

UNIFORM STANDARDS
of the
LONE STAR GRAND COMMANDERY
ORDER of the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
(PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED)
of Texas.



To: R.: E.: Grand Commander,

In turn: The Uniform Committee of the Lone Star Grand Commandery, Order of the Knights Templar of the Jurisdiction of Texas.

Submitted November 2011

Revised February 2025

TO: All Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Sir Knights of their Constituent Commanderies

Subject: Uniform Codes

Rational: All Sir Knights within the jurisdiction of the Lone Star Grand Commandery pledged to obtain their full uniform within two (2) years of joining the Order. If you have not done so and it has been more than two (2) years since you were dubbed a Knight Templar, you are in violation of your pledge to the Lone Star Grand Commandery.

Addendum: edict 20110213-02.

The first three constitutionally elected officers of a Constituent Commandery, namely the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, must, within ninety (90) days of their election, secure (or be in the process of securing) a regulation uniform to include chapeau, dress uniform, sword, sword belt, and buff gloves. Should one of these officers not be in right standing with this edict, said officer shall be subject to removal from office and replaced with a Sir Knight who shall make himself amenable to the 90-day mandate as well

Dress Uniform (Frock Coat/Short Coat):

The Dress Uniform is a black frock coat or regular black suit coat (or nehru style stand up collar) with two rows of gold Knights Templar Buttons. On the long coat they are two rows of nine, set in groups of three, on the short coat they are two rows of six, set in groups of three (see diagram) A Texas Lone Star Grand Commandery patch will be placed on both sleeves (midway between shoulder & elbow). Matching black pants to be worn as applicable. A white shirt may be worn under the coat. The shoes and socks will be black for all members.



Frock coat (18 buttons)



Short coat (12 buttons)

Masonic Dress:

The Masonic dress will be Black/Dark suit, white shirt, black bow tie or black tie, black socks, and black shoes. Appropriate Templar headgear (chapeau or service cap) is to be worn.

NOTE: The Masonic dress is allowable wear during the period of obtaining proper Templar regalia, with strict adherence to timelines, especially with regards to principal officers.

Summer Uniform: (Wear restricted to April through September.)

Authorized summer uniform consists of white uniform shirt, (military style, with shoulder epaulets and button flap pockets, L/S or S/S) black pants, black shoes and socks, sword belt and headgear. All applicable patches and medals can be attached. Wear of summer attire in parades etc, must be approved by REGC prior to event. For formal functions during the period, or functions out of Jurisdiction, black frock regalia **must** be worn.

**Formal Dress (Banquets/Balls):**

Appropriate Templar Formal Dress to be white dinner dress jacket; white shirt; black bow tie or black tie; black slacks or black tuxedo pants; black shoes; and black socks. A black coat can be worn in lieu of the white dinner dress jacket. Grand Commandery and Constituent Commandery officers' collars can be worn. No headgear shall be worn.



Jewels, Service Medals, Collars, and Accessories:

- **Breast Jewels:**

Breast Jewels can be worn on any of the above dress suits. The jewels are Knights of Red Cross medal, Knights Malta medal, and jewel of office if applicable.

Breast Jewels are to be worn on the left over the heart. Knights of Malta jewel is always displayed furthest towards the left arm. When displaying 3 jewels; display in pattern of a triangle with the Jewel of your office at the highest point. When displaying 4 or more Jewels; display in the pattern of a cross with the Jewel of your office at the highest point.

Breast Jewels for Constituent Commandery should be in a silver finish and suspended from black and white ribbon with bar pin. The Eminent Commander's jewel can be gold and suspended from a black and white ribbon with bar pin. Commandery name can be engraved on bar pin. Past Eminent Commander's jewel should be gold and suspended from gold bar pin. Your name and Commandery can be engraved on the bar pin.

- **Service medals:**

The Lone Star Grand Commandery has approved the wear of miniature service medals by its' military service members, on their frock coat and dress uniform coat.

- **Location of medals:**

The miniature medals are to be worn on the left breast approximately 1 ½ inch below the shoulder seam; above the appropriate Commandery jewels and centered between the outer edge of top set of buttons and left edge of frock or jacket (See diagram above). Only service awards and medals are authorized for wear. Service ribbons are not authorized.

- **Special Service medals:**

Special Service Award Medals (i.e. SK of the Year, EC of the Year, Drill Team, Scholar Knights OTC etc.) as authorized by REGC/LSGC are be worn on right breast.

- **Shoulder cords:**

The Lone Star Grand Commandery has approved the wear of yellow shoulder cords on left shoulder for all Past Eminent Commanders, Honorary Past Eminent Commanders, and sitting Eminent Commanders with the Past Eminent Commander Degree and the wear of yellow/white shoulder cords on right shoulder for Escort team members, to be worn with the dress uniform. All Actual Past Grand Commanders will be given their purple rope as a courtesy on behalf of this Grand Commandery to replace the gold rope. All Honorary Past Grand Commanders are eligible to wear the purple rope on their frock, but it must be purchased.

- **Capes & Cuffs:**

The Lone Star Grand Commandery has approved the wear of a black cape with red satin inner lining (purple lining for PREGC), with gold chain attachment at the collar, to be worn with the dress uniform (See diagram above). In addition, all Actual Past Grand Commanders and Honorary Past Grand Commanders are allowed to wear the Purple Cuffs, but Honorarium must be verified through the office of the Grand Recorder as being a legitimate Honorary Past Grand Commander and the cuffs must be purchased.

- **Collars:**

Collars are only to be worn by Past Grand Commanders, elected/appointed officers of the Lone Star Grand Commandery or elected/appointed officers of Constituent Commanderies or Past Eminent Commanders.

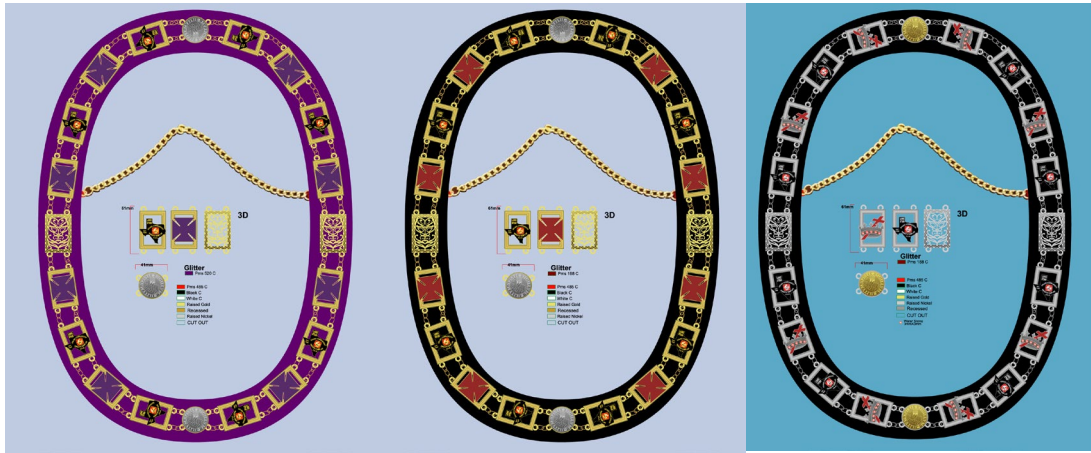
This collar can be worn at all formal Templar-related functions (banquets) and at Constituent meetings.

It can also be worn in lieu of a jewel rope when in full frock.

The purple collar is for Past Grand Commanders and Honorary Past Grand Commanders,

The black & gold collar is for all elected and appointed Grand Commandery Officers.

The black & silver collar is for all elected and appointed Constituent Commandery Officers.



- **Jewel Ropes:**

The Black Jewel Rope is authorized for wear by Constituent Commandery Officers at rank of Eminent Commander and below.

In addition to the elected and appointed Grand Commandery Officers, the Red Jewel Rope is authorized for wear by Past Eminent Commanders, Actual and Honorary.

The Purple Jewel Rope is authorized for wear by Past Grand Commanders, Actual and Honorary.

A Commandery needs to decide to either wear chain collars or jewel ropes. But there is no mixture of the two. (Non-seated Past Commanders exempted). The Jewel Rope can be worn at all formal Templar-related functions and at Constituent meetings.



- **Collar Jewels:**

Collar jewels for all the elected/appointed officers of a Constituent Commandery or The Lone Star Grand Commandery can also be displayed from the appropriate Collar or Jewel Rope of the attending Sir Knight. Additionally, The Executive committee of the Lone Star Grand Commandery has approved the issue and wear of the Royal Advisor/Grand Royal Advisor jewel.

The approved Past Eminent Commander's jewel for wear in Jurisdiction of Texas (pictured below). (Approved at Mid Templar Conclave in Sept 2023)



- **Sword-belts:**

Black, black and silver, or black and gold sword belts are appropriate for all members. Swords are to be worn on the left side.

Leather, silver or gold slings can be used for attachment of swords.

- **Gloves:**

Leather buff or white gloves, plain or with emblem may be worn with dress uniform or Masonic dress.

- **Shoulder boards:**

The allowable cross emblem for Sir Knights will be white/silver passion cross on black background with silver border. Commandery officers may wear appropriate insignia of your office on a green background, with gold border. Past Eminent Commanders to wear passion cross **with rays** on red background, with gold border. Grand Commandery officers to wear gold Maltese cross on red background, with gold border. Past Grand Commanders to wear gold Maltese cross on purple background, with gold border. (See below)



Local Commandery shoulder patches denoting Commandery name and number, once approved at the local Commandery level, must then be submitted to the Uniform Committee for review and final approval before application.

- **Sleeve and Collar Crosses:**

The cross emblem for Sir Knights will be a red passion cross with silver border or red passion cross with gold border. The cross emblem for Eminent Commanders and Past Eminent Commander shall be red passion cross with gold border **with rays**. The cross emblem for Grand Commandery officers shall be red Maltese cross with gold border. The cross emblem for Past Grand Commanders will be purple Maltese cross with gold border. (See below)



- **Headgear:**

The appropriate headgear is a chapeau or a black service cap. The rosette or cap emblem for members will be red passion cross with silver border or red passion cross with gold border. The rosette or cap emblem for Eminent Commanders and Past Eminent Commander shall be red passion cross with gold border with rays. The rosette or cap emblem for Grand Commander and Grand Commandery officers shall be red Maltese cross with gold border. The rosette or cap emblem for Past Grand Commanders will be purple Maltese cross with gold border. This headgear can be worn with the Dress uniform and Masonic Dress. (See sleeve cross diagrams above)

- **Recognition of Grand Encampment of Knight Templar. PHA jewels and awards:**

(Approved at Annual Conclave in Feb 2025).

Whereas we fall under the auspices of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, PHA (GEKT), and these honorariums are offered through the GEKT, the wear of these awards on the official Templar uniform is authorized for those receiving these honors.

The Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) collar and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple (KGC) starburst medallion can be worn with any uniform combination of the Order. The KGC medallion is positioned on the left breast, above military ribbons (if applicable). Recipients of the KGC will wear that medallion only and NO longer wear the KCT collar.

The Grand Encampment 100-year anniversary medal (pending issuance at 2025 GEKT session) is approved to be worn on the Texas Uniform. This medal will be worn on the wearer's right side as with Special service medals.



KCT collar



KGC medallion

100-yr medal

Casual Wear/Dickies® Wear:

Allowed casual attire consists of a black polo shirt with Knights Templar crest on left breast. The only Sir Knights that are allowed to wear a Dickies® shirt bearing any Knight Templar emblems are those who are currently in possession of their full Knight Templar uniform. If you do not have your full uniform, you are not to wear a Dickies® shirt bearing any Knight Templar emblems, NO EXCEPTIONS. Any Sir Knight found wearing a Dickies® shirt with any Knight Templar emblem in violation of the mandate of the Lone Star Grand Commandery, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension. The wear of casual dress at meetings and dubbings is at the prerogative of the Eminent Commander. Please be respectful of the order.

Application of standards: The above stated standards will go into effect upon the date of acceptance of LSGC Uniform Code Committee. It will be effective for all Sir Knights of the Order without uniforms and new Sir Knights. Those that have previously purchased uniforms are EXEMPTED, except for requirements of accessories (e.g. jewels, medals, cords etc.) Standardization of Templar uniform is the ultimate goal of the LSGC, and as such should be a goal of all Sir Knights of the Order.

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Revised

~~This 1st day of September, 2016~~
~~This 3rd day of February, 2018~~
~~This 30th day of September, 2023~~
~~This 1st day of February, 2025~~



Under the Sign,

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Sir Benjamin Burleson, 33°
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attested:

RDG

Sir Ronald D. Gerac, M.Ed., 33°
Eminent Grand Recorder