

ATTIRE AND INSIGNIA PROTOCOL FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN LIEUTENANCY INVESTITURE WEEKEND

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The following will be a useful guide to help you prepare for the attire and insignias needed for the weekend.

Please note that Knights are required under the new regulations to wear white gloves as part of the regalia. Dames will continue to wear black gloves.

Knights and Dames wear the proper Neck Cross for their rank with regalia. This Neck Cross is a red Jerusalem Cross suspended from a black ribbon. KHS and DHS should wear the red Neck Cross received at their investiture. KGCHS, DGCHS, KC*HS, DC*HS, KCHS and DCHS should wear the larger Neck Cross (larger red Jerusalem Cross) received at their first promotion to Commander.

Friday September 5, 2025

Pilgrims' Mass: Business Casual

Briscoe Museum (for those Preregistered): Business Casual

Men - Knights should wear the Rosette or small Pilgrim Shell.

Woman - Dames should wear the Rosette stickpin or small Pilgrim Shell.

Saturday September 6, 2025

Orientation for Investiture Candidates: Business Casual

Shroud of Turin Presentation: Business Casual

Men - Knights should wear the Rosette or small Pilgrim Shell.

Woman - Dames should wear the Rosette stickpin or small Pilgrim Shell.

Promotion Candidate Assembly: Business Attire

Knight Promotion Candidates - Business Attire, Cape, Beret, White Gloves and Neck Cross (Red Jerusalem Cross).

Dame Promotion Candidates - Black Dress, Dark Hose, Black Closed Toe Shoes, Cape, Black Mantilla, Black Gloves and Neck Cross (Red Jerusalem Cross).

Ecclesiastic Promotion Candidates - Alb and Stole.

Promotion Ceremony, Memorial Mass and Vigil Service: Business Attire

Promotion Candidates, Assumption of Office Candidates and All Members in the Procession:

Knights - Business Attire, Cape, Beret, White Gloves and Neck Cross (Red Jerusalem Cross).

Dames - Black Dress, Dark Hose, Black Closed Toe Shoes, Cape, Black Mantilla, Black Gloves and Neck Cross (Red Jerusalem Cross).

Concelebrating Clergy, Ecclesiastical Promotion Candidates, Member Priest and Deacons - Alb and Stole.

All Other Members and Investiture Candidates not in the procession: Business Attire.

Saturday Reception and Dinner: Black Tie

Men - Black Tie Tuxedo with Miniature Insignia.

Woman - Formal Cocktail Attire of any length or color, with Miniature Insignia.

Clergy - Clerical Attire with Miniature Insignia.

Sunday September 7, 2025

Southwestern Lieutenancy Business Meeting: Business Casual

Men - Knights should wear the Rosette or small Pilgrim Shell.

Woman - Dames should wear the Rosette stickpin or small Pilgrim Shell.

Investiture Candidates Assembly: White Tie

Men Investiture Candidates - White Tie and Tails. Candidates should carry with them Cape, Beret and White Gloves.

Woman Investiture Candidates – Long Black Dress, Dark Hose, Black Closed Toe Shoes.

Candidates should carry with them Cape, Black Mantilla and Black Gloves.

Ecclesiastical Investiture Candidates - Clerical Attire. Candidates should carry with them Alb and Stole (embroidered with Red Jerusalem Cross).

Investiture Ceremony and Sunday Mass: White Tie

Men Investiture Candidates - White Tie and Tails. Candidates should carry with them Cape, Beret and White Gloves.

Woman Investiture Candidates – Long Black Dress, Dark Hose, Black Closed Toe Shoes.

Candidates should carry with them Cape, Black Mantilla and Black Gloves.

Ecclesiastical Investiture Candidates - Clerical Attire. Candidates should carry with them Alb and Stole (embroidered with Red Jerusalem Cross).

Knights - White Tie and Tails, Cape, Beret, White Gloves and Neck Insignia (Red Jerusalem Cross).

Dames - Black Dress, Dark Hose, Black Closed Toe Shoes, Cape, Black Mantilla, Black Gloves and Neck Insignia (Red Jerusalem Cross).

Concelebrating Clergy - Alb and Stole (embroidered with Red Jerusalem Cross).

Sunday Formal Reception and Dinner: White Tie

Knights - White Tie and Tails with Large Insignias appropriate for rank.

Dames – Formal Attire of any color usually a long gown, with Large Insignias appropriate for rank.

Clergy – House cassock, fascia, ferraiolo or clerical attire with Large Insignias appropriate for rank.

Monday September 8, 2025

Travelers Mass: Casual Travel Wear

Please contact Sir Richard Folger, KGCHS at richardfolger@colbridgepartners.com, Dame Jacki Green, DGCHS at jackeye@aol.com or Dame Joyce Standish at joycest@swbell.net if you have questions. You may also call the office at 713-524-5444.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR VARIOUS ATTIRE

GENTLEMEN

Business Casual

- Slacks or business dress pants, or khakis
- Button-down shirts, sweaters, or polo shirts
- Optional cardigans, blazers or sport coats
- Closed-toed shoes such as loafers, Oxfords, or boots.

Business Attire

- Dark business suit with white dress shirt and tie
- Dark closed-toed shoes such as Oxfords or Cap toe

Black Tie Formal

- Classic tuxedo, which includes,
- Black jacket and Black trousers,
- Formal white shirt (with or without pleats)
- Black bow tie and Black cummerbund,
- Studs and cufflinks,
- Black patent leather shoes and Black socks

White Tie Formal

Formal evening dress which includes,

- Black dress coat, commonly called evening tail coat,
- White plain stiff-fronted cotton pique shirt (no folds or ruffles),
- White stiff wing collar,
- White pique bow tie,
- White low-cut pique waist coat (vest front), usually matching the bow tie and shirt,
- Studs and cufflinks,
- Black silk socks or stockings, and Black patent leather shoes

Military Officers active or retired may wear Mess Dress.

LADIES

Business Casual

- Slacks or dress pants, khakis, chinos, knee-length skirts
- Button-down shirts, sweaters, blouses, or polo shirts
- Knee-length or maxi dresses
- Optional cardigans, blazers or sport coats (especially for the colder months)
- Closed-toed shoes such as loafers, Oxfords, boots, pumps or flats

Business Attire

- Dress, suit, skirt or pants and shirt

Black Tie Formal

Formal cocktail attire, dress of any length or color, or dressy pants ensemble.

White Tie Formal

Floor-length gown or formal evening dress. Flowy formal trousers may also be worn.