

PART 2 – TACTICS.**37.201. Asylum Tactics.**

The Asylum Tactics, as adopted by the Grand Commandery, shall continue in effect subject to revision or change.

37.202. Drill Regulations.

The Drill Regulations adopted at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in July 1925 Session, as revised April 1938, shall govern in all matters pertaining thereto.

37.203. Reception of Grand Officers.

The Ceremonies for the Reception of Grand Officers shall be those as prescribed in the Manual of Knights Templar Asylum Tactics as adopted by the Grand Commandery (as revised and shall also direct in other Asylum Ceremonies as prescribed in Section 143 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment).

37.204. Public Appearances, Dispensations.

- a) It is not necessary for a Constituent Commandery to obtain a Dispensation to attend Divine Services in a body.
- b) It is not necessary to obtain a Dispensation for Sir Knights to appear in full uniform and participate in public appearances or parade composed entirely of Masonic Bodies.
- c) It is necessary for a Constituent Commandery to obtain a Dispensation to appear in civic parade.
- d) It is not necessary to obtain a Dispensation for a Commandery to join in a Public Installation of Officers with other Masonic Bodies within the jurisdiction of the Constituent Commandery.

PART 3 – UNIFORMS.**37.301. Dress Uniforms.**

- a) The Templar Dress Uniform shall conform in all respects and particulars to the provisions prescribed by this Grand Commandery.
- b) All Commanders, Past Commanders, and Grand Commandery Officers of all ranks shall wear gold where metal appears; all Officers below rank of Commander, and all Sir Knights shall wear silver where metal appears; provided, however, that specifications for swords and belts shall be as hereinafter set forth.
- c) Cords (also called "fourrageres" or "aiguillettes") shall be worn as follows:
 - (1) Past District Deputy Grand Commanders – Red
 - (2) District Instructors and Members of the Committee on Work – White
 - (3) Inspector General – Yellow
 - (4) Past Grand Officers (other than Past Grand Commander) – Alternate rows of Red and Gold
 - (5) Any braided cord will be worn under the arm with plain cords outside the arm as specified in the Manual of Public Ceremonies.

37.302. Dress Uniform; Specifications.

- a) **Dress Coat.** The Dress Coat for Sir Knights shall be U.S. Navy service style, double breasted, semi-fitting sack coat, with roll collar, peak lapels, seam back, no vent, and two rows of three buttons each on front of coat. The length shall be one inch below crotch line. It shall have two lower set-in pockets, one set-in pocket without flap on left breast and one inside breast pocket on right side. The color shall be black, but may be of broadcloth, gabardine, tropical worsted, or other lightweight material. Buttons down the front line shall be plain cross and crown black buttons. Two detachable belt hooks, one on each side at the waist. Sleeve cuffs shall close without buttons. Properly centered on the left breast pocket welt, the abbreviation "Fla." and the number of the owner's Commandery shall be embroidered in one-half inch block letters with silver bullion on a piece of black cloth and applied. On the center of each sleeve, a red silk-velvet Passion Cross, one and one-half inches high, shall be set one and one-half inches from the edge. Optionally, the sleeve cross may be a Passion Cross of bright red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 silver-plated bullion embroidery and no rays. The optional cross, including embroidery, shall be two inches in height; cross arms one and one-third inches long; the center of the cross between edges of embroidery shall be three-sixteenths of an inch wide, with no twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the cross. Coats may be full, half, or quarter lined as desired, and will always be worn buttoned. The dress coat will have a slit on the left side to accommodate a Navy frog-type attachment for the sword, but Sir Knights having belts may wear the same with propriety. Sir Knights possessing or having access to the use of a black cloth Templar dress coat of the double-breasted frock coat style or pattern may wear the same, with propriety. A Sir Knight possessing or having access to the use of a Templar three (3) button dress coat styled to close with two buttons only and with two longer set-pockets with flaps may wear the same, with propriety. Any accoutrements such as buttons, sleeve crosses, etc. provided by the manufacturer must conform to the regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida.
- (1) *Dress Coat for Commanders and Past Commanders.* Dress coats for Commanders and Past Commanders shall be the basic specification, with the substitution of gold for silver in all cases.
 - (2) *Dress Coat for Grand Commandery Officers.* Dress coats for Grand Commandery Officers shall follow the basic specification, save that all metals shall be gold and the sleeve cross shall be a Templar Cross (cross patee'), one and one-half inches square, of red silk velvet embroidered with gold bullion without rays.
 - (3) *Dress Coat for Past Grand Commanders.* Dress coats for Past Grand Commanders shall follow the basic specification, save that all metal shall be gold and the sleeve cross shall be a Templar Cross of royal purple silk velvet, one and on-half inches square, embroidered with gold bullion without rays.
- b) **Trousers.** Trousers for all Sir Knights shall be of the same material as the coast, of plain design, and with no cuffs. There shall be two side pockets, two hip pockets, and one fob pocket on right front. There shall be seven belt loops with one and one-half inches clearance inside, suspender buttons inside waistbands, plain seams, and zipper or button front.
- c) **Chapeau.** The chapeau shall be a military chapeau, trimmed with black silk velvet binding, with one white ostrich plume not less than seven inches wide extending from front to rear and continued not more than three inches beyond rear peak, and having a black under plume. The front and rear peaks of the chapeau shall extend four and one-fourth inches from the head, front peak to have one-half roll upwards at outer end.

There shall be a bow of back silk velvet ribbon at the base of the front beak for a plume socket. The side of the chapeau shall be beveled, being one inch smaller at the top than at the base. On the left side there shall be an oval black satin rosette, five inches high and four inches wide, and composed of not less than 33 points in single fold, on top of which is laid one row of pleated black silk ribbon in folds one-eighth to one-quarter inch wide, displaying the points of the rosette; an oval black silk velvet rosette, three and one-quarter inches high by two and five-eighths inches wide is laid on top of this, displaying the pleated satin ribbon about three-eighths to one-half inch around the edge of the velvet. A red silk velvet Passion Cross, three inches high and two inches wide shall be laid on the velvet rosette. Optionally, a dead silver Passion Cross, without rays, three inches long by two inches wide may be laid on the rosette. A storm-proof cover shall be provided for each chapeau.

- (1) *Chapeau for Commanders and Past Commanders.* The chapeau for Commanders and Past Commanders shall be of the basic design, save that the cross on the rosette shall be embroidered in gold with rays added. It shall be trimmed with gold-plated wire vellum lace, one and one-eighth inches wide, laid diagonally across both front and back peaks. A half-round gilt tassel shall be added to the front peak of chapeau.
 - (2) *Chapeau for Grand Commandery Officers.* The chapeau for Grand Commandery Officers shall be of the basic design, and shall have gold embroidered Templar Crosses with red silk velvet center laid on the rosette.
 - (3) *Chapeau for Past Grand Commanders.* The chapeau for Past Grand Commanders shall be as for Grand Commandery Officers, save that the Templar Crosses shall have centers of purple silk velvet.
- d) **Sword.** The basic sword shall be of straight pattern, helmet pommel, white grip with inlaid silver Passion Cross, and a cross guard with Templar Cross at juncture with blade. The scabbard shall be polished steel, upper mount with two rings, lower or terminal mount with Templar Cross and one ring. All metal parts shall be chrome or nickel-plated. A cloth cover shall be provided for all swords. Optionally, the sword may have the hilt etched with the owner's monogram on one side and a Passion Cross on the other, a chain may join the pommel and guard, the blade may be etched with the owner's name in Old English texts and the scabbard may be etched with emblematic mountings. Plating may be of silver.
- (1) *Sword for Commanders and Past Commanders.* The sword for Commanders and Past Commanders shall be of standard design with all plating in gold. The Passion Cross shall have rays added.
 - (2) *Sword for Grand Commandery Officers.* The sword for Grand Commandery Officers shall be the same as for Commanders and Past Commanders, save that the Passion Cross shall be replaced by a Templar Cross.
- e) **Belt.** The basic belt, if worn instead of the Navy-style frog, shall be of black leather, one and three-quarters inches wide; the plate shall be oblong, same width as belt, with red hard-enameled Passion Cross in center and the words, *In Hoc Signo Vincetis*, in semicircular design, extending over cross. There shall be two short and one long leather slings with swivel snaps, suspended from slides on belt. All metal parts to be chrome or nickel-plated. Optionally, the belt may be faced with black silk and silver wire lace in parallel lines (four of silver and three black) with three hard-soldered barreled chain slings, one long and two short. All metal work shall be silver-plated.

- (1) *Belt for Commanders and Past Commanders.* The belt for Commanders and Past Commanders shall be the same as for Sir Knights except that it shall be faced with gold lace upon which three rows of black silk lace is laid and all metal work shall be gold-plated. Optionally, the gold lace shall be of gold wire.
 - (2) *Belt for Grand Commandery Officers.* The belt for Grand Commandery Officers shall be the same as for Commanders and Past Commanders, save that the Passion Cross shall be replaced by a Templar Cross enameled in red.
 - (3) *Belt for Past Grand Commanders.* The belt for Past Grand Commanders shall be the same as for Grand Commandery Officers, save that the silk facing shall be of purple rather than black and the Templar Cross shall be enameled in purple.
- f) **Shirt, Tie, Socks, and Shoes.** For all Sir Knights, regardless of rank, shirts shall be of plain white with white rolled collars; ties shall be plain black, tied in four-in-hand; sock shall be black; shoes shall be black and of military dress style.
- g) **Gloves.** Gloves of buff-colored lisle thread shall be worn in full dress. Provided, however, that white gloves shall be worn for funeral or Divine Services, and during conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.
- h) **Insignia and Jewels.** Insignia of rank, shoulder straps, and jewels of office shall be only those prescribed by the Grand Encampment.
- i) **Prelate's and Ceremonial Robes.**
- (1) *Prelate's Robe.* The Regulation Robe of the Prelate of the Grand Commandery and of Constituent Commanderies shall consist of under-robos, mantle or over-robos, stole and biretta according to Section 253 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.
 - (2) *When Worn.* The Prelate shall wear his Robes of Office while officiating in the conferring of the Orders and may wear them outside the Asylum when attending a Templar funeral or religious service. At all other times, he shall wear the regulation Knight Templar Uniform of this Grand Jurisdiction and the jewel of his office.
 - (3) *Red Cross and Order of Malta.* The Ceremonial Robes, dress, and accouterments of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and of the Order of Malta shall be as prescribed in the Ritual.
- j) **Non-Regulation Accouterments.** Accouterments not provided for by these Regulations shall not be part of the Regular Dress Uniform. Fatigue caps, traveling caps gauntlets, and Knight Templar Aprons are not approved for use in this Grand Commandery, except when worn to reflect historical development of the uniform or as otherwise stipulated in these Regulations. Provided, however, that Sir Knights sojourning or having Dual Membership may wear the regulation uniforms of their own jurisdictions, notwithstanding any Regulation herein to the contrary.
- k) **Masonic Collar, Wearing by Grand Commander.** When the Grand Commander (or a Past Grand Commander) wears civilian attire (i.e., business suit, sport coat and tie, or formalwear), he is authorized to wear the jeweled insignia of his office in the form of a Masonic collar.
- l) **Knights Templar Apron, Wearing by Grand Commander.** When the Grand Commander wears his Masonic collar and jewel of office, he is authorized to wear a black triangular Knights Templar apron with gold accouterments. The apron shall be worn according to current Florida Masonic protocol.

37.303. Uniform for the Order of the Temple.

When conferring the Order of the Temple upon a candidate, the Officers of a Commandery must be fully clothed in the Dress Uniform prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Florida.

37.304. Swords, Wearing.

Swords shall be worn when attending Divine Service and at other public appearances. Provided, however, that the Grand Commander or a Constituent Commander may, when requiring or inviting attendance at Divine Service, specify omission of swords.

37.305. When Uniforms Unavailable.

In the event of a national emergency which would make the securing of uniforms impossible, a fee ample for the purpose of purchasing a uniform under normal conditions shall be collected by all Constituent Commanderies, from those required to possess the same, in this Grand Jurisdiction.

37.306. Officers to Wear Jewels.

All Officers of the Grand Commandery and of Constituent Commanderies shall wear, during their incumbency, the jewels of their respective office as are prescribed in Chapter XXI of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

37.307. Insignia of Rank and Shoulder Straps.

The Emblems to be used or worn on the uniforms of the various Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery and of the Constituent Commanderies to denote the rank of such persons in the Order shall be as are set forth in Section 241, Chapter 17, of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment. The shoulder straps to be worn by the various Officers of the Grand Commandery and of the Constituent Commanderies shall be worn on the shoulder, seam at the top of the shoulder, and shall be of the form authorized and described in Sections 243 and 244, together with the limitations as to the wearing of the same as set forth in Section 245 and 246, all of Chapter 17 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

37.308. Only Templar Jewels To Be Worn.

37.308.01. Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on Templar Uniforms. Meritorious Jewels, Knight Crusader of the Cross Jewel, Badge of Commandery, Order of Malta, and Order of Red Cross may be worn on the left breast, placed in order named, on a line with the third button on the coat.

37.308.02a. The Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Ribbon shall be worn directly above (touching the top of) the left breast pocket welt and centered on the embroidered Commandery designation cloth. When worn, the Red cloth band shall be on the right toward the center of the breast.

◀ "red" toward center of breast

Red

White

Blue

37.308.02b. Any Sir Knight honored with a second Meritorious Service Ribbon shall affix the designated 5-point star in the center of the ribbon. Additional stars may be affixed for subsequent awards so as to also be centered in line on the ribbon.

37.308.03. The Veterans Meritorious Service Ribbon shall be worn directly above (touching the top of) the left breast pocket welt and centered on the embroidered Commandery designation cloth. If worn in conjunction with the Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Ribbon, the Veterans Meritorious Ribbon shall be worn to the left of the Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Ribbon or any other Knight Templar Meritorious Ribbon.

37.309. Crosses of Malta.

Each Constituent Commandery shall present to each Sir Knight, at his reception into the Order of Malta, a regulation Cross of the Order of Malta.