

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of NEW JERSEY
UNIFORM REGULATIONS 2020**

A. Full Templar Uniform: Templar Uniforms may be worn for all occasions, provided that when appearing in public, the entire Commandery ***MUST be dressed in like manner*** – either in Regulation Uniform, Cap and Mantel, Summer Uniform, or Ceremonial Uniform. ***Head gear must match.*** Chapeau or Pershing or Bell Military Style Cap, Dress Coat, trousers, inside leather belt w/sling, sword, scabbard, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt & black tie.

1. Dress Coat:

a. Knights: black, three (3) button double breasted, equidistant from each other with three (3) buttons on each sleeve, outside left breast pocket, regular side pockets, side opening on left side for sword, sleeve insignia on each cuff.

b. Commanders, Generalissimo, Captain General and Past Commanders: same as Knights, except rank shall be indicated by Shoulder Straps.

c. Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Past Grand Commanders: same as Commanders, except sleeve to be finished with cuffs of Black Velvet, 4" deep, three (3) buttons and the appropriate cross-centered on each of the cuffs. Lower edge of cuff to start 1/8" from bottom of sleeve.

d. All Other Grand Officers: same as Commanders, except rank shall be indicated by shoulder straps.

2. Buttons: Three (3) 24 gild colored metal cross & crown buttons on each sleeve, three (3) 36 gild colored metal cross & crown buttons on each forepart of coat.

3. Shoulder Straps: As designated by Sections 243 - 244, Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

4. Sleeve Insignia: Passion Cross with rays on each sleeve to be 1-1/2" x 1-1/8" and applied 2" from bottom of cross to bottom of each sleeve.

a. Knights - Silver Cross with bright red center

b. Commanders and Past Commanders - Gold Cross with bright red center.

c. Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder - Templar Cross 1-1/2" square with bright red center.

d. Other Grand Officers - Same as for Commanders

e. Past Grand Commanders - Templar Cross 1-1/2" square with purple Center.

5. Insignia - May be Bullion or Mylar embroidery.

6. Service Stripes: Proscribed for optional wear. They shall consist of gold lace diagonal stripes, 2-1/2" x 1/4", spaced 1/4" apart, and mounted on black uniform material, with each stripe representing five (5) years of service. When worn, the stripes shall be applied to the left sleeve at an angle of 45 degrees, centered from side to side, with the lower end 5"(inches) from the bottom of the sleeve cuff.

7. Jewels: Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. The K.T.C.H. Jewel, Jewel of Office, Past Commanders Jewel, Badge of Commandery, Malta Cross Jewel & the Red Cross Jewel are to be worn on the left breast of the coat on a line with the top of the pocket, placed in the order named, from the wearer's right to left. When applicable, the Military Service Ribbon or Emergency Service Ribbon is to be centered above the Malta Cross Jewel, the Emergency Service Ribbon is to be centered above the Red Cross Jewell and the Knights Preceptor Pin is to be centered above the Past Commander's Jewel. In place of the Military Service Ribbon, when not applicable, the Emergency Services Ribbon is to be worn in the same position, over the Malta Jewel. Templar Jewels proscribed for MANDATORY WEAR are the Jewel of Office, if applicable, & the Malta Cross Jewel.

a. Emergency Service Ribbon: proposed at Annual Conclave 4 March 2017, approved at Annual Conclave 3 March 2018. The Emergency Service Ribbon is awarded for meritorious service in recognition of those Knights who have performed seven (7) years of satisfactory service certified by in at least one of the following fields: Fire Protection (structural Firefighting, Wildland Firefighting); Law Enforcement (State Police, Sheriff, Police, Corrections, Federal Law Enforcement (FBI, DEA. Et al) or Emergency Medical Services (EMT, Paramedic, Flight Nurse). The ribbon shall be the Blackinton Commendation Bar Model A10809, metal, 3/8" (.0375") high x 1 3/8" (1.375") wide, enameled red above blue on an upwards bias, bordered in gold tone, With clutch back fasteners.

8. Nametags: Proscribed for optional wear. When worn, the nametag shall be centered on the right breast of the coat. Nametags shall be rectangular with 5/8" X 3" dimensions and shall be either Gold (for All elected or appointed 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 following the design.

9. Trousers - Shall be of black cloth of standard military cut.

10. Sword and Scabbard: Twenty-eight (28) to forty (40) inches long inclusive of scabbard, helmet head, cross handle and metal scabbard, with cross of proper grade, one (1) inch in height on the hilt.

a. Knights: White metal scabbard suspended by three (3) white metal rings, black hilt, ornamented with white Passion Cross.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: same, except substitute gold-plated metal, with Passion Cross on white ivory hilt.

c. Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commanders: same as for Commanders, except substitute Templar Cross for Passion Cross.

d. Other Grand Officers: same as for Commanders.

11. Belt: Worn under coat, sword fixture extending through openings at side. To be plain black leather with two (2) short suspension straps with nickel-plated fixtures for Knights and gold plated fixtures for Commanders, Past Commanders and all Grand and Past Grand Officers.

12. Chapeau:

a. Knight: Military chapeau trimmed with black binding, two (2) black and one (1) white ostrich plumes, bright red velvet Passion Cross two and three-eighths inches long by one and one-half inches wide, bordered with silver, on left side of chapeau, in black satin rosette, placed vertically, front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one - fourth inches from head, sides of chapeau beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at the head.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: same as Knights, except Passion Cross and rays bordered in gold, and a strip of gold lace, one and three-eighths inches wide on both sides of the chapeau, running diagonally from head, at front and rear, upward to front and rear, to a point at top five inches from peaks, inside edges of lower end one and one-half inches apart, and with gold tassel on upper side of front peak.

c. Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Past Grand Commanders: same as for Commanders, except substitute Templar Cross for Passion Cross, in silk velvet, two inches square, bordered in gold to correspond with shoulder straps, bright Red Cross for grand officers listed above & purple for Past Grand Commanders.

d. Other Grand Officers: same as for Commanders.

12a. Military Style Black Cap:

a. Knight: Pershing or Bell Military Style Black Dress Cap, black band, black visor, 1 3/8 X 2 inch bright red Passion Cross trimmed in silver, with a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

b. Commanders and Past Commanders: same as Knights, except Passion Cross and rays bordered in gold, and a strip of gold lace, one and three-eighths inches wide on both sides of the chapeau, running diagonally from head, at front and rear, upward to front and rear, to a point at top five inches from peaks, inside edges of lower end one and one-half inches apart, and with gold tassel on upper side of front peak.

c. Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Past Grand Commanders: same as for Commanders, except substitute Templar Cross for Passion Cross, in silk velvet, two inches square, bordered in gold to correspond with shoulder straps, bright Red Cross for grand officers listed above & purple for Past Grand Commanders.

d. Other Grand Officers: same as for Commanders.

13. Military Style White Cap: This cap may be worn as directed by the Grand Encampment with the Dress Uniform instead of the Chapeau. The appropriate emblem of rank as previously noted will be worn in the center of the cap, just over the black visor. In the event that permission to wear this cap is removed by Grand Encampment, this section shall become null and void and shall not affect the rest of the uniform noted in this directive.

14. Gloves: Buff Colored, of cotton thread or chemisette.

15. Black Shoes: Plain Military black shoes.

16. White Shirt: Plain White Shirt.

17. Black Socks: Plain Black Socks.

18. Black Tie: Long plain black tie.

19. Cape: For optional wear as prescribed in Section 252, Statutes of Grand Encampment.

20. Shoulder Cords and fourragere': The shoulder cord or fourragere' [pronounced "fur-uh-zher)], when worn correctly, the braided loop of the cord should be worn under the arm with the two single loops on the outside. Worn as part of the Knight Templar Class "A" uniform of certain officers; fourrageres will have a silver tip.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CORD/FOURRAGERE'</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
Grand Instructor General	Fourragere'	Red & White
Deputy Instructor General	Cord	Red
Grand Inspector General	Fourragere'	Navy Blue & White
Adjutant Inspector General	Cord	Navy Blue
Grand Marshal	Fourragere'	Red & Yellow
Associate Grand Marshal	Cord	Red & Yellow
Aide to the Grand Commander	Fourragere'	White & Black
Outer Guard/Dais Aide	Cord	White
Ambassador	Cord	Light Blue
Eminent Commander	Cord	Green
Color Guard	Cord	Black & White

21. Optional Templar Uniform for Constituent Commanderies: Cap, Mantle, trousers, inside leather or nylon belt with sling, sword and scabbard, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt, black long tie. Officers of Commanderies may wear the Cap and Mantle as prescribed by Grand Encampment in lieu of dress coat and chapeau only when all officers are so clothed. This uniform may be worn to any Templar function. Templar Jewels as prescribed will be worn on the white shirt, on a line with the top of the pocket on the left breast. It is recommended that only the Jewel of Office and the Malta Jewel be worn.

B. Fatigue Uniform:

1. Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders: Fatigue Caps, dress coats, trousers, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt, and black long tie. The dress coat shall contain the appropriate sleeve insignia, service stripes, shoulder straps, jewels and name tag as prescribed for the Full Templar Uniform.

2. Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder & Past Grand Commanders: Fatigue caps: Fatigue coat, trousers, gloves, black shoes, black socks, white shirt, & black long tie.

3. Other Grand Officers: same as for Commanders.

a. Fatigue Coat: Black three (3) button double breasted, equidistant from each other, with three (3) buttons on each sleeve, outside left breast pocket, regular side pockets. The sleeve insignia and service stripes as prescribed for the dress coat are to be worn, as well as shoulder boards prescribed below. Nametags as prescribed shall be optional. The Malta Cross is the only jewel to be worn on this coat. It shall be centered on the left breast pocket on a line with the top of the pocket.

b. Buttons: Three (3) 24 ligne black cross and crown buttons on each sleeve, three (3) 36 ligne black cross and crown buttons on each forepart of the coat.

c. Shoulder Boards: Shoulder boards shall be 4" long and 2" wide, with the outer and inner end beveled on each side at an angle of 45 degrees, to be made stiff of black velvet with a 25 ligne black cross and crown button at the inner end. A block letter "N.J." gold gild metal device, 9/16" in height. The boards shall be placed facing outboard on each shoulder board 1/4" from the outer end. A Templar Cross, 1" square, shall be centered on each shoulder board, with a bright red center for Grand Officers concerned, and a purple center for Past Grand Commanders.

d. Fatigue Caps:

1. Knights: Military Pershing style cap or Bell type cap of black cloth. Visor of black leather, or other appropriate man made material, double knotted black silk cord, 3/16" in diameter, and cord attached to corner of visor by gold plated cross and crown buttons. In center of cap in front of a Passion Cross of bright red velvet, bordered with silver plated bullion embroidery, 1 1/2" in height, cross arms to be in proportion to height of cross.

2. Commanders and Past Commanders: The same except cord & cross shall be of gold plate instead of silver plate, & rays are added to the Passion Cross.

3. Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Capt. General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder: same as for Commanders except band is of black velvet in place of mohair braid, and Cross of Templar design with bright red center and gilt bullion border, 1 1/2" square in place of Passion Cross. Front strap of gilt wire lace 3/8" wide, stitched on black leather or some other appropriate man made material, and has two (2) loops of same pattern lace.

4. Other Grand Officers: same as for Commanders.

5. Past Grand Commanders: Same as for Grand Commander except Templar Cross will have a purple center. A cap with black velvet band with gilt bullion embroidery of a laurel and olive vine, in leaf and berry pattern, with border, top and bottom in rope pattern, gilt bullion may also be worn at the option of a Past Grand Commander.

e. Lapel Insignia: Prescribed for optional wear. When worn it shall be block letters "N.J." of metal, 9/16" in height, each letter followed by a period (.) and shall be worn on both lapels of the collar, horizontally, lower edge, 1/2" above the horizontal line of the lapel, the center of the "N.J." at the center of the collar.

1. Knights: White metal devices.

2. Commanders, Past Commander and All Gr. Commandery and Past Gr. Commandery Officers: Gold metal color devices.

C. Summer Uniform:

White Military Style 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 between the dates of April 15th and October 15th. This uniform may be worn in the Constituted Commanderies during these dates with permission of the Eminent Commander and as directed by the Grand Commander for various parades, etc.

1. Military Style Cap w/Cross: The Military Style Cap will be white in color with the appropriate cross of rank affixed to the front of it.

2. 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 Elected Members of the Grand Commander Line. Purple Templar Cross for all Past Grand Commanders. The collar of this shirt will be secured with the button.

3. Collar Insignia: The collar insignia shall consist of KT - NJ, worn on the collar points.

4. Long Black Tie: The tie will be long and black as is normally worn with the Dress Uniform.

5. Knight Templar Tie Clasp: The tie shall be secured with the appropriate gold tie clasp imprinted with New Jersey on it.

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

7. Name Tag: The name tag shall be gold in color bearing the insignia of the Cross and Crown with the letters of the Sir Knights name in black color. They shall be rectangular with 5/8" X 3" dimensions. The name tag will be worn centered over the right breast of the shirt.

8. Black Socks and Shoes: Black socks should be comfortable for the Sir Knight wearing same. Black shoes should be of plain military style.

D. Class "C" Uniform:

Black Blazer, w/ Knights Templar Patch on Pocket, White Shirt, Malta Pin, Gray Tie w/ Templar Cross, Knight Templar tie clasp, Light Grey slacks, black socks, and black shoes and Nametag. Dates of Service: This uniform may be worn at any time for appropriate occasions as outlined by the Grand Commander, when the Dress Uniform would not be appropriate or too cumbersome for the occasion.

1. Black Blazer: The Blazer shall be black in color with a Knight Templar patch affixed to the left breast pocket of the jacket.

2. White Shirt: The shirt will be white in color, either long or short sleeve, according to the comfort of the Sir Knight wearing it.

5. Malta Pin: A small Malta Pin will be affixed to the left lapel in lieu of a full size Malta Cross.

6. Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Templar Cross of Honor Pins: The lapel pins which accompany these awards may be affixed to the left lapel, below and in addition to the Malta Pin noted above.

7. Gray Tie w/ Templar Cross: With this uniform a gray tie with the following design woven throughout the fabric of the tie: The cross and crown, with crossed swords superimposed on a Malta Cross, with In Hoc Signo Vinces on the arms of the cross, all enclosed in a little silver circle.

8. Knight Templar Tie Clasp: Knight Templar tie clasp gold in color shall be worn w/ the tie. It shall be imprinted w/ New Jersey & the Cross & Crown Insignia.

9. Light Grey Slacks: Slacks shall be light grey in color and of appropriate length to cover the top of the shoe when properly worn.

10. Black Socks and Black Shoes: Socks shall be black in color and comfortable for the wearer. Shoes shall be plain black military style.

11. Nametag: Nametags shall be rectangular with 5/8" X 3" dimensions & shall be Gold with black letters, & have affixed the cross & crown design. This design will be imprinted or affixed to the left of the tag. This nametag will be worn over the Knights Templar patch on the left breast at the top of the pocket on the black blazer.