

Fourth Division Council for Templar Advancement



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO

Sir Knights, much has been discussed and argued over the placements of our various jewels on our uniform. It is my hope that this program will place finality to this discussion.

MANUAL OF ASYLUM CEREMONIES pages 104 and 105

Wearing of Jewels and Badges

Section 1122. Drill Corps Jewel or Badges: A Commandery may adopt a drill corps jewel or badge having thereon the appropriate emblems of Masonic Knighthood, and may prescribe by whom the same may be worn, with such conditions and limitations as it may determine.

Section 1123. Badges and Jewels: No Badge or Jewel shall be worn on a Knight Templar uniform except those which are issued by or pertain to Chivalric Masonry. All Jewels are worn on the left breast, from right to left, in order of precedence. On the extreme right (left of center of the body) shall be the Jewel of Office; next Jewels for meritorious service including the Jewel of K.T.C.H., next ^{NP} the Jewel of a Past Deputy Division Commander, the Jewel of a Past Commander, Veterans Bar above the first jewel worn of the following, Drill Team, Service Award, next, the Commandery Badge, if worn, and last the Malta Jewel. Jewels will be worn on a line with the third button, if old style closed neck uniform is worn and opposite the first button, if the new style, open neck lapel type uniform is worn.

Commanders, Past Commanders and Line Officers wearing the double-breasted coat will wear the Badge of Office or Jewel of a Past Commander in the center of the rows of buttons and in line with the top buttons, but in no case shall any Jewel interfere with the belt.

No Jewel shall ever be worn on the right breast. (As amended October 5, 1979).

The Officers' Jewels of a Commandery shall be silver except for that of the Commander, which shall be gold.

Starting in center of coat Jewels will be worn on the LEFT BREAST ONLY in the following order:

Grand Commandery Jewel

Commandery Jewel of Office

K.T.C.H. Jewel

Past Deputy Division Commander Jewel

Past Commander Jewel

Veterans Bar goes above jewel worn below

Grand Encampment Drill Bar State Drill Bar

Commandery Service Award Commandery Badge

Malta Jewel

Citation Cords are worn over left shoulder

NOTE: If a Red Cross Jewel is worn we must go to the CONSTITUTION and STATUTES OF THE Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Section 257. Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Jewels of office, meritorious jewels, badge of Commanderies, Malta and Red Cross jewel may be worn on the left breast, placed in the order named, from the wearer's right to left.

The following is the history of what many Sir Knights mistakenly call the KYCH Jewel. I might add that there is no such approved Jewel. The proper term is as follows.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty-Fifth Regular Conclave (Koon)
Pages 28 & 29

Grand Commander's Decisions

Decision No. 1, Sept 15, 1996 Grand Commander's York Rite Service Award
In order to reward the tireless efforts of those Sir Knights who have been the backbone of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, by their diligent support in sustaining the highest principles of York Rite Masonry in general, and Templar Masonry in particular, it is my Decision to establish the Grand Commander's York Rite Service Award. This award is a gold crown, with the emblems of the four York Rite Bodies on a band across the face. There will be no lettering. The award shall be worn immediately above the Past Commander's Jewel, and becomes an integral part thereof. ^{NP}

This award will be made at the discretion of the Grand Commander. His decision will be based solely on service to the York Rite of Freemasonry in general, and Templary in particular. The recipient must be a Past Commander.

The Grand Commander will notify, in writing, the Grand Recorder of his selection of those Sir Knights to receive this award. The Grand Recorder will maintain a record of these selections. The distinctive jewel will be available only through the Grand Recorder's Office.

The Following is probably one of the most discussed Jewels, the Veterans Bar.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Sixty-Third Regular Conclave (Michael)
The following is results from Decision No. 2 on 05/27/05 found on page 31.

Page 83, The Uniform Committee;

Decision No. 2 of May 27, 2095, SERVICE RIBBON.

It is my decision to allow those Sir Knights who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America to wear a Service Ribbon.

This ribbon will be worn above the first Service Jewel to the left of the Past Commander's Jewel, if one is worn.

The Grand Recorder will maintain a record of those requesting pins and ribbons.

Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

This Jewel is to be worn between the Past Commanders Jewel and the Drill Bars (as per William H. Koon II, MEGM).