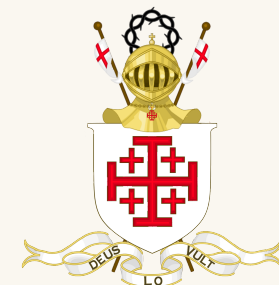


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HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

Dress & Insignia

A guide for Knights and Dames



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Dress for the occasion

Begin with the invitation. Match the outfit, the occasion and the permitted insignia.

01

CHURCH CEREMONY

Mantle, beret or mantilla, gloves and the prescribed insignia. Wear the clothing requested for that particular liturgy.

KNIGHTS 03 / DAMES 04

02

BUSINESS & DAYTIME

Dark business suit or suitable tailored day dress. The rosette is the customary insignia; neck crosses and miniatures are not worn with ordinary business dress. [1,5]

EVERYDAY DRESS 05

03

BLACK TIE

Dinner jacket or tuxedo with black bow tie; appropriate evening dress for Dames. Confirm which insignia the invitation permits. [1]

FORMAL DRESS 05

04

WHITE TIE

Black tailcoat, white waistcoat and white bow tie; long formal evening dress for Dames. Decorations follow the occasion and the member's rank. [1]

RANK & INSIGNIA 06

The Toronto approach: use the current Lieutenancy event notice as your starting point. Published Toronto events have specified business suits under mantles; older events have requested tuxedos. Historical examples are not standing instructions for every Investiture. [3]

Prepared for members of Lieutenancy Canada - Toronto. This reference supports event preparation; it does not represent a newly issued or approved Lieutenancy regulation.



Knights: ceremonial dress

A white mantle, the Jerusalem Cross and a carefully assembled outfit.



ILLUSTRATIVE DRESS PLATE

Mantle

Ivory white, with the scarlet Jerusalem Cross on the wearer's left breast and a white-cord frog fastening. The 2025 rule specifies 10 cm below the knee; Toronto also publishes a mid-calf description. Confirm the approved local garment. [2,7]

Beret & gloves

Black velvet beret, with the badge on the wearer's right; white gloves. Keep the badge secure and the gloves clean. [1,5]

Beneath the mantle

A dark business suit, white shirt and tie provides the base for the Toronto event example cited here. Wear black dress shoes. Follow a different outfit when the event notice requests it. [3]

Insignia

Use the neck insignia prescribed for your rank and ceremony. Check its position before vesting; avoid twisting the ribbon or catching it in the mantle closure. [1,6]

Placement check: mantle cross on your left; beret badge on your right. The Pilgrim Shell is centred on the cloak cross. The 2025 Regulations also permit the Palm of Jerusalem at left chest height when bestowed. [7]

The plate shows basic ceremonial dress, not a particular person or a complete set of rank decorations.



Dames: ceremonial dress

A black mantle and mantilla form a coherent, dignified ceremonial ensemble.



ILLUSTRATIVE DRESS PLATE

Mantle & mantilla

Ankle-length black cloak with a black velvet collar and scarlet Jerusalem Cross edged in gold on the wearer's left breast. Wear the black mantilla. A short silk-braid tie or frog secures the throat. [5,6,7]

Gloves

Black gloves in solid fabric. Choose a length suited to the sleeve and the event instructions: longer gloves with short sleeves, shorter gloves with long sleeves. [5]

Beneath the mantle

Appropriate black attire, as specified in Toronto's published event notice. Select a modest neckline, comfortable black dress shoes and an outfit suited to worship. [3]

Insignia

Wear the neck insignia prescribed for your rank and the occasion. Keep additional jewellery restrained and confirm special-award placement before the procession. [1,6]

Ordinary cloak or capitular cloak? Long ornate gold or silver tasselled cords belong to the capitular cloak of authorised office holders. They are not part of an ordinary Dame's cloak. Use the short throat fastening instead. [2,7]

Use the actual object close-ups on pages 7-12 to identify insignia.



Formal & evening dress

The invitation determines the dress code. Your rank determines the permitted insignia.



Black tie

Dinner jacket and black bow tie



Evening dress

A modest formal gown



White tie

Tailcoat and white waistcoat

Black tie: read the decoration instruction

The conduct booklet generally associates dinner-jacket dress with the rosette. It also permits miniatures at Order ceremonies and describes an exception after Investiture for newly invested or promoted members. Western USA cards illustrate these regional arrangements. Confirm the instruction for your Toronto event. [1,5]

White tie: assemble the correct rank ensemble

The Knight's cross hangs beneath its military trophy; the Dame's cross beneath an ornamental gold bow. Grand Cross dress adds its prescribed sash and star. Confirm the applicable formal ensemble with the Master of Ceremonies. See the close-up plates on pages 7-12. [1,6,7]

For business occasions, wear the rosette rather than adding the neck cross or miniatures. The illustrations show selected examples, not every permitted combination. [1,5]



Rank & insignia

Know your own set. Formal evening arrangements differ from ceremonial dress.

KNIGHT / DAME

The basic neck cross, worn with formal or liturgical dress when prescribed.

KHS / DHS

COMMANDER

A larger Commander neck cross. Keep the correct cross and ribbon together.

KCHS / DCHS

COMMANDER WITH STAR

Also called Grand Officer. The North Central formal example combines the Commander neck cross with a star on the left breast.

KC*HS / DC*HS

GRAND CROSS

Sash and badge from right shoulder to left hip, plus the Grand Cross star. The 2025 Regulations also describe a neck cross; follow the approved ensemble for the occasion.

KGCHS / DGCHS

Compare the 2025 General Regulations, Article 77, with the local formal examples in North Central's protocol. Enlarged object references follow on pages 7-12. [6,7]

Before vesting: ask the Master of Ceremonies to confirm the arrangement for your own rank. Do not add a sash, breast star, miniature or rosette simply because it appears in another member's outfit. Published regional ceremonial arrangements differ. [5,6]

Clergy, Collar recipients and members wearing several authorised honours should obtain individual protocol guidance.



Neck crosses: close views

The suspension identifies the wearer; cross size distinguishes Knight or Dame from Commander.



Knight neck cross - KHS

35 mm cross; military trophy above. [6,7]



Dame neck cross - DHS

35 mm cross; ornamental metal bow. [6,7]



Knight Commander - KCHS

50 mm cross; military trophy above. [6,7]



Dame Commander - DCHS

50 mm cross; ornamental metal bow. [6,7]

Shared-design photographs illustrate the two suspension types. Repeated enlargements are not different specimens and are not to scale; dimensions refer to the cross, not the whole suspension.

Stars & sash badges

Distinguish the wreath-centred Commander star from the large-cross Grand Cross star.



Commander with Star

KC*HS / DC*HS - star with green wreath. [8]



Grand Cross star

KGCHS / DGCHS - large Jerusalem Cross. [8]



Knight Grand Cross sash badge

Military trophy suspension. [6]



Dame Grand Cross sash badge

Ornamental gold-bow suspension. [6]

Existing object photographs, enlarged without redesigning the metalwork. The black sash passes from the wearer's right shoulder to the left hip. [6,7]



Miniatures by rank

Enlarged examples from the North Central identification plate; each miniature is named below.

KNIGHT MINIATURES



Knight



Knight Commander

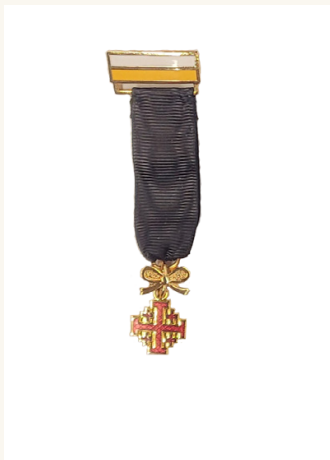


Knight Commander with Star



Knight Grand Cross

DAME MINIATURES



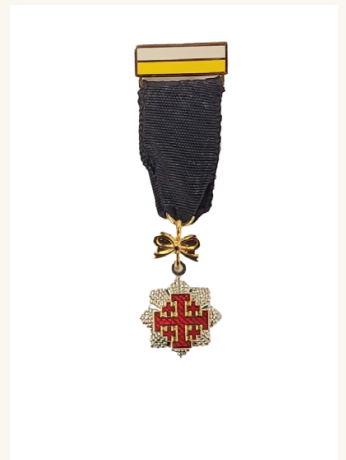
Dame



Dame Commander



Dame Commander with Star



Dame Grand Cross

Miniatures: wear your rank only when prescribed. The photographs show North Central's mounted examples; approved mounting formats may vary. [6,7]



Rosettes & beret badges

Published identification examples for the four common ranks. No invented ornament has been added.

KNIGHT ROSETTES



Knight



Knight Commander



Knight Commander with Star



Knight Grand Cross

DAME STICKPIN ROSETTES



Dame



Dame Commander



Dame Commander with Star



Dame Grand Cross

KNIGHT BERET BADGES



Knight



Knight Commander



Knight Commander with Star



Knight Grand Cross

Rosettes: North Central p. 4. Beret badges: North Central p. 11. A badge of office or Collar-rank badge is a distinct authorised item and is not substituted by one of these common-rank badges. [6,7]

Special distinctions

Pilgrim's Shell and the three grades of the Palm of Jerusalem - worn only when bestowed.



Pilgrim's Shell

Silver shell with red Jerusalem Cross. [6]



Palm of Jerusalem - Gold

Gold-coloured grade. [8]



Palm of Jerusalem - Silver

Silver-coloured grade. [8]



Palm of Jerusalem - Bronze

Bronze-coloured grade. [8]

The Shell is centred on the cloak cross with its hinge uppermost. The 2025 Regulations also allow the Palm at left chest height. These are special distinctions, not membership ranks. [7]



The Collar & colour reference

The exceptional Collar class, followed by the verified colour terminology used for this edition.



Collar chain link

Existing specimen detail. Seller watermark retained. [9]

Collar badge and suspension

Knight / Dame of the Collar. Documented collector specimen: Knight military-trophy form. The pendant has a central religious relief within a green wreath. The photographed specimen is not a current manufacturing drawing. [9]

Blood-red enamel; scarlet cloth

The General Regulations describe blood-coloured enamel for the insignia and scarlet cloth for cloak crosses. Cloth and enamel are different materials; the quoted colour descriptions refer to the corresponding objects. [7]

A sampled reproduction colour

The document accent is #B80015 (RGB 184, 0, 21), sampled from a red area of Toronto's published coat-of-arms artwork. No official Pantone, CMYK or HEX specification was found in the sources reviewed; this sample is not presented as one. [4]

Object photographs retain their source colours. Cloth, enamel, lighting, screens and printed ink will not render identically. For a manufactured garment or medal, use the authorised supplier's approved specification.



Ready for the ceremony

A few deliberate checks make the outfit comfortable, orderly and complete.



READ THE NOTICE

Confirm the venue, arrival time, dress beneath the mantle and permitted insignia.



LAY OUT THE ENSEMBLE

Mantle; beret or mantilla; gloves; correct insignia; suitable clothing and shoes.



CHECK THE DETAILS

Secure badge, closures and ribbon. Check garment length, footwear and glove condition.



ARRIVE TO VEST

Allow time for a final check by the Master of Ceremonies. Follow the marshal's directions for the procession, seating and gloves.



PACK WITH CARE

After use, air and store the garments appropriately. Keep each item of insignia in its own protective case.

Investees: the instructions for existing members may differ from yours. Confirm when to put on the mantle, what to carry and which insignia will be presented during the ceremony.

Wear the ceremonial mantle only for authorised Order participation. For appearances outside the normal programme, confirm the required authorisation with the Lieutenancy. [1,5]



Sources & image credits

Specifications, local practice and the source of every visual category.

[7] General Regulations, 2025

Primary specification reference: Articles 75-77 (printed pp. 62-69) for distinctions, dress, fastenings, colours and rank insignia.

[1] Principles of Conduct

Member-supplied booklet; older dress guidance, read alongside the newer General Regulations.

[2] Toronto: Knights Insignia

Local garment descriptions and the distinction between ordinary and capitular cloaks.

[3] Toronto: Events Calendar

Historical local ceremony instructions, including the 2024 Investiture Mass.

[4] Toronto: Identity & Heraldry

Lieutenancy name, original website-header coat of arms, and colour-sampling source.

[5] Western USA: Insignia

Regional rank cards and dress comparisons.

[6] North Central: Dress Protocol, September 2025

Actual object images: neck crosses, miniatures and rosettes p. 4; sash badges p. 5; beret badges p. 11; Shell p. 15.

[8] Barbiconi: Holy Sepulchre medals

Existing manufacturer photographs: Commander-with-Star star S01-21; Grand Cross star S01-20; Palms of Jerusalem in gold, silver and bronze.

[9] eMedals: Collar specimen EU11466

Existing specimen photographs: Collar pendant and chain-link close-ups. Watermarks retained.

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