

XIII. UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies, Grand Commandery of Missouri
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Chapeau

A military chapeau covered with black silk batters plush, edges trimmed with black silk velvet binding. Two black and one white ostrich plumes, so arranged that the black plumes shall show at the edges of the white overplume; the end of the white shall not extend beyond the rear peak of the chapeau more than three inches. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head. On the left side of the chapeau to be a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty satin points to the distance of one-half inch from the edge, is laid one row of quilled satin ribbon, in folds from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch wide, and on top of this is to be laid an oval black silk velvet rosette, three and one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighth inches in width, thus displaying the quilled satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of three-eighths to one-half inch; on the velvet oval shall be a cross, according to rank, as hereafter specified.

For Officers with the rank of Commander and above, the chapeau shall be trimmed in front with a gold tassel, half round in shape, with bright bullions and dull head; diagonally across the peaks, both sides of front and back, with a band or slasher, according to rank, as hereafter specified.

Details of cross and slashers follow:

For Grand Commander: Cross: A Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered by a single row of No.26 gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch in width (over slightly oval mold); in the center, at the point of intersection, one red stone set; the cross to be two and one-half inches square including embroidery. No twisted bullion at the several corners or angle of the cross.

Slashers: Of black silk velvet, one and one-fourth inches wide, edged with rope pattern of embroidery in No. 26 gold bullion, three-sixteenths of an inch wide, between which shall be embroidered in No. 26 and No. 27 gold bullion a laurel and olive wreath, in vine, leaf and berry.

For Past Grand Commanders: Cross: Same as above described for Grand Commander except with purple centers and purple stone set.

Slashers: Same as above described for Grand Commander.

For Officers of the Grand Commandery Below the Rank of Grand Commander: Cross: Same as above described for Grand Commander.

Slashers: Of gold wire lace, fifteen lignes wide, of vellum pattern (No. 1962).

For Commanders and Past Commanders: Cross: A Passion cross of red silk velvet, bordered on each edge with one row of No. 26 gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide (over slightly oval mold), with rays between the arms of the cross alternately in No. 26 and No. 27 gold bullion in open pattern, rays alternately short and long. The cross, including embroidery exclusive of rays, to be three inches high: cross arms to be two inches long; center of the cross

between the edges of the embroidery to be three-fourths of an inch wide; the longer lines forming the rays between the arms of the cross being the radius of a circle two and three-eighth inches in diameter measured from the center point of intersection of the arms of the cross, thus extending three-eighths of an inch beyond the three upper arms of the cross. No twisted bullion at the several corners or angles of the cross.

Slashers: Same as above described for Officers of the Grand Commandery below the rank of Grand Commander.

For Officers and Sir Knights Below the Rank of Commander: Cross: A Passion cross of red velvet, bordered with No. 26 silver bullion embroidery. The cross to be the same size and dimensions as that prescribed for commanders and Past Commanders except that said cross shall have no rays.

No tassel, band or slashers of any kind whatsoever.

Coat

The full dress uniform coat shall be midnight blue, three button, double breasted sack coat, to close with two buttons, shall be form-fitting with square cut peak lapel collar, with lower set-in pockets with flap, on each side, and upper set-in pocket, without flap, over left breast; there shall be three buttons on each sleeve and all buttons shall be black; material shall be serge, worsted or other comparable material of 8-10 ounce weight.

Trousers

The trousers shall be of same material and color as coat, with plain bottoms.

Shirt

White, plain broadcloth or similar material, with collar attached. No ribbed or sheered material.

Tie

Black, four-in-hand. No stick pin; no tie clasp or chain showing.

Gloves

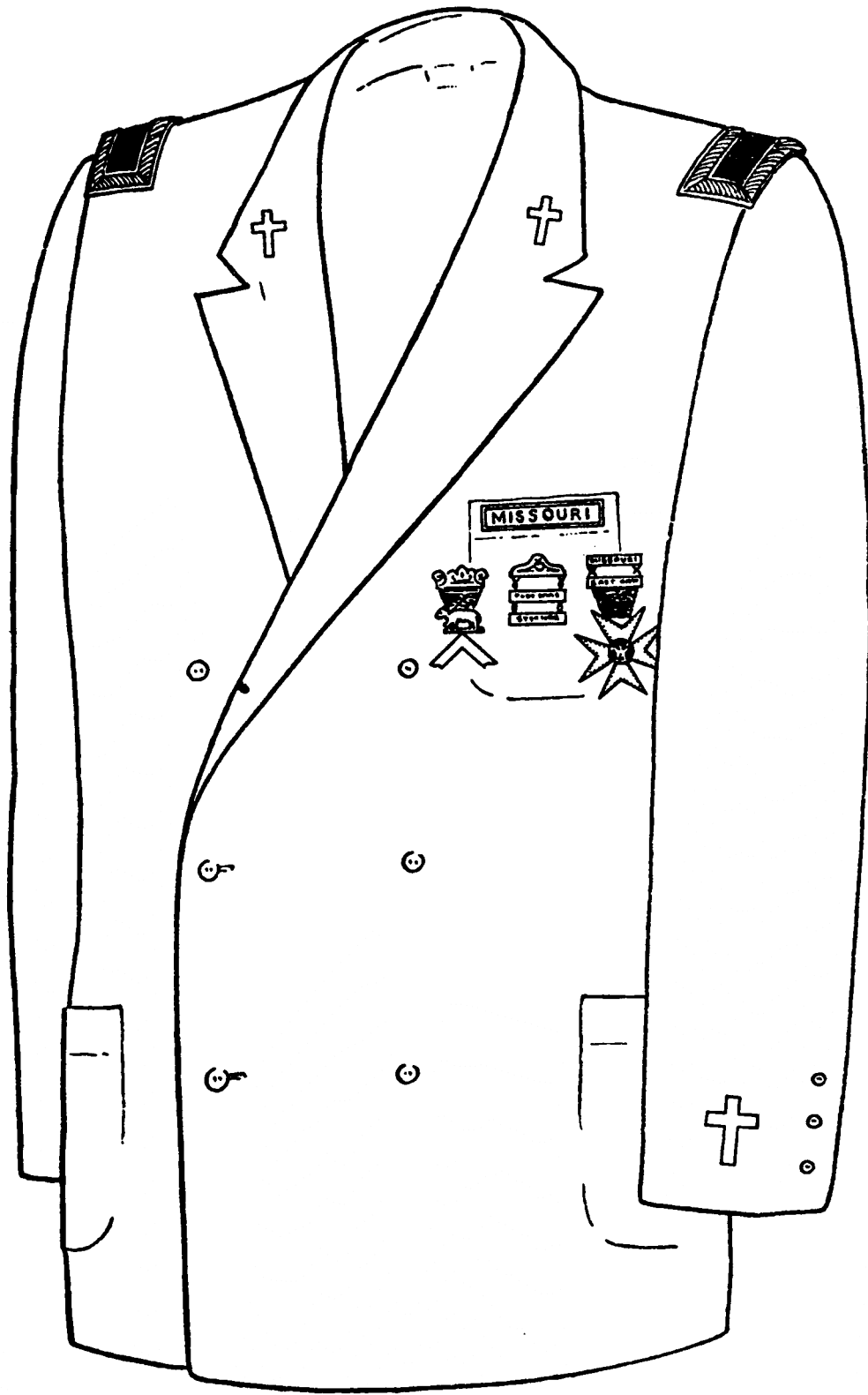
Buff colored. Lisle or chamoisette.

Socks

Black. Plain without clocks.

Shoes

Black leather.



Shoulder Straps

Shoulder straps as provided by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, sections 242 and 243, shall be worn by all officers and past officers of the Grand Commandery and of constituent commanderies.

The shoulder straps shall be worn with the outer edge on the sleeve seam, the top about one-quarter inch behind the shoulder seam. In constituent commanderies the Generalissimo shall wear the straps with the square to the outer side and the lamb to the inner side, the Captain-General shall wear the straps with the level to the outer side and the cock to the inner side.

Insignia

The word, "MISSOURI," in Gothic gold-colored letters, one-third inch in height, mounted on clasp pin, shall be worn on the center of the upper part of the top of the pocket on the left breast.

The top of the bar to be on a line with the top of the pocket, and on center of pocket.

Enameled metal crosses, one inch in height, with cross arms in proportion, mounted on pin clasps, shall be worn on lower part of collar of the coat, on each side. Cross to be worn in vertical position, bottom of cross one inch above point where collar and lapel join, sides of arms equal distance from outer edge of collar and collar seam.

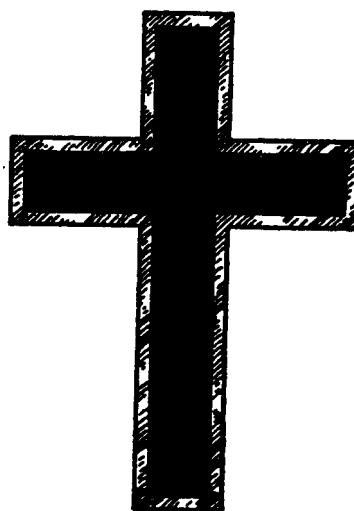
Enameled metal crosses, one and three-fourth inches in height, with cross arms in proportion, shall be worn on the outer side of sleeve, in the center, lower part of cross one inch above the cuff edge of the sleeve. For commanders and past commanders the cross shall be one inch in height.

For officers and members of constituent commanderies the crosses shall be the red passion cross.

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For Commanders and Past Commanders of constituent commanderies, a gold-colored background, with red passion cross with rays superimposed with red enamel, same for both collar and sleeve.

For officers of the Grand Commander, a red Templar Cross.

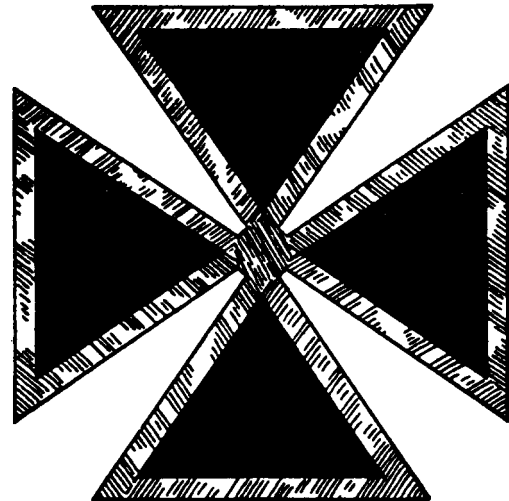
For past officers of the Grand Commandery , a red Templar Cross.

Past Grand Commanders, a royal purple Templar Cross.

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Jewels

Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Meritorious Jewels, Jewels of Office, Badge of Commanderies, and Malta Jewel, in order named, the ranking jewel on the right and the Malta Jewel on the left, shall be worn on the left breast of coat one inch below the word "MISSOURI."

Jewels to be worn and rank; Grand Commandery Officer, Past Grand Commander; Commander or Past Commander; Jewel of Office, Commandery Badge, Past Commanders' Assn., Drill; and Malta Jewel.

If only the Malta Jewel is worn is shall be directly below the center of the word "MISSOURI," on the left breast of coat; if two or more jewels are worn they shall be to the right and left of the center of the word "MISSOURI," the Malta Jewel on the left.

Belt

The belt shall be made of Black grain leather, one and three-quarter inches wide, garrison style and equipped with three slings of plain black leather on which to hang the sword; these shall be seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long suspended by clasps or other suitable means of attachment to inside of belt. Each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy metal swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a rigid metal sword hook.

Belt Buckle

To be rectangular in shape, two by three inches, of hard metal with one-eighth inch polished, raised, beveled edge, without ornamentation whatsoever except the face stippled in vermicelli pattern, dull finish; Passion cross of red hard enamel, perpendicular arm one and one-fourth inches, transverse arm seven-eighths of an inch; said cross to be without rays and in center of plate, over which shall be displayed in semi-circle, the words, "In Hoc Signo Vinces," in block letters in relief, with polished face; the plate to be attached to the belt with a French fastener, and return end to be held in place by sliding loop of back strap leather one-half inch 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 prescribed; provided however, that Officers of the Grand Commandery shall substitute for the red enameled Passion cross in the center of the plate, a Templar cross in red hard enamel, one and one-half inches square; and Commanders and Past Commanders shall wear the Passion cross, as above described, except with rays around the intersection of the arms of the cross. Past Grand Commanders will wear the Templar cross in Royal Purple hard enamel. For Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Past Commanders and Commanders the buckle shall be gold plated. For all other Sir Knights the buckle shall be silver plated.

The belt shall have silver colored fittings for the Sir Knights, and gold colored fittings for Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders and Past Commanders.

All members of competitive Asylum or Field Teams shall wear the same style belt; either the plain belt described above, or the belt described on pages 116-117 of the 1928 *TEMPLAR TACTICS AND MANUAL* (see Note on page 7).

Sword and Scabbard

The sword shall be thirty-four to forty inches in length, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head at pommel, straight cross guard, metal scabbard, white grip. The scabbard to have three hard metal mountings, two metal rings at upper and one at lower mount. The white grip to be ornamented in front with monogram of owner, and opposite side with Passion Cross and rays. All metal to be gold plate. For Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders and Past Commanders.

For all other Sir Knights same as for Commanders except all metal trimmings shall be silver plate and grip of sword shall be black, without monogram of owner. On the black grip shall be inlaid the Passion Cross of silver or white metal, without rays. There shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard.

Note: Below is the text from pages 116 - 117 of the 1928 Missouri Grand Commandery Tactics and Manual concerning the alternate belt referenced on page 79 in the 1961 Tactics and Manual. It is assumed that a belt buckle meeting the 1961 specifications is used with this belt rather than the 1928 belt buckle.

For Officers of the Grand Commandery Below the Rank of Grand Commander, Commanders and Past Commanders: Of black strap leather, one and three-fourth inches wide, mounted with a lace, woven of gold wire and black silk, one and five-eighths inches 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 five thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt clasped with gold belt plate of the pattern hereinafter described, and to have three slings of black strap leather on which to hang the sword, each seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as that on the belt, three-fourths of an inch wide, consisting of two stripes of gold each five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, and one black. The slings to be suspended by gold clasps from a black strap leather fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckle and gold swivel at the lower end. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a rigid gold sword hook.