

## **UNIFORM**

**Section 80. Uniform of Knight Templar.** The Uniform, Dress or Fatigue, shall be the Uniform Regulation as adopted by this Grand Commandery as follows:

**Section 81A. Uniform of a Knight Templar.** The uniform of every Knight Templar, who is a member of a Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado, shall be as hereinafter specified and described. .

## **COAT**

The Templar Dress coat shall be a three button, double breasted sack coat, to close with three buttons and to be of black clothing material. The lining of coats shall be black. The two inch appropriate embroidered cross will be worn on the outside of the sleeve cuff, one inch from the bottom edge and in the outside center of the cuff. Insignia to be worn on coat sleeve: Knights and officers below the rank of Commander will wear the red Passion Cross embroidered in Silver, Commanders and Past Commanders will wear the red Passion Cross with rays, embroidered in Gold. Officers of the Grand Commandery will wear the red Templar Cross on red velour, embroidered Gold. Past Grand Commanders will wear the red Templar Cross on royal purple velour embroidered in Gold.

## **TROUSERS**

Trousers: for all uniforms to be made of the same material as the coat, bottoms to be plain.

## **SHIRT**

Plain white, with turned down collar, worn with black four-in-hand tie. Button-down collars are not permitted.

## **WORD**

Sword and Scabbard, from Section 250 of the Grand Encampment regulations. The sword shall be from thirty four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head at the pommel, straight cross guard, in metal scabbard. The scabbard to have three hard metal mountings, two metal rings at upper and one at lower mounts. The Scabbard and Sword for all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander shall be silver; the grip of the sword shall be black with an inlaid silver Passion Cross on one side. The sword grip of Commanders and Past Commanders to be white. All metal shall be Gold plate or Gold color. Officers of the Grand Commandery and Past Grand Commanders will wear the same Sword and Scabbard, as worn in their Commander years.

## **BELT**

Any suitable belt capable of supporting the above described swords is permissible for the Short Uniform Coat, and is to be worn inside the coat.

## **CHAPEAU**

Chapeau: For Knights and Officers below the rank of Commander. The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, two black and one white ostrich plumes, red velvet Passion Cross on left side, bordered with silver edge on black silk velvet rosette trimmed with satin edging. The front and rear peaks of chapeau to be extended four and one-fourth inches from head. Sides of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at the top than at the head. For Commanders and Past Commanders; the same as for Sir Knights, except, the cross shall be a gold embroidered Passion Cross with Rays, on red velour or velvet. For Officers of the Grand Commandery: the same as for Sir Knights, except, the cross shall be a Gold embroidered Templar Cross on red velvet background. For Past Grand Commanders: The same as for Grand Commandery Officers, except, the Gold embroidered Templar Cross shall be on a Royal Purple background. Gold slashing both front and back and half round tassel placed between the front folds of the chapeau are optional.

## **GLOVES**

Gloves: Shall be buff colored, of lisle thread or chamoisette.

## **CROSSES and JEWELS**

**SECTION 81A. Crosses and Jewels.** Crosses and Jewels: To be strictly in accordance with Section No 301, of the Grand Encampment Regulations for Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies. (9/10/2015)

The Grand Encampment Regulations further provide that certain other jewels or emblems may be worn on the breast, such as drill corps membership, meritorious badges, and some others, as per regulation, all to be worn in their proper places. If a Commandery has a Drill Corps, it shall be regulated by the Drill Corps regulations and Manual, of the Grand Commandery of Colorado and the regulations of the Grand Encampment.

### **Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans**

1. The Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans is permitted to be worn by any Veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces, insofar as such a Sir Knight is (a) on active service in the United States Armed Forces or (b) honorably discharged from the same. No Sir Knight not currently on active service in, or honorably discharged from, the United States Armed Forces may wear the Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans is to be worn centered, one-half inch above the jewels depending from the left breast pocket. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "United States Armed Forces" shall be the Armed Forces as statutorily defined by 10 U.S.C. § 101 (a)

(4):

United States Army

United States Marine Corps

United States Navy

United States Air Force

United States Coast Guard

2. The Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans may be worn by Veterans serving in, or by Veterans who have served in, the Military, Uniformed Services, National Clandestine Services, or their equivalent, of the United States, or the equivalent military services of another nation state or sovereign power if:

(a) Said nation state or sovereign power is recognized by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Colorado, and;

b) The Veteran Sir Knight submits a formal request detailing active service in, or the dates of service in, the particular branch of the Military, Armed Forces, Uniformed Services, or their equivalent services, to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado for review. Upon approval by the Grand Commander thereof, said Veteran Sir Knight will be permitted to wear the Knight Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans (7/9/2012)

**3. Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Meritorious York Rite Service.** A bar denoting meritorious service to the York Rite may be worn by those Sir Knights so honored for their service by the York Rite. The meritorious service bar is to worn immediately to the left of the Knights Templar Recognition Bar for Veterans. A bar denoting meritorious service to the York Right of Freemasonry shall consist of a single bar divided into four equal quadrants with the colors White, Purple, Red, and Blue. The order of these colors are as stated when looking at the bar. Should the individual be recognized for his service to the York Rite of Freemasonry it shall entitle him to purchase such bar and wear it on his Black Class "A" uniform jacket as denoted above.(9/10/2015)

## **SHOULDER STRAPS**

Shoulder Straps: To be strictly in accordance with Section No 243 and 244, of the Grand Encampment Regulations for Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies.

## **SHOES**

The shoes; on every occasion, and with all uniforms, Full Dress, or Fatigue coat and cap, must be plain black lace-up.

## **FATIGUE COAT**

The Templar fatigue uniform coat: Coat; for Past Grand Commanders, United States Navy style, double breasted sack

coat of black serge or mohair with shoulder loops of the same material. Coat to have three flat cloth covered or Templar buttons on each side, and a row of three smaller buttons on underside of sleeve cuff. An embroidered or metallic Gold Templar Cross of purple centered on each shoulder loop. For Grand Commandery Officers, the same as for Past Grand Commanders, except the emblems to be gold and red. For Past Commanders; the same as for Grand

Commandery Officers, except the emblem to be the Passion Cross. For Officers of Commanderies, and Sir Knights, coat as described, except, the Passion Cross will replace the Templar Cross, and all emblems to be Silver instead of Gold. No black braid to be used to distinguish the cuff. No belt shall ever be worn with the Fatigue Coat.

## **CAP**

Caps: The preferred fatigue cap is the Regulation Naval Officers Garrison Cap with White cover and Gold Chin Strap. For the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commanders, one row of oak leaves and acorns embroidered with gold tone threads on visor. All others below the rank of Grand Commander, the plain black visor. On the front and in the center shall be a Gold embroidered or metallic Templar Cross of Purple, approximately two and one half inches overall. For Grand Commandery Officers; the same as for Past Grand Commanders, except, the background of the Templar Cross, shall be bright red instead of purple. This will also be the regulation for Commanders, except Passion Cross will be used. For Officers and Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, the same as described above, except, the Passion Cross instead of the Templar Cross will be used, and silver instead of Gold.

**Section 81B. Caps and Mantles.** Caps and Mantles are authorized as Class A Uniforms for opening and closing Commanderies and for the Order of the Temple in all Commanderies.

The following is herein designated as proper design of the caps and mantles now permitted as an alternative to the uniform in the opening and closing of the Commandery and in the conferral of the Order of the Temple:

### **TEMPLAR MANTLE:**

In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by Medieval Templars and by members of the Sovereign Great Pories. The mantle shall be worn over a dark suit or tuxedo or a Templar Fatigue uniform with an appropriate plain white shirt and appropriate black tie. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

**For Members Of The Order Below The Rank of Commander:** The Mantle shall be of white; 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.

**For 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 red 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.

**For 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 inch from said ribbon; 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 with red tassels.

**For The Grand Commander:** The mantle shall have a 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 with red tassels.

**For Past Grand Commanders:** The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon one and one-half inches wide, stitched three quarters of an inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple with a similar material; and the Templar Cross in purple, nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely about the neck with purple cords and purple tassels.

### **GLOVES:**

Gloves shall be of a pure white cotton material.

### **TEMPLAR CAP:**

The Templar cap shall follow the design and specification of the style worn by the Sovereign Great Pories, three inches in depth and very slightly flared at the top.

**For All Members Of The Order Below The Rank Of Past Grand Commander:** The cap shall be of bright red velvet (or silk) and the cross displayed on the front of the cap shall be appropriate to rank red Passion Cross for members below the rank of Commander; red Passion Cross with gold rays for Commanders and Past Commanders; and red Templar Cross for all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent rank.

**For Past Grand Commanders:** The cap shall be of purple velvet (or silk) with purple Templar Cross.

**For All Ranks:** The Cross shall be two inches in height.

### **BADGES**

**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 in height. 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.

**Knight Commander Of The Temple And Grand Commander Of The Temple Badge.** The embroidered badge of a Knight Commander of the Temple or of a Grand Commander of the Temple shall be worn on the left breast in the center of the appropriate cross.

No other ornamentation, Templar jewels or recognition shall be worn on the mantle.

**TEMPLAR JEWEL OF OFFICE:** The jewel of office will be worn on a ribbonet. Green for Commandery Officers; Red for Past

Commanders and Grand Officers; Purple for Past Grand Commanders.

**SWORD AND SCABBARD:** The sword and scabbard shall conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment.

**SWORD SLING:** The sword shall be suspended, when required to be worn, on a sling to be worn over the right shoulder, of black leather, one and one-half inches wide, of tailored or adjustable length according to the height of the Sir Knight, to terminate in two straps with snaps to fasten to the two upper rings of the scabbard.

**Section 81C - Summer Uniform.** A summer uniform is authorized as Class A uniforms for opening and closing Commanderies, it is not to be used for the Order of the Temple in all Commanderies. Further this uniform may only be used for the period beginning with Memorial Day and ending with Labor Day. The Officers of a Commandery will either make use of the Summer Uniform, Cap and Mantle, or the Regulation Uniform, but may not use a combination of uniforms (no mixing).

**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 Office present

**Sword and Belt:** As prescribed.

**Shoes:** As prescribed

**Name Badge:** The name badge shall be of metal, gold color, ½ inch wide by 2 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 Jewel shall be worn centered over the wearer's left pocket

**Option:** 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 ½ inch high and 1 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 Crown and Cross in the center.)

**Shoulder Insignia:** For Grand Commandery officers: A Red Templar Cross, 1 inch square surrounded by a gold line, 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- 1/2 inch of green or red 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. These are miniatures of currently prescribed shoulder straps.

**Collar Insignia:** (Optional) For Grand or Past Grand Commandery Officers, shall be ½ inch gold cut out letters with the abbreviation of the State (no periods) to be worn on the wearer's left collar, an ½ inch gold " K T "cut out letters (no periods) on the right collar For Commanders and Past Commanders, ½ inch gold State Abbreviation as above on the left collar with ½ gold cut out Commandery number on the right collar. Sir Knights below the rank of Commander are the same as Commander or Past Commander except the color shall be silver. These insignia are 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 ¼ inch square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons. For Grand Commander: Same as above except with red Templar Cross. For Grand Commandery Officers: Same as Grand Commander except with plain black visor. For Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above except with a 1 ¾ inch by 2 inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays. For all other Sir Knights: Same as above except using a red metal Passion Cross trimmed in silver and a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons. (adopted 9/9, 2004)

**Section 82. Uniform at Conclave of Grand Commandery.** The officers and members of the Grand Commandery shall wear the approved Templar uniform at the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, unless excused by the Grand Commander.

**Section 83. Uniform at Conclaves of Commandery.** At the Conclaves of Commanderies the officers shall wear the approved Templar uniform.

**Section 84. Uniform in Public.** No Knight Templar within this jurisdiction shall wear or permit to be worn, his Templar uniform or any portion thereof, upon any public or social occasion, except he be in the line of his Commandery, or under command or orders of his superior officers, and any Knight Templar offending against the provision of this law, either in letter or spirit, shall be disciplined by the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the offense shall have been perpetrated.