

Proposed changes to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia

1. Sword Sling.

Section 358 The standard Templar uniform for the Knights Templar of this Jurisdiction

Subsection (d) Uniform In Detail - Dress Coat (line 10)

Proposed - (See Grand Encampment Constitutions and Statutes as revised at the 57th Triennial Conclave, August 1991) 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 or of a white material, of tailored or adjustable length according to the height of the Sir Knight, to terminate in two black leather straps to fasten to the two upper rings of the scabbard.

2. Add Subsections (l), (m) and (n) as follows;

The correct position for wearing the Templar Jewels are as follows; (Subsection (l))

To read

(l) Jewels - Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. As provided by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment. (see Chapter XXI or Section 242.)

A Veteran's Medal may be worn by current or former members of any of the recognized branches of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. This medal shall be worn on the left breast of the uniform coat approximately one-half inch above the medals displayed and in the center of the display line. This medal shall be of silver colored metal approximately 1-3/8 inches long by 3/8 inches wide having alternate vertical stripes, from left to right, of red, white, blue, white, blue, white, blue, white and red, each separated by a narrow silver line. The blue stripe in the center shall be approximately 1/4 inch wide, the white stripes on either side of the center blue stripe shall be approximately 3/16 inch wide, the remainder of the stripes shall be approximately 1/8 inch wide. The medal shall be attached to the uniform by two pins fastened with clutch back holders. This medal may also be worn in a similar position on the fatigue coat or centered over the metal ribbon bar of the summer uniform shirt. A similar appearing medal made of cloth material may be substituted.

(m) Name tags - (optional). When worn, the name tag shall be centered on the right breast of the coat in line with the top of the left breast pocket. Name tags shall be rectangular with 5/8" X 3" dimensions and shall be either Gold (for all Commanders, Past Commanders, Present and Past Grand Officers), with black letters, and Black in color for Sir Knights with white letters and both shall have the cross and crown design. The design will be imprinted or affixed to the left of the tag, with the letters S.K. and the name of the Knight" in 1/4" block letters.

(n) Summer Uniform (optional) White Garrison Cap, with appropriate hat badge. Short sleeve white shirt, shoulder boards, collar insignia. Long plain black tie, Knights Templar tie clasp, metal ribbon bar, name plate, black socks, and black shoes.

Dates of Service - The Summer Uniform may be worn on the dates according to the Grand Encampment Regulations. This uniform may be worn in the Constituent Commanderies during these dates with permission of the Eminent Commander and as directed by the Grand Commander.

Garrison Cap w/Cross - The Garrison Cap will be white in color with the appropriate cross of rank affixed to the front of it.

White Short Sleeve Shirt - The Shirt will be white in color, with shoulder tabs attached. On the shoulder tabs appropriate badge of rank will be attached, i.e. Cross for Sir Knights, Cross with Rays for Commanders and Past Commanders, Red Templar Cross for the Grand Commander and all members of the Grand Commandery line and Purple Templar Cross for all Past Grand Commanders. Collar Insignia - The collar insignia shall be the same as described in paragraph (d) above, and worn on the collar points.

Long Black Tie - The tie will be long and black as is normally worn with the Dress Uniform. Knight Templar Tie Clasp - The tie shall be secured with the appropriate gold tie clasp imprinted with West Virginia on it.

Metal Ribbon Bar - The Metal Ribbon Bar will be worn in place of the following Jewels, from wearer's right to left, Knight Templar Cross of Honor, Malta Cross, and Red Cross. It will be placed over the left pocket of the white shirt.

Name Tag - The name tag will be worn centered over the right breast of the shirt and will be the same as described in paragraph (m) above.

Black Socks and Shoes - Black socks should be comfortable for the Sir Knight wearing same and is self explanatory. Black shoes should be of plain military style.