member provides himself with a regulation uniform conforming to the specifications set forth in the Regulations and Specifications of this Grand Commandery. The uniform is not required to be new if one formerly used should be procured and is in good condition.

## **FULL DRESS**

Black Regulation Coat and Black Trousers, White Shirt with turned down collar, Black Four in Hand Tie, (Without Stick-Pin), Sword, Belt, Chapeau or Summer Cap, Black Shoes, Black Socks, Shoulder Straps, if entitled, as per regulations of the Grand Encampment and White Chamoisette Gloves.

### **COAT**

- (a) Black double-breasted coat, cut on the lines conforming to the Officers Uniform of the U. S. Navy. The coat to have two lower side welt pockets and one welt pocket on the left breast; to be one half lined with deep yoke made of good quality Celanese, with two inside pockets; material to be ten ounce black tropical worsted. Coat to six buttons on front and three sleeve buttons on sleeve. All buttons to be Black Knights Templar buttons with Cross and Crown and motto of the Order encircled around the edge.
- (b) The emblems on the coat sleeves shall be in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

### **TROUSERS**

#### **FOR ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

Regulation military cut. Plain bottoms, without cuffs, Black material same as coat. No ornamentation. Two side and two hip pockets.

## **SWORD**

#### **FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS AND PAST GRAND COMMANDERS:**

- (A) Same as Past Commanders (See B) except to have Templar Cross on handle, Red Center for Grand Commandery Officers and Purple Center for Past Grand Commanders.

#### **FOR COMMANDERS AND PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**

- (B) Same as for Sir Knight (See C) except that all metal shall be gold plated and Passion Cross with rays.

#### **FOR SIR KNIGHTS BELOW RANK OF COMMANDER**

- (C) The sword shall be of sufficient length, 28" to 34", to conform to the height of the Sir Knight, helmet head at pommel, straight cross guard, silver plated mountings with imitation ivory grip with etched blade including name, the handle to be ornamented in front with monogram of owner, and opposite side with passion cross etched on same. All swords to have hilt chains. The scabbard to be brass, nickel plated, to have three mountings, two rings at upper and one at lower mount.

## **BELT**

### FOR COMMANDERS AND PAST COMMANDERS

The belt shall be of black grain leather, 1-3/4" wide, mounted with a lace woven of gold plated wire and black silk, 1-5/8" wide, with colors in parallel stripes four of gold and three of black, the black stripes to be of equal width and the gold stripes to be 5/32 of an inch wide. The belt clasped with gold plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three demountable slings of black grain leather on which to hang the sword, each 7/8" wide, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as the belt, 3/4" wide, consisting of two stripes of gold, each 5/32" wide, and one black 1/4" wide. The slings to be suspended by gold plated clasps from a leather strap, fastened to inside of belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy gold plated swivels at the lower ends. On the second, at the lower edge of the belt, to be placed a gold plated rigid sword hook.

The belt plate shall be rectangular in shape 2" by 3" in size, of hard metal, with 1/8" polished raised beveled edge, without ornamentation whatsoever, except the face stippled in vermicelli patterns, dull finish. In the center of the plate shall be the Passion Cross of hard enamel, bright red in color; perpendicular arm of cross 1-1/4" wide; transverse arm 7/8" in semi-circle the word "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES", in block style letters in relief, with polished face. The plate is to be attached to the belt with a French Fastener and the return end of the belt is to be held in place by a sliding loop of black grain leather, 1/2" in width. The plate shall be devoid of any jeweled ornamentation of any kind whatsoever and no name or

inscription shall be placed thereon other than that above described.

### FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Same as for Past Commanders, except that the emblem on belt plate shall be a Templar Cross (Red Center)

### FOR PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Same as for Past Commanders, except that emblem on Belt Plate shall be a Templar Cross (Purple Center)

### FOR SIR KNIGHTS BELOW THE RANK OF COMMANDER

Same as for Commanders, except that the mountings shall be silver-plated and the lace on the belt body and slings shall have silver wire substituted for gold plated wire. The Belt Plate shall be of silver plate and the Passion Cross without rays between the arms of the cross.

## **CHAPEAU**

### FOR GRAND OFFICERS AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS, EXCEPT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

A military Chapeau trimmed with black silk velvet binding and two black and one white Ostrich plumes; front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend not more than 4-1/4" from the head. Side of Chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head; two eyelet ventilators on each side near the top,

and cork ventilator on front inside; body of chapeau blocked. Diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold plated or gold wire lace fifteen lignes wide of vellum pattern No. 1962; in front a gilt or gold plated tassel, half round in shape, with bright buillions and dull head; on felt side a rosette oval in shape, 5" in height by 4" in width, composed of not less than thirty three satin points in single fold, on top of which so as to display said points to the distance of 1/2" from the edge, is laid one row of quilled black satin ribbon in folds of from 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch in width, and on top of this is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette 3-1/4" in height by 2-5/8" in width, surrounded by one row of gilt cord, thus displaying the quilled satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of from 3/8" to 1-1/2". On the velvet oval shall be a Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered by a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery 1/4" in width, in the center at the point of intersection one red stone set. Said Cross to be 2-1/2" square, including embroidery.

#### FOR PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The same as for Grand Officers, except use Purple Cross.

#### FOR PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS

The same as for Grand Officers, except that in place of the Templar Cross, there shall be a Passion Cross, the upright arm 3", the transverse arm 2", of red silk velvet, bordered by No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, 1/4" wide, leaving the velvet exposed in the center to the width of 5/8". Said Cross to have at the point of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold embroidery in solid pattern.

#### FOR SIR KNIGHTS BELOW RANK OF COMMANDER

Same as described for Grand Officers, except that there shall be no tassel or side lace of any kind whatever, and on the rosette shall be a Passion Cross of red silk velvet bordered with No. 26 silver plated or silver bullion embroidery, of the same size and dimensions as that prescribed for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that said cross shall have no rays.

#### EMBLEMS ON COAT SLEEVES

#### FOR OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

A Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered with a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery 3/16" wide with one red stone set at intersection of cross in the center, the outside measurements of cross including embroidery to be 1-1/2" square.

#### FOR PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Same as Grand Officers except the Templar Cross-to be of Purple Silk Velvet with a purple stone in center.

#### FOR COMMANDERS AND PAST COMMANDERS

A Passion Cross of red silk velvet embroidered on each side with one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, 3/16" in width, with rays between the arms of the crosses alternately in either No. 25 and No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern. The Cross, including embroidery, to be 2" high;

cross arm to be 1-1/3" long; center of cross between edges of embroidery to be 3/16" wide.

**FOR SIR KNIGHTS BELOW RANK OF COMMANDER**

A Passion Cross without rays, of red silk velvet embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 silver plated or silver bullion embroidery; the cross to be the same dimensions as for Commanders and Past commanders, except it shall be silver plate or silver and without rays.

**SHOULDER STRAPS**

**FOR ALL OFFICERS AND PAST OFFICERS**

As per Grand Encampment Regulations.

**JEWELS**

**FOR ALL SIR KNIGHTS**

As per Grand Encampment Regulations.

**CAPS AND MANTLE**

This Grand Jurisdiction permits the use of the cap and mantle as an alternative to the full dress uniform of a Knight Templar. The cap and mantle shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

**FATIGUE UNIFORM**

(Optional)

The Fatigue Uniform for all Sir Knights and Officers shall be the same as the Full Dress Uniform, except that it shall be worn without the sword and the belt slings. A cap may be substituted for the Chapeau.

**FATIGUE CAP**

(Optional)

**FOR PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS**

(A) Semi-Perishing style, black, same material as coat, two gilt or gold bands, gilt or gold wire cap core, gold Grand Encampment regulation buttons.

(B) CROWN:

Based on size 7-1/8, about 1-1/2" from front to rear; and about 10-1/2" from side to side graduated according to size, stiffened at front by spring and falling without stiffening at the rear, with two eyelets 1/2" from welt seam and about 3/4" from each side of side-seam of quarters.

(C) TOP:

Stiffened at rim with 3/8" flat grommet. Visor of black patent leather, greatest width about 2-3/16" and sloping from vertical about 55 degrees.

(D) CAP CORD:

Gilt or gold wire cap cord about 1/4" in diameter, attached to corners with gold cross and Crown Knights Templar Buttons.

(E) EMBLEM:

FOR COMMANDERS AND PAST COMMANDERS:  
OPTIONAL

Emblem on front of cap to be a Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet embroidered on each edge with one row No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, 3/16" in width with open rays between the arms of the Cross alternately in No. 26 and No. 25 gold bullion embroidery. The Cross including embroidery, to be 2" in height; cross arm to be 1-1/3" long; center of the Cross between edges of embroidery to be 3/16" wide. (No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the Cross).  
Cellophane Green protector to be on inside of top.

FOR GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS: OPTIONAL

Same as Past Commanders, except that the Emblem shall be Templar Cross, Bright red velvet center and four gold bands.

FOR PAST GRAND COMMANDERS: OPTIONAL

Same as for Grand Commandery officers, except the Emblem shall be Templar Cross. (Bright Purple Center).

FOR SIR KNIGHTS BELOW RANK OF COMMANDER:  
OPTIONAL

Same as for Past Commanders, except the Emblem shall be a Passion Cross without rays and embroidery of silver plated or silver cord, buttons to be silver plated, and two narrow silver plates or silver bands.

**AUTHORIZED CONVERSION CHANGE OF OLD TYPE  
UNIFORM**

Ten (10) years from the date of approval by the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, after approval by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana.