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**R. E. Sir GEO. A. LEWIS, Grand Commander, Frankfort, Ky.:**

DEAR SIR AND FRATER—Your committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Commandery, in regard to a uniform, submits herewith a report as to what shall constitute the regular uniform for Knights Templar in Kentucky

We have carefully considered the regulations of other States and reconciled the differences contained therein, and now present for your consideration a uniform, with as few changes from the commonly accepted uniform now used in our State as could be consistently made

Fraternally submitted,

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**UNIFORM REGULATIONS.**

1st. It is hereby required of all Kentucky Commanderies that when they shall hereafter procure uniforms or parts of uniforms as Knights of the Red Cross or Knights Templar, such uniforms or parts of uniforms shall strictly conform with these regulations.

2nd. Any Sir Knight who shall transgress or violate any of these regulations, shall, upon conviction thereof, be reprov'd, reprimanded or suspended at the discretion of his Commandery.

3d. Any Commandery that shall fail to enforce these regulations shall be reprimanded in general orders by the Grand Commander, and if it persists in its tactics its charter may be arrested.

4th. Inspecting Officers shall "inspect the lines" as nearly as practicable, according to the tactical forms and report every instance of violation or non-conformity with these uniform regulations

**FULL DRESS.**

Black regulation coat and black trousers.

Baldric, sword and belt.

Chapeau, buff gloves, black shoes

Shoulder straps as per the regulation of the Grand Encampment.

**FATIGUE DRESS.**

Black regulation blouse and black trousers.

Black silk cap with curved visor.

Sword and belt, white gloves, black shoes

Council Officers alone to wear shoulder straps same as full dress

**UNIFORM IN DETAIL.**

**FULL DRESS COAT.**—Double breasted frock coat of black cloth, lined with black material, with straight standing collar, not less than one inch nor more than one and one-half inches in height, to hook in front

at the seam, with a V opening at the throat and sloping at an angle of twenty-five degrees, buttoned with two rows of buttons nine in each row, placed four and one-half to five and one-half inches apart from eye to eye at top button, according to breadth of chest, and two and one-half to three and one-half inches apart from eye to eye at bottom button. Skirt of coat to have side edges and to reach no lower than two inches above the bend of knee; rear of skirt to have four buttons, two at waist seam and two at bottom of side edges. Sleeves of coat to be finished with stitching to simulate cuffs, three and one-half inches deep with three small buttons on each cuff and with an appropriate cross in the center of the front of the cuff, the horizontal arm of the cross resting on the seam of stitching.

FOR GRAND COMMANDERS AND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—The same coat as described above, buttoned with two rows of gold metal K. T. buttons, nine in each row, arranged in groups of three, with a Templar Cross on sleeve of red silk velvet, bordered with a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery three-sixteenths of an inch wide, with one red stone set at intersection of the points of said cross in the center, outside measurement of said cross, including the embroidery, to be one and one-half inches square



FOR PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS—Same coat as above, except buttoned with two rows of gold metal K. T. buttons, nine in each row, arranged equal in distance one from the other. A Passion Cross on the sleeve of red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch wide, with rays between the arms of the cross alternately in No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, in solid pattern; said cross to be, including embroidery, two inches high, cross arm to be one and one-third inches long, center of the cross between the edges of embroidery to be three-sixteenths of an inch wide.



FOR OFFICERS AND SIR KNIGHTS BELOW THE RANK OF EMINENT COMMANDER.—The same as described above for Grand Officers and Eminent Commanders, except that the coat shall be single breasted, with nine silver metal K. T. buttons in front, equal in distance, one from the other, four buttons on the skirt and three on each sleeve,

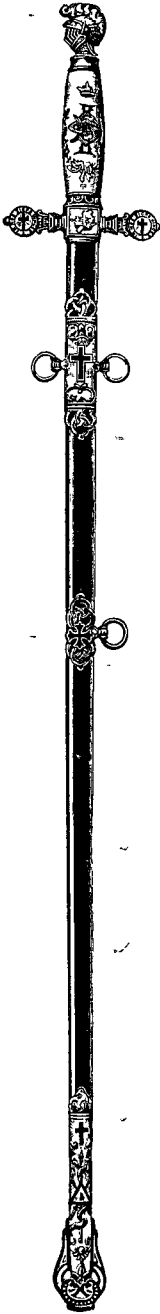
same size, pattern and material as those above described for Grand Officers and Eminent Commanders. The cuff shall be the same as that above described, except that the cross thereon shall be of red silk velvet, bordered with one row of No 26 silver plated bullion embroidery, the cross to be of the same dimensions as that prescribed for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that it shall have no rays



PAST GRAND COMMANDERS shall wear the same coat as that prescribed for officers of the Grand Commandery, except sleeve crosses with purple velvet centers and purple stone sets.

#### TROUSERS

FOR ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS —To be of black broad cloth or doe skin, of standard military cut, without side stripes or ornamentation of any sort whatsoever



### SWORD

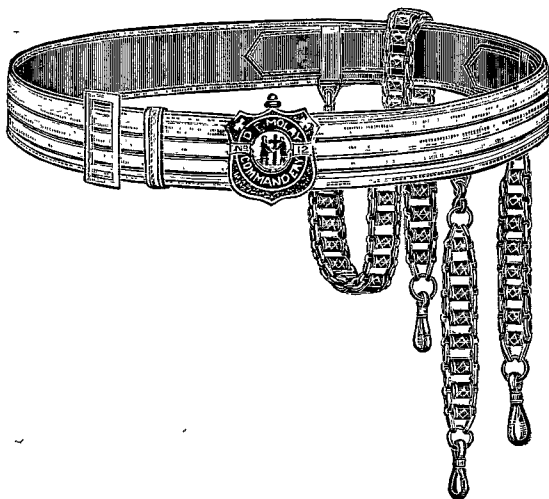
FOR GRAND OFFICERS, PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS—To be from 32 to 40 inches long, according to height, inclusive of scabbard, with helmet head, straight cross guard, metal scabbard, white ivory handle. The scabbard to have two metal rings at the upper mount and one at the middle mount. The ivory handle to be ornamented in front with the monogram of the owner, and on the opposite side is a Passion Cross with rays, provided, that Grand Officers may have the Templar Cross etched upon the sword handle if they so elect. All metal to be gilt or gold plate.

FOR SIR-KNIGHTS—A sword with white metal scabbard, suspended by three white metal rings, two at the upper mount and one at the middle mount; a straight cross guard, a helmet head, a white ivory handle, etched in front with the monogram of the owner, and on the opposite side with a plain Passion Cross without rays.

On all swords for both officers and members there shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard, nor shall the guard be other than a straight, solid pattern with curved edges. A blade not to exceed nineteen millimeters in width, with a scabbard to properly accommodate the same. All scabbards should be devoid of elaborate ornamentation and must contain no emblem other than recognized emblems of the Order.

## BELTS.

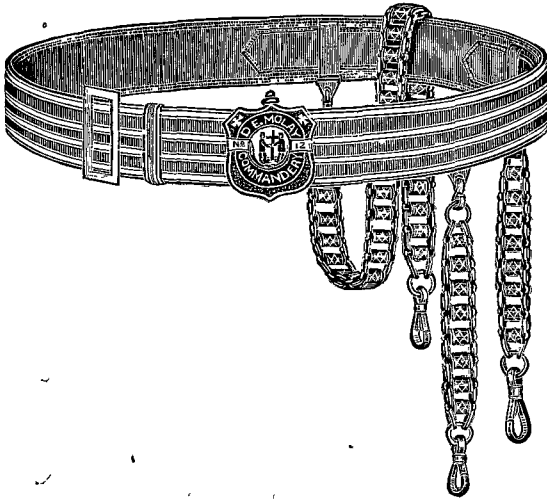
FOR GRAND OFFICERS, PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS — A red enameled or patent leather strap, one and three-quarter inches wide, fastened with gold-plated buckle or clasp, of pattern hereinafter described. The strap is to be trimmed over its entire width with metal and silk woven lace of gilt and red, known as Artillery lace. Three gold plated barrel chains supported by slides on the inside of the belt, two of said chains being short, the remaining one long with swivels and snaps at the lower ends thereof. On the top ring of the front short chain shall be a gold-plated sword hook.



FOR OFFICERS AND SIR KNIGHTS BELOW THE RANK OF EMINENT COMMANDER — A black enamel leather strap, one and three-fourth inches ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ ) wide, mounted with a lace woven of silver wire, and black silk one and five-eighth ( $1\frac{5}{8}$ ) inches wide, with colors in parallel stripes, four of silver and three of black; the black stripes to be of equal width, and silver stripes to be five thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt clasped with silver-plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three barrel chains on which to hang the sword, two of said chains being



short and one long. The chains to be suspended from a leather strap fastened to the inside of the belt; each chain to have heavy silver-plated swivels and snaps at the lower ends thereof. On the first chain at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a silver-plated sword hook.



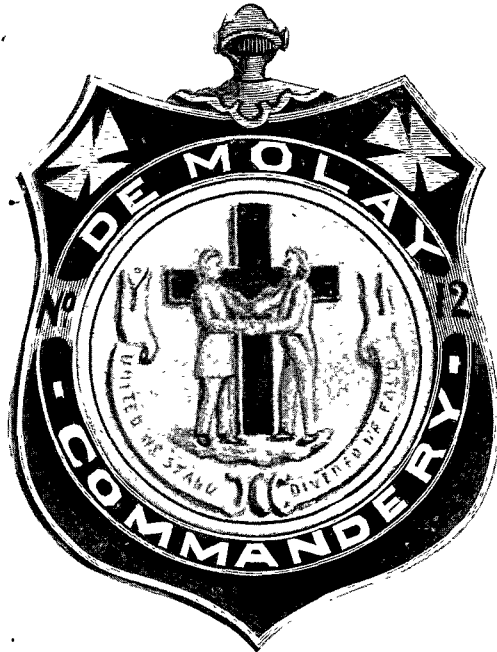
## BELT BUCKLE OR CLASP.

To be shield shaped, two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches wide by two and three-quarter ( $2\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches long, of hard metal with helmet head at the top and center of shield, across the upper part of the buckle in half circle, the name of the Commandery, in the lower half circle the word "Commandery" In the center of the two half circles is the number of the Commandery. In the center of the shield shall appear the coat-of-arms of the State of Kentucky, in the center of the coat-of-arms a Passion Cross of red hard enamel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS AND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY shall substitute for the red enamel Passion Cross in the center of the coat-of-arms a Templar Cross in red hard enamel, one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches square.



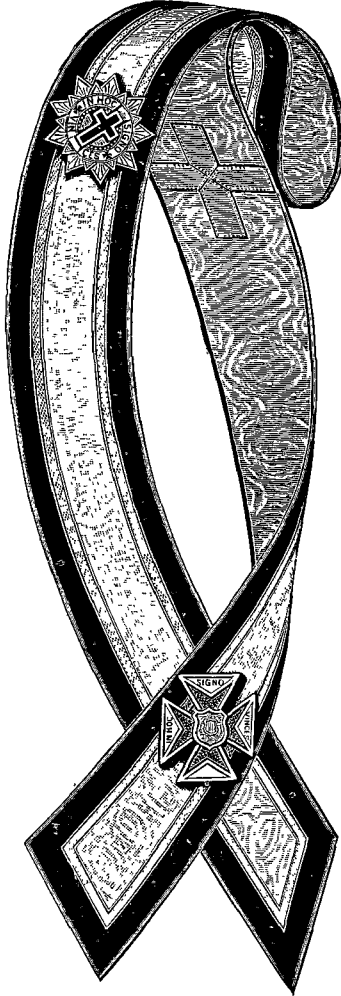
COMMANDERS AND PAST COMMANDERS shall wear the Passion Cross as above described, except with rays around the intersection of the arms of the cross



BALDRIC.

Worn only by officers and members under the rank of Eminent Commander. Body of Baldric to be four (4) inches in width, the center of white moire antique silk, bordered on each side with black silk velvet, one inch in width, over the seam where the velvet joins the silk to be a strip of silver-plated wire lace, three (3) lignes in width of vellum pattern (No. 1962) "On the center and front of the baldric a white metal star of nine points, in the center of star a Passion Cross without rays, the center of which is lined or filled with red silk velvet, surrounded by the motto, "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES;" said star to be three and three-fourth ( $3\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches in diameter; the ends of baldric to be held in place by a metal clasp or fastening, so that the point of intersection shall be six (6) inches from the lower end of the baldric; on the outer side, at point of intersection, a silver-plated plate or hauger in the shape of a Templar Cross, which may be provided with device for supporting the sword. Baldric is to be lined with green moire silk throughout its entire width and length. At the back of the baldric, so as to show on the left breast when reversed, a cross of equal arms and angles, made of red satin ribbon, one inch wide, the total length of the arms being four inches; said cross to be

mitered in the center. The shoulder seam on the outside of the baldric is to be covered on the white moire silk only with a piece of silver-plated wire lace, nine (9) lignes wide, of double edged pattern (No 2035). The baldric is to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.

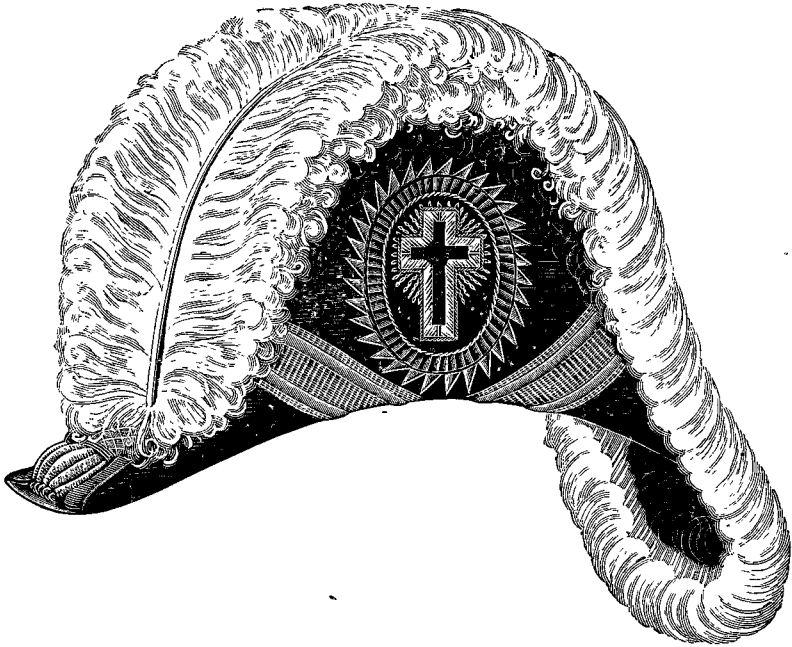


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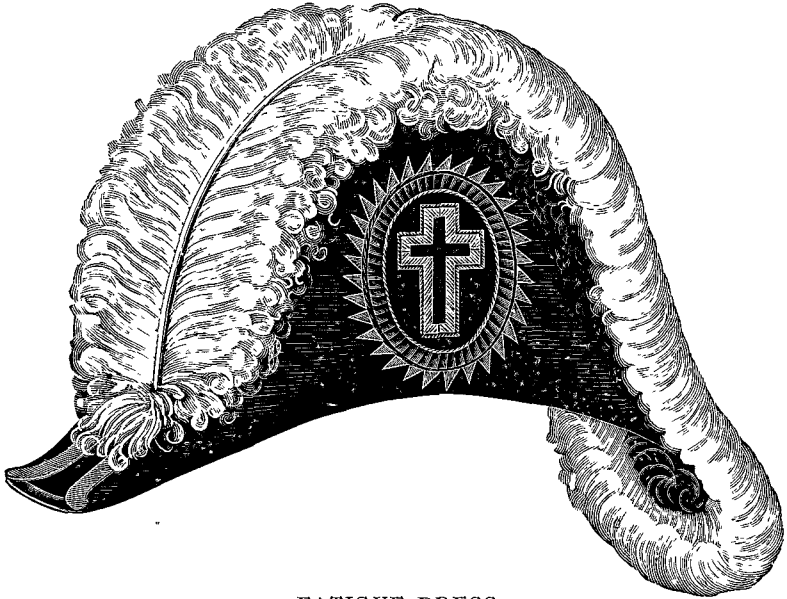
FOR GRAND OFFICERS—A military chapeau, trimmed with black silk velvet binding, and with two black and one white ostrich plumes, to extend over the rear peak not more than three and one-half ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-half ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches from the head, side of chapeau to be beveled, being an inch smaller at the top than at the head, diagonally across both sides of the

peak, both front and rear, a band of gold-plated wire lace, fifteen (15) lignes wide, of vellum pattern (No. 1962), in front a half round gold bullion tassel, on the left side a rosette, oval in shape, five (5) inches in height, by four (4) inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three (33) satin points in single fold, on top of which, so as to display said points to the distance of one-half an inch from the edge is laid one row of quilled black satin ribbon, in folds of from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch in width, and on top of which is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette, three and one-fourth ( $3\frac{1}{4}$ ) inches in height by two and five-eighths ( $2\frac{5}{8}$ ) inches in width, thus displaying the quilled side of the ribbon around the said velvet rosette to a distance of from three-eighths ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) to one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) an inch. On the velvet oval shall be a Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered by a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of an inch in width; in the center, at the point of intersection, one red stone set. Said cross to be two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches square, including embroidery.

FOR PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS—The same as that above described for Grand Officers, except that in place of the Templar Cross on the rosette, there shall be a Passion Cross, the upright arm three inches, the transverse arm two inches, of red silk velvet bordered by No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of an inch wide, leaving the velvet exposed in the center to five-sixteenths ( $\frac{5}{16}$ ) of an inch. Said cross to have at the points of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern



FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS BELOW THE RANK OF EMINENT COMMANDER.—The same as that above described for Grand Officers, except there shall be no tassel or side lace of any kind whatsoever, and on the rosette shall be a red silk velvet Passion Cross, bordered with No 26 silver-plated bullion embroidery of the same size and dimensions as that prescribed for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that said cross shall have no rays All chapeaus to have water-proof covers



FATIGUE DRESS.

COAT—The fatigue coat of all Officers and Past Officers, Grand and Subordinate, and Sir Knights shall be a single-breasted sack coat of black cloth or serge, with standing collar fastened with hook and eye coat to close with a flap containing suitable concealed fastenings, the skirt to extend from one-third to two-thirds the distance from the hip joint to the bend of the knee, according to height of wearer; cut to fit the figure easily, a vertical opening at each side of the hip, the coat to be trimmed with lustrous black mohair flat braid as follows: Edged all around the bottom, the front edges, the collar, and for six inches upward from the bottom along both side openings to the skirt, with braid one and one-fourth ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) inches wide. Shoulder straps and collar insignia to be worn. All officers and Sir Knights shall wear black cloth trousers without stripes or other ornamentations

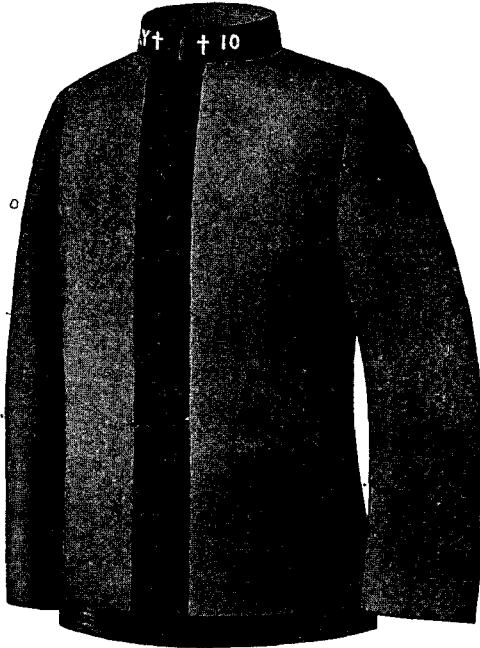
FOR PAST GRAND COMMANDERS —A Templar Cross of purple silk velvet, worn on both sides of the collar, bordered with a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery. at the point of intersection a small purple stone set, cross, including embroidery, to be one (1) inch

square. In addition to the cross, on the right side, to wearer, of V opening, the letters "KY," five-eighth ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) of an inch high. On the left side the figures indicating number of his Commandery

FOR OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—The same as that for Past Grand Commanders, except that the center of the cross shall be of red silk velvet, and the single stone set shall be red

FOR PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS—A red silk velvet Passion Cross worn on both sides of the collar, bordered with a single row of No 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, rays of alternate No 26 and No 27 gilt or gold bullion at the intersection of the arms of the cross, cross to be one (1) inch in height. In addition to the cross on the right side, to wearer, of V opening, the letters "KY," five-eighths ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ) of an inch high. On the left side the figures indicating the number of his Commandery

FOR GENERALISSIMOS, CAPTAIN GENERALS AND SIR KNIGHTS—The same as that provided for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that the embroidery around the cross shall be of No 26 silver bullion embroidery and the cross shall be without rays

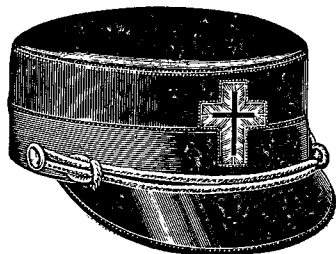


## FATIGUE CAPS

FOR GRAND OFFICERS—A black silk cap, two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) to three (3) inches in height, with steel skeleton frame, wide drooping visor of patent leather, band of gold wire lace, twelve (12) lignes wide, vellum pattern (No. 1962). In front a double loop cord one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) lignes gilt or gold wire cord, held in place at the sides of the cap by two small gilt buttons, bearing the device of the cross and crown. On front of cap a Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered by one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery three-sixteenths ( $\frac{3}{16}$ ) of an inch in width; at the point of intersection one red stone set, the cross to be, including the embroidery, one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches square.

FOR PAST COMMANDERS AND COMMANDERS - Same as that described for Grand Officers, except in place of Templar Cross there shall be in front a Passion Cross of red silk velvet, bordered with one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery three-sixteenth ( $\frac{3}{16}$ ) of an inch in width. Upright arm of cross to be two inches, transverse arm one and one-third ( $1\frac{1}{3}$ ) inches, including the embroidery, the red silk velvet to show in the cross to the width of three-sixteenths ( $\frac{3}{16}$ ) of an inch. At the point of intersection of the cross alternate No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern.

FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS BELOW THE RANK OF EMINENT COMMANDER.—Same as that described for Eminent Commander, except that the band shall be of black ribbed silk; the cord and buttons shall be silver-plated and the cross shall be of the same size as that prescribed for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that the embroidery shall be of silver-plated bullion and the cross shall have no rays. All caps to have water-proof covers.



TRAVELING CAP.

A soft silk traveling cap with or without visor, of such pattern as may be desired may be adopted for use by Commanderies when traveling or when not appearing under orders in any of the ceremonies of the Order. In selecting a cap, however, Sir Knights will wear crosses without rays, which may be embroidered in red silk or silver-plated bullion; the use of either the full name of the Commandery or the city at which stationed is not recognized. Grand Officers, Past Commanders and Commanders will wear gilt or gold in adopting a traveling cap under the foregoing provision, with crosses appropriate to their rank.



## GAUNTLETS OR CUFFS.

Gauntlets or cuffs may be worn by mounted Officers and by Commanders and Drill Corps when drilling or giving exhibition drills with the sword, but not otherwise.

## SHOULDER STRAPS.

Shoulder straps shall conform to Title 52, Section 5, page 82, Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as follows:

SEC. 5. The wearing of shoulder straps is limited to the Officers and Past Officers, as follows:

*The Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.*—Royal purple silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long (outside measurement) bordered with two rows of embroidery of gold three-eighths of an inch wide. The Cross of Salem, embroidered of gold, in center, lengthwise.

*For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment*—The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem. The Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively embroidered of silver (old English characters), at the foot of the Cross, narrowwise of the strap.

*For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery, except Past Grand Commanders.*—Bright red silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, a quarter of an inch wide; the Templars' Cross of gold, with initials of the office respectively, to be embroidered (old English characters) in silver, on lower end of strap

*For Past Grand Commanders*—The same as above, except that the color of the shoulder strap shall be royal purple and the lettering omitted.

*For the Commander of a Commandery.*—Emerald green silk velvet, one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold, a quarter of an inch wide, the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in center

*For Past Commanders.*—The same as for Commanders, except that the color of the strap shall be bright red.

*For Generalissimo*—The same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Square, surmounted with Pashal Lamb

*For the Captain General*—The same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Level, surmounted with the Cock

SEC. 6. *Red Cross*—The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side. Templar cap with Red Cross of Order instead of Passion Cross; or cover, sword and white gloves constitute the uniform of a Companion of the Red Cross

The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes

*Of Knights Malta*—Same as Knights Templar

## CHART.

The illustrated chart approved by the Grand Commandery is declared to correctly delineate and define such parts of the standard uniform as are thereon shown, and said chart shall govern in detail and be construed with and as a part of these uniform regulations.