



North Central Lieutenancy Dress Protocol

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NCL Dress Protocol—In Brief

In this protocol, the North Central Lieutenancy defines four levels of attire: Casual, Business (with cocktail attire when noted), Formal, and Liturgical, to help members align their dress with lieutenancy norms for modesty, appropriateness, and use of insignia. When necessary, members may prioritize comfort over formality for Casual, Business, and Formal Attire. These standards apply only to North Central Lieutenancy and section events. Attire in other lieutenancies worldwide varies according to local practice. See the full booklet for details.

Type of Attire	Knights	Dames	Clergy
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<div data-bbox="82 777 305 871" style="background-color: #f0e68c; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Business</h2> </div> <p>Business Attire is worn at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal lieutenancy and Section gatherings • Business sessions of the Annual Meeting • Cocktail hour • Formal dinners • Lieutenancy Masses when not processing 	<p>Dark business suit</p> <p>Sport coat (optional) with collared shirt and tailored pants</p> <p>Necktie</p> <p>Dark dress shoes</p> <p>Rosette pin (optional)</p>	<p>Formal dresses, pantsuits, tailored slacks or skirt</p> <p>Dressy blouse with optional blazer sweater</p> <p>Dressy sandals, heels, flats</p> <p>Cocktail attire may be worn at the Saturday dinner</p> <p>Rosette pin (optional)</p>	<p>Cassock of rank or black suit with Roman collar</p> <p>Dark dress shoes</p> <p>Rosette pin (optional)</p>
<div data-bbox="82 1213 305 1308" style="background-color: #800000; color: white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Formal</h2> </div> <p>Formal Attire is worn at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebratory banquets 	<p>Black tie for Knights</p> <p>White tie for Grand Cross and officers</p> <p>Black dress shoes</p> <p>Insignia and decorations</p>	<p>Conservative evening gown</p> <p>Elegantly tailored evening trousers</p> <p>Dressy shoes or sandals</p> <p>Insignia and decorations</p>	<p>Cassock of rank</p> <p>Ferraiolo, black zucchetto, and/or biretta are optional; a lesser option is a black suit and Roman collar</p> <p>Black dress shoes</p> <p>Insignia and decorations</p>
<div data-bbox="82 1587 305 1682" style="background-color: #654321; color: white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Liturgical</h2> </div> <p>Liturgical Attire is worn at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order liturgical ceremonies • Processions (an orderly line with or without clergy) • Member funeral • At the request of a local pastor or bishop, such as for a diocesan Mass. 	<p>Dark suit and necktie</p> <p>White gloves</p> <p>Black dress shoes</p> <p>Cape and beret</p> <p>Jerusalem neck cross and Pilgrim Shell</p>	<p>Black dress or black skirt or slacks with black blouse</p> <p>Black gloves</p> <p>Black dress shoes or sandals</p> <p>Cape and mantilla</p> <p>Jerusalem neck cross and Pilgrim Shell</p>	<p>In Choir:</p> <p>Cassock of rank</p> <p>Rochet and mozzetta</p> <p>Biretta (optional)</p> <p>Black dress shoes</p> <p>Jerusalem neck cross (suspended by a black silk ribbon) and Pilgrim Shell</p> <p>Concelebrating:</p> <p>Alb and stole</p> <p>Chausible (if provided)</p> <p>Jerusalem neck cross (suspended by a black silk ribbon) worn over chausible or alb/stole</p>

Annual Meeting Attire

DAY	EVENT	ATTIRE
FRIDAY	Orientation	Casual Attire
	Welcome Dinner	Casual Attire
SATURDAY	Meetings	Casual or Business Attire
	Vigil Service Promotion Ceremony Mass	Liturgical Attire (<i>all ranks</i>) Investees dress in modified Business Attire (see "Are You Being Invested?" in the pages following)
	Cocktails and Dinner	Business Attire (Dames may wear modest cocktail dresses)
SUNDAY	Meetings	Casual or Business Attire
	Investiture Mass	Liturgical Attire (<i>all ranks</i>) Investees dress in modified Liturgical Attire (see "Are You Being Invested?" in the pages following)
	Cocktails and Gala Dinner	Formal Attire with Insignia
MONDAY	Traveler's Mass Breakfast	Casual Attire

Purchase Your Own EOHSJ Attire!

Supplementary products (*optional*), often made available by vendors at Annual Meetings, may be worn with Casual or Business Attire, including items of clothing with the Jerusalem Cross (polos, scarves), embroidered patches and badges, and jewelry, including small Jerusalem Cross and Pilgrim Shell pins, rings, and so on. The company *Perfect Imprinting* has created a website for EOHSJ apparel and accessories (dress shirts, polo shirts, sweaters, vests, outerwear, hats, garment bags, ties, scarves, luggage tags, drinkware, and even a golf bag). 10% of all purchases go back to the lieutenancy.

eohsj.deco-apparel.com



Insignia Indicating Rank

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) grants **insignia**, which indicate rank. The principal symbol of our Order is the fivefold Jerusalem Cross, a large central cross with laterally extended tips with a similar smaller cross in each quarter representing the five most precious wounds of Christ. For centuries this cross has symbolized the holy city of Jerusalem where the Order arose and which is still its spiritual home. Upon investiture and at each promotion, the member receives a red box from the Stange Company containing three insignia appropriate to rank: miniature medal, neck medal, and rosette.

This is the insignia box for a Knight; the insignia boxes at different ranks contain different types of miniature medals, neck medals, and rosettes.



The **Miniature Medal** is worn over the heart with Formal Attire at events of other Orders recognized by the Holy See. Our Order's miniature is enamel with yellow and white stripes, the colors of the Holy See.

The **Jerusalem Cross** is faced in red enamel and bordered in gold, suspended on a black silk moire neck ribbon, and worn with Formal and Liturgical Attire (visibly, over the cape) only.

The **Rosette**, worn over the heart or on a lapel in public on suitable occasions with Casual, Business, or Formal Attire.

Dame Miniature Medals



The **Dame Neck Cross** is suspended from a knotted gold bow. Dames were first admitted to the Order by the predecessor of Pope Saint Pius X, Pope Leo XIII.



Dame Rosettes



Knight Miniature Medals



The **Knight Neck Cross** is suspended from a military trophy decreed by Pope Saint Pius X, then Grand Master of the Order, to distinguish it from Dames' insignia.



Knight Rosettes



See "Use of the Miniature Medal" toward the end of this booklet for more information on how this medal may be used in the North Central Lieutenancy.

Wearing Insignia



Knights & Dames (KHS & DHS) receive a smaller Cross of Jerusalem on a neck ribbon, to be worn with Formal and Liturgical Attire.

Knight & Dame Commanders (KCHS & DCHS) receive a larger Cross of Jerusalem on a neck ribbon. This larger cross is worn with all subsequent ranks; upon promotion to Commander, the smaller one may be returned to the Medal Master/Mistress.

Knight & Dame Commanders with Star (KC*HS & DC*HS) receive a large eight-pointed or rayed silver star charged with a small cross encircled by a green laurel wreath. This star is worn with Formal Attire, pinned on the heart with the Commander cross around the neck.

Knight & Dame Grand Cross (KGCHS & DGCHS) receive a star with a large cross. In place of the neck cross worn by other ranks, Knights and Dames Grand Cross wear a large cross and military trophy (Knights) or gold bow (Dames) suspended from the bottom of a black sash placed over the right shoulder, crossing the breast and back diagonally and ending at the left hip, to be worn with Formal Attire. The Commander Star may be returned to the Medal Master/Mistress.



Dames—Casual Attire



Dress Standards for Dames

Please observe for all forms of attire:

Skirts and dresses are knee-length or longer; no shorts.

Fabric is not too tight (1" pinch).

Leggings may be worn only if covered by at least a knee-length skirt.

Modest neckline with no visible cleavage.

Shoulders covered.

Strapless or sleeveless dresses may be worn with wrap (sweater, shawl, jacket, or bolero).

Casual

Casual Attire consists of casual dresses and skirts or slacks (any conservative color; no jeans) with button-ups, blouses, turtle-necks, polos, and other appropriate tops with a sweater, blazer, or cardigan layer if desired. Shoes include any non-sporting shoe such as sandals (may be open-toed), support shoes, flats, loafers, or oxfords.

Insignia & Decorations: The rosette may be worn.



Dames—Business & Formal Attire

Business

Business Attire consists of formal dresses, pantsuits, or tailored slacks or skirt with dressy blouses and optional blazer or sweater (any conservative color). Shoes may include dressy sandals (may be open-toed) and more formal heels or flats.

Cocktail Attire (a modest cocktail dress in any conservative color) may be worn by Dames in place of Business Attire at the Annual Meeting.



Formal

Formal Attire consists of conservative evening gown with shoulders covered or elegantly tailored evening trousers may be worn (any conservative color, but see “Insignia & Decorations”). Shoes are dressy; sandals may be open-toed.

Insignia & Decorations: According to the Order’s *Principles of Conduct*, Dames wear insignia of rank and decorations with Formal Attire on long black dresses only, wearing only the Order’s rosette over the heart when different clothes are worn. However, the Order’s General Regulations, Article 76, para 16, allows “local tradition,” so NCL Dames may continue to wear insignia and decorations over colored gowns with the goal of phasing that practice out over time. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may pin Palm over the heart, below or adjacent and to the left of the Star, if worn, or pin low on Grand Cross sash between bust line and hip.

Dame and Dame Commander: Wear neck cross of rank on ribbon.

Dame Commander with Star: Pin Star over the heart. If fabric can’t handle the weight, Dames may wear Star on neck ribbon, in which case neck cross is not worn.

Dame Grand Cross: Place sash over the right shoulder, crossing the breast and back diagonally, and ending at the left hip. Pin the Star over the heart, to the sash, or wear Star on neck ribbon. The neck cross is not worn.



Dames—Liturgical Attire

Liturgical

Liturgical Attire consists of the full-cut, ankle-length black cape of velvet or satin with short collar worn upright. It is fastened at the throat by a tie (bow or knot) or frog of black silk braid. The Order's cross, in scarlet wool felt bordered with gold, is placed on the left breast of the cape below the shoulder. The head is covered by a black veil or mantilla. Underneath the cape you may wear a black dress (knee-length or longer; shoulders covered) or dressy black skirt or slacks with black blouse. Black gloves are also worn: short with long-sleeved tops and long with short-sleeved tops. (The Order's General Regulations supports North American Dames wearing black gloves in Article 76, para 6). Investees, see below- the requirements are slightly different. Shoes are black dress shoes or sandals (may be open-toed). You may carry small items in small black purse hidden under cape (or some sew a pocket to the cape liner). The cloak is to be worn closed.

Insignia & Decorations: The Jerusalem neck cross of rank is worn around the collar of the cape on the outside of the cape. Members above the rank of Commander continue to wear the Commander neck cross. The Star is not worn. If you have received it, pin Pilgrim Shell at center of Jerusalem Cross on cape and Millennium Pilgrimage Decoration on vertical red felt above Pilgrim Shell. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may place the Palm "on the left side of the cloak at chest level... at the highest level" (Regulations 76:13).

Are You Being Invested? Dames who are being invested wear black Business Attire with mantillas to the Saturday ceremonies, carrying capes. On Sunday at the ceremonies they are covered fully in black, wearing either a long (long-sleeved, ankle-length) black dress or elegant black pantsuit. You may wear short sleeves if covered with a long-sleeved black jacket or elegant black sweater. Pin on a black mantilla and wear black gloves of a length to ensure no skin is showing between the end of your sleeve and the glove. As you process, drape your cape over your left arm. During the investiture ceremony, you will be robed.

NOTE: Capes are religious vestments intended for use at religious ceremonies at which the Order has been asked to participate. They may not be worn for other functions without permission of the Lieutenant or Lieutenancy Prior.



Knights—Casual Attire



Dress Standards for Knights

Please observe for all forms of attire:

Dress neatly; use a belt if waistline is visible, and keep dress shirts tucked in.

No shorts or bare shoulders.

No form-fitting pants or shirts.

Fabric is not too tight (1" pinch).

Modest neckline; if no tie, only top button is unbuttoned.

Casual

Casual Attire consists of slacks (any conservative color; no jeans) with open-collared shirt, button-ups, turtlenecks, polos, golf shirt with a sweater, blazer, jacket, or cardigan layer if desired. Shoes include any non-sporting shoe such as support shoes, loafers, or oxfords.

Insignia & Decorations: The rosette may be worn.



Knights—Business & Formal Attire

Business

Business Attire consists of conservative, dark business suit or sport coat (if desired) with collared shirt, necktie, and tailored slacks. Dark dress shoes are worn.

Insignia & Decorations: The rosette may be worn.



Formal

Formal Attire consists of black tie (black tuxedo; cummerbund and vest optional) for Knights and white tie (tailcoat) for Grand Cross and officers. Black dress shoes are worn. (The Order's General Regulations, Article 76, para 16, allows "local tradition" to be followed, in this case regarding the NCL black tie standard.)

Insignia & Decorations: Formal Attire is worn with insignia of rank and decorations. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may pin Palm over the heart, below or adjacent and to the left of the Star, if worn, or pin low on Grand Cross sash between chest line and hip.

Knight and Knight Commander: Wear neck cross of rank on ribbon.

Knight Commander with Star: Pin Star over the heart with neck cross of rank on ribbon.

Knight Grand Cross: Place sash over the right shoulder, crossing the breast and back diagonally, and ending at the left hip. Pin Star over the heart and wear neck cross of rank on ribbon. The black sash is worn under the waistcoat. However, if the Cardinal Grand Master or a Head of State is present, the sash is worn over the waistcoat.



Knights—Liturgical Attire

Liturgical

Liturgical Attire consists of the white cape and beret over a dark suit (this includes Grand Cross and officers) and white gloves. The cape is of white wool, full cut, reaching to approximately half way between the knee and ankle, with a short turned-over collar of white velvet secured by a gold chain or other suitable closure. The Order's cross, in scarlet wool felt bordered with gold, is placed on the left breast of the cape below the shoulder. If wearing a bow tie, keep it under the cloak collar. Black dress shoes are worn. The cloak is to be worn closed.

Insignia & Decorations: The Jerusalem neck cross of rank is worn on the outside of the cape, around and under the cape collar. Members above the rank of Commander continue to wear the Commander neck cross. The Star is not worn. If you have received it, pin Pilgrim Shell at center of Jerusalem Cross on cape and Millennium Pilgrimage Decoration on vertical red felt above Pilgrim Shell. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may place the Palm "on the left side of the cloak at chest level... at the highest level" (Regulations 76:13).

Are You Being Invested? Knights who are being invested wear dark Business Attire to the Saturday ceremonies, carrying capes (the beret is not needed). On Sunday at the ceremonies they wear Black Tie at the Sunday ceremony (cummerbund and vest optional). As you process, drape your cape over your left arm with beret in your left hand. During the investiture ceremony, you will be robed.

Knights' Beret: The beret is of black velvet with a large, soft, draping crown. The head band is raised upward on the right front side to a height of 12 cm. On this raised portion is a patch indicating rank. The beret is worn with the emblem of rank on the right forehead midway between the eye and ear. The crown is given a little tug to the opposite side to seat the beret properly upon the head with the rim not covering the ear. During Mass, remove the beret as directed. A different fabric beret badge is provided for each rank and will need to be sewn on to the beret at each promotion.

NOTE: Capes are religious vestments intended for use at religious ceremonies at which the Order has been asked to participate. They may not be worn for other functions without permission of the Lieutenant or Lieutenancy Prior.



Beret Badges:

Knight:

Cross on a shield
of silver braid

Commander:

Shield is enclosed
in a single circle of
gold braid

Commander with Star:

Shield is enclosed in
two circles of gold braid

Grand Cross:

Shield is surrounded
by garland of gold
olive leaves



Clergy—Casual & Business Attire

These guidelines are in no way meant to demand that our clergy dress in any way that is not sensitive to their simplicity or humility, as they wish to express it. As the Order has ceremonials approved by the Grand Magisterium and carried out in local customs and by different Lieutenancies with permitted options, the North Central Lieutenancy would like to celebrate these traditions as an outward sign of our commitment, not promoting ourselves by their use, but rather indicating the ministry we serve to the Christians of the Holy Land. Please address any questions or clarifications to the Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies.



Dress Standards for Clergy

Priests are asked to dress in clerical attire (cassock of rank or suit with Roman collar) throughout the Annual Meeting weekend, “in conformity with their sacred calling” (Canon 284).

Casual

Casual Attire consists of cassock of rank or black suit with Roman collar, as a less formal option. Shoes include any non-sporting shoe such as support shoes, loafers, or oxfords.

Bishops may wear cassock and pectoral cross throughout all events of the weekend. Roman collar with pectoral cross is a second, appropriate, albeit lesser option.

Insignia & Decorations: The rosette may be worn.



Business

Business Attire consists of cassock of rank or black suit with Roman collar. Dark dress shoes are worn.

Insignia & Decorations: The rosette may be worn.



Clergy—Formal Attire

Formal

Formal Attire consists of cassock of rank; ferraiolo, black zucchetto, and/or biretta are optional. A lesser option is a black suit and Roman collar. Black dress shoes are worn.

Insignia & Decorations: Formal Attire is worn with insignia of rank and decorations. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may pin Palm over the heart, below or adjacent and to the left of the Star, if worn, or pin low on Grand Cross sash between chest line and hip. Clergy are encouraged to wear their decorations in keeping with the formal dress of the other Knights and Dames.

Knight (Deacon) and Knight Commander (Priest): Wear neck cross of rank on ribbon.

Knight Commander with Star (Bishop/Archbishop): Pin Star over the heart with pectoral cross or neck cross of rank on ribbon (not both).

Knight Grand Cross (Cardinal): Pin Star over the heart. Cardinals may wear pectoral cross or neck cross of rank but not both.



Clergy—Liturgical Attire

Liturgical

Liturgical Attire consists of cassock, rochet with black cuffs (unless by another title the proper cuffs are of violet or red color), and mozzetta, a short white cape, closed in front by covered buttons with a short standing collar. Black dress shoes are worn.

Insignia & Decorations: The Jerusalem neck cross of rank is worn around the collar of the mozzetta. Members above the rank of Commander continue to wear the Commander neck cross. The Star is not worn with Liturgical Attire. If you have received it, pin Pilgrim Shell at center of Jerusalem Cross on cape and Millennium Pilgrimage Decoration on vertical red felt above Pilgrim Shell. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may place the Palm “on the left side of the cloak at chest level... at the highest level” (Regulations 76:13).

The Ceremonies of Promotion and Installation take place before Masses, at which time priests can choose to remain in Choir dress for the procession or to change into alb and stole with your insignia suspended on a black silk ribbon to concelebrate the Mass. At the end of both Promotion and Installation Ceremonies, all clergy retire to a vesting area to prepare for the Mass procession. Priests wear cassock and surplice for the Promotion Mass or they may choose to sit in the pew until it is time to dress for the Mass. Whatever their choice, priests are not to wear alb and stole in the procession of the Promotion Ceremony or the Installation Ceremony. Priests may not wear zucchetto during Mass without permission from the Holy See.

Are You Being Invested? Investees carry mozzetta over their arm and process with the other investees. New bishop members will be installed at the Installation with a white mozzetta which shall be provided to them for use at that ceremony. Before the Mass they are asked to dress for installation in a cassock and rochet, pectoral cross and to carry the white provided mozzetta into the church.

Bishops are asked to bring zucchetto and simple mitre and wear choir dress for both ceremonies. It is presumed that bishops will concelebrate in alb and provided chasubles for the Masses.



Decorations of Merit

Decorations may be awarded to recognize merit.

Pilgrim Shell: Awarded by the Latin Patriarch to any member in good standing who has completed a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, prayed at the Holy Sepulchre of our Risen Lord, and visited the works of the Order. The scallop shell is the ancient badge of the pilgrim. It is made of oxidized silver in the center of which is placed the cross of the Order in red fired enamel bordered with gold. According to *Principles of Conduct* ("Insignia," p.11), it is worn exclusively with Liturgical Attire and is pinned to the center of the red felt Jerusalem Cross that is affixed to the cape. However, local custom allows it with Formal Attire over the heart, on the sash for Dames Grand Cross, and on the left of the clergy ferraiolo. The Pilgrim Shell Rosette may be purchased from Stange and worn with Casual or Business Attire.



Millennium Pilgrimage Decoration: Awarded to pilgrims to Rome in the year 2000 A.D., is worn only with Liturgical Attire and is pinned to the ceremonial cape above the Pilgrim Shell on the Jerusalem Cross.

Palms of Jerusalem (Gold, Silver, or Bronze) may be awarded by the Cardinal Grand Master at the request of the Lieutenant to members of the Order who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary service to the Order and the Holy Land. Palm of Jerusalem recipients may place the Palm "on the left side of the cloak at chest level... at the highest level" (Regulations 76:13) with Liturgical Attire. The Principles of Conduct, however, say on p. 12 that the cloaks may bear *only* the Shell and Millennium decoration. Local custom is to wear the Palms with Formal Attire, pinned over the heart (to the left of or below the Star, if worn) or to the Grand Cross sash.



Gold Palm Silver Palm Bronze Palm

Pope Pius IX Award: A special award created by His Excellency Sir Max Douglas Brown while Lieutenant of the North Central Lieutenancy to recognize the singular accomplishments of NCL Knights and Dames. The Award is named in honor of Blessed Pope Pius IX who revitalized the Order in 1847 when the Latin Patriarchate was restored, charging the Order to fulfill a modern and peaceful mission to support the charitable works of the Latin Patriarchate. The Knights and Dames who are recipients of this award have contributed their time and attention in unique ways to complete special projects and/or to undertake significant tasks on behalf of the Lieutenancy which have materially and meaningfully benefited the Lieutenancy and the Order.



Medal Maintenance

Damaged Medals: Stange will repair damaged medals for free. Members may turn medals in to the Medal Master/Mistress or contact Stange directly to initiate a repair process.

Upon a Member's Death or Resignation: The family may return capes to Section Presidents to pass on to others and medals to the Medal Master/Mistress to be recycled.

Not For Sale: Under no circumstances are capes, insignia, or decorations to be bought or sold by members.



Lieutenants and Higher Officers

Capitular Cape: Lieutenants, both in office and honorary, have the privilege of wearing the Capitular Cape. This cape is full and flowing, reaching to the ground. It carries the Order's cross on the left breast below the shoulder. Worn over the Capitular Cape is a heavy braided gold cord, with two large gold tassels in front, carrying two sliding clasps, one in front and one in back. The Lieutenant's beret or mantilla may carry further decoration in gold braid.



The Collar is awarded by the Grand Master in exceptional cases for extraordinary service to the Order and the Holy Land, such as to the Cardinal Grand Master, the Latin Patriarch, and certain members of the Grand Magisterium. Knights and Dames of the Collar wear a ceremonial collar of metal links of fine design, suspending in the center the seal of the Risen Christ, the military trophy and the cross of the Order. The dress is like that of the Knight or Dame who has achieved the rank of Lieutenant except that in addition to the golden cord of honor with two golden tassels the Knight or Dame of the Collar wears the insignia of the Collar over the Capitular Cape so that it may be visible at all times.

The Collar consists of a round double golden chain inset with round crosses of the seven wounds of Our Lord emblazoned with the words Deus Lo Vult at the end of which hangs around green medal symbolizing the Crown of Thorns of Our Lord plus the Red Cross of Godfrey.



The Cross of Merit is awarded to non-members, Catholic or non-Catholic, of unquestionable moral conduct, who have served the Church and have shown great charity and love for the Holy Land. The Cross of Merit is worn at the neck and comes in three grades:

1. Cross of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.
2. Cross of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem with Silver Star.
3. Cross of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem with Gold Star.



Individuals who receive these Decorations do not thereby automatically become Members of the Order. A somewhat similar Collar of Merit is awarded on rare occasions to distinguished Members for extraordinary service to the Order and the Holy Land.

Use of the Miniature Medal

Are You a Member of More than One Order Recognized by the Holy See? If so, wear the neck insignia of the Order hosting the event and place the Miniature medals of the other Orders to which you belong over the heart from right to left in decreasing order of rank or with the most recent decoration on the left. If you are bringing a guest who is a member of another Order, invite him or her to wear that Order's Miniature medal over the heart.

Other Honors: Neither emblems of fraternal organizations nor diocesan honors are worn at EOHSJ events: only insignia or decorations from Orders recognized by the Holy See may be worn. An exception is made for military decorations (see "Military Dress").

Orders Recognized by the Holy See: Other than its own Equestrian Orders (the Supreme Order of Christ, the Order of the Golden Spur, the Pian Order, the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, and the Order of Pope Saint Sylvester), the Holy See recognises and supports only the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

With Business Attire: The North Central Lieutenancy has approved wearing the Miniature with Business Attire in a church setting or ceremony in which the Knight or Dame is participating in a formal role such as an usher, reader, Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, lay minister, faith formation leader, catechist, pallbearer, or in any public role of significance and/or at church services which have a close connection with the spirit of the EOHSJ Order (e.g., rites during Holy Week, Corpus Christi, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Christmas).



Military Dress and Decorations

Casual, Business, and Liturgical Attire:

Military dress according to dress protocol for Knights and Dames.

Formal Attire:

Active Duty or Reserve: Knights and Dames who are in the Active Duty or Reserve military may wear the military formal uniform of their branch of service (mess dress uniform), with the EOHSJ neck cross of rank suspended at the throat beneath the tie tight to the neck tab. In addition to the neck cross, Knight Commanders with Star and Knights Grand Cross pin the Star centered on the left pocket below their medals.

Military Retirees, Honorable Discharge or Separation from Military Service: Knights and Dames who are military retirees and those honorably discharged or separated from military service wear civilian formal attire and may wear full-sized or miniature military decorations placed on the lapel with formal wear, or for ladies over the heart with evening wear.

Note: All services permit retired and separated personnel to wear the uniform to functions that have a military relationship (patriotic parades, military dinners, military reunions, etc) because doing so promotes military service. However, the investiture weekend has no U.S. military association, so AFI 36-2903 doesn't permit military dress for retired or separated personnel. Instead, they wear the mess dress equivalent: civilian Formal Attire.



Religious Orders

It is rare for members of religious orders to be received into the Order because of their vows of poverty, which preclude the Order's mission of material generosity to the Christians in the Holy Land.

However, in such a case, members dress in accord with their simplicity and humility in the religious habits of their orders throughout the weekend.

