



## **The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem**

**Grand Master: The Most Honorable Don Carlos Gereda de Bourbon, Marquis of Almazan**

### **REGULATION NO. 3**

#### **WEARING OF DRESS, DECORATIONS, UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA**

The Grand Magistral Council of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem (MHOSLJ) enacts the following Regulation:

Regulation No. 3, Wearing of Dress, Decorations, Uniforms and Insignia, is designed to codify dress, decorations, uniforms and insignia matters for members of the Order. It is divided into the following sections:

Section 3.1 The “Wearing of Dress and Decorations” regulations deal with the manner and context of wearing Dress and Decorations. The guiding principle is that where State government regulations providing for wearing of dress and decorations exist, these will be the model. In the absence of such regulations, the default will become the regulations of the Order, which are set out here.

Section 3.2 The “Dress and Uniform” regulations largely describe and illustrate the traditional and approved uniforms of the Order, including the replacement gala uniform. There is a 5-year transitional period provided.

Section 3.3 The “Insignia” regulations, dealing with the descriptions and dimensions of Order insignia, are still in preparation. When the “Insignia” regulations have been finalized and approved by the Grand Executive Committee and Grand Magistral Council, they will be added to Regulation No. 3.

### **Section 3.1 Wearing of Dress and Decorations Regulations**

1. Many national governments publish their own protocols for dress and wear of decorations. In these countries, and when representing these countries, members of the Order should follow published national protocols. (In countries of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the protocol is usually published in the current edition of the Spink Manual for the Wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals\*.)
2. Members wearing military or other service dress should follow the published regulations of the appropriate military branch or service for the wearing of dress and decorations.
3. Where there is *no published national state or government dress and decoration protocol*, the dress and decoration regulations of the Order of Saint Lazarus should be followed. These regulations are:
  - a. Gala uniform. This uniform is the black high-necked jacket and black trousers with side stripes, and cuffs bearing the appropriate rank insignia. A cap may be worn. A maximum of four stars may be worn on the left breast: if two, vertically with the senior order on top; if three, in a triangle with the senior order on top and the next most senior toward the centerline; if four, in a diamond pattern with the junior order lowest. One neck badge may be worn one inch (2.5 cms) below the collar, plus one bar of miniature (or full size, depending on time of day) medals on the left lapel. A cordon for the senior order should be worn where applicable. Where appropriate, a court sword may also be worn: ecclesiastics, women and physicians do not wear swords.
  - b. Evening dress (also known as “white tie”). As for gala uniform but no sword.
  - c. Mess dress. This uniform is the formal dark green uniform with white facings, or white with green facings, black trousers with a gold side stripe, and epaulettes bearing the appropriate rank insignia. While it is worn with a black bow tie and black waistcoat, it is technically white tie and thus the wearing of decorations and cordon will follow the pattern for gala uniform.
  - d. Black tie (also known as “Tuxedo” or “Dinner Jacket”). A single miniature medal on the left lapel, *or* a rosette in the left lapel buttonhole.
  - e. Formal morning dress (grey striped trousers, tailcoat and a necktie). Full-size medals and one star (no cordon and no neck badge).
  - f. Lounge suit. A rosette in the left lapel buttonhole, and where appropriate, an Order tie.
4. Miniature medals are worn after sundown (usually defined as 6pm) or to events that continue after sundown, on the left lapel. In the daytime, full-sized medals are worn. Full size medals are not worn with mess dress or black tie. Full-size medals are worn on the left breast unless published protocols direct otherwise. Full-size and miniature medals are never worn together. Neck badges are worn one inch (2.5 cms) below a bow tie or choker collar.

5. The only medals worn will be national and dynastic awards of merit and service, and medals of membership, merit and service of the Order, and other recognized Orders and Churches as listed by the Grand Justiciar from time to time. Commemorative medals and pilgrimage medals (excepting the Crusader Medal) are not worn. Meeting or pilgrimage commemorative medals may be worn at the meeting they commemorate but not subsequently.
6. Ladies should wear a black or dark-colored dress (long for formal and evening wear, shorter for day wear), and for formal wear and church services, mantilla and comb (where capes will be worn, ladies wear a half-mantilla) or an equivalent head-covering may be appropriate. In general, ladies should wear decorations using the same pattern as for men at the same function, but with only one decoration on a bow, if they are not in uniform. Ladies who hold office in the Order may wear the appropriate uniform of the Order but may substitute a plain black skirt for trousers if they choose.
7. Mozetta crosses shall be 30cms, worn on the left breast, and on a black background unless another colour is appropriate for the church, or clerical rank in that church. For churches and ecclesiastical settings where mozettas are not worn, it is recommended that the mozetta cross be adapted consistent with the clerical vestment tradition of that church or setting. As the mozetta is the clerical equivalent of a cape, medals and decorations (with the exception of a pectoral cross, icons or neck decoration) should be worn under the mozetta.
8. Where birettas are worn, they may have a green pom-pom.
9. Only the highest rank will be worn for the Order. On promotion, the lower rank, including neck decorations, will cease to be worn. A maximum of one set of post-nominal letters for each of the highest rank for the Order of Saint Lazarus, and for the Companionship of Merit of the Order of Saint Lazarus if held, will be used. The Category of Justice is not indicated by post-nominal letters.
10. Scottish dress: Scottish members and those with Scottish heritage may wear the appropriate Scottish jacket and accoutrements with kilt or trows, and black or white tie as appropriate. For formal and evening wear, a Scottish basket-hilted broadsword may be worn. Decorations will be worn as are appropriate for the gala uniform, for evening wear. A Balmoral or Glengarry bonnet (with eagle feathers for those of appropriate rank) may be worn during the day outdoors.
11. Cordons will be worn over the right shoulder and under a waistcoat (vest). Only one cordon will be worn. Where the Grand Master is present, cordons are worn over the vest.
12. Epaulettes may be *either* interwoven cords (“knots”) or flat boards (as determined by each jurisdiction) and described in the Dress Regulations. *Rank badges are described in the Dress and Uniform Regulations.*
13. Collars are not worn after sunset. The exception is at Order of Saint Lazarus-specific events. Only one collar is worn.

14. Collars of office may be worn at St. Lazarus-specific official events. The collar, sometimes also referred to as a chain of office, is worn as a collar. A collar is worn over each shoulder, and fastened at each shoulder. A chain is worn around the neck.  
*Regulations on who may wear a collar of office will be found in the Insignia regulations.*
15. Heraldic batons of office may be carried by those officers who are entitled to a heraldic baton as an additament to their arms; the Grand Master, Grand Commander, Coadjutor, Grand Marshal, Grand Referendary, Grand Justiciar, Grand Officer of Arms, Hereditary Commanders, and Keeper of the Privy Seal. Batons of Jurisdiction may be carried by Heads of Jurisdiction and their Marshals. *Batons are described in the Dress and Uniform Regulations.*
16. The Cross of Justice (for members admitted in the Category of Justice) will be worn on the right breast, or on the left breast only in the absence of an Order of Saint Lazarus knight or dame's star.
17. The black cape is worn over any formal dress or uniform and is identical for men and women, with a green collar and green 8-pointed star with gold edging on the left breast. No decoration will be worn on the cape except a single cloth or natural shell badge of pilgrimage on the cross for a formal, appropriately documented and approved pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Rome or Santiago de Compostela. The cape is worn for processions and church services, and such other occasions as prescribed by the Head of Jurisdiction, and should be removed to invest or promote and then replaced.
18. Members should wear their uniform and decorations with regard to the reputation of the Order and not in such a way as to bring the Order into ridicule or disrepute. When in doubt, fewer decorations should be worn so as to avoid a "Christmas tree" effect. It is the responsibility of the Head of Jurisdiction or their Marshal (where appointed) to guide members on matters of dress and decorations in conformance with the regulations. These regulations describe the *maximum* of decorations to be worn. Fewer decorations may be worn at the member's discretion.
19. Following the approval of these regulations by the Grand Magistral Council (8 November 2013), any uniform or dress not conforming with them will be phased out in five years.

\* Hanham, A. *A manual for the wearing of orders, decorations and medals*. Spink: London, 2005.

### **Section 3.2 Dress and Uniform Regulations for the Order of Saint Lazarus**

The following dress and uniforms are authorized for members of the Order of Saint Lazarus.

#### **Gala Dress Uniform**

Black single breasted uniform jacket with green choker collar, and front opening bordered by green piping from collar to bottom (with gold piping for Knights/Dames and above on the outside edge of the collar) and green 4-inch / 10.2cms cuffs, 7 gold St Lazarus buttons (with green enamel 8-pointed cross) on the front closure from collar to waist, fabric embroidered rank badge as it appears on board epaulettes (but with no SLJ monogram or button) vertically on the center front of each cuff. Thin gold piping separates cuff from sleeve for Knights/Dames and above; gold ¼ inch / 0.64cms leaf design may separate cuff from sleeve for the Grand Master, Coadjutor, and Grand Officers named in the Constitution. SLJ monogram on front of collar on both sides as on epaulettes. Single back vent in inverted L-shape bordered by green piping, with two Saint Lazarus gold buttons at top of vent horizontally. Gold web belt 2 inches / 5cms wide with circular gold buckle 2¼ inches / 5.7cms in diameter with green enamel Saint Lazarus 8-pointed cross. Gold woven cord epaulettes (“knots”) with no rank markings and a small gold Saint Lazarus button at collar end. Trousers are black, cuffless, with two narrow green stripes down the outside leg, 5/8 inch / 1.6cms in width each with ¼ inch / 0.64cms between the stripes, 1½ inches / 3.8cms wide in total. Polished black lace-up shoes and black calf-length socks. Women substitute a long plain black dress for trousers, and black shoes. A gold-hilted court sword may be worn as appropriate. The green shade used in this uniform is Islamic green\*.



Formal and Evening Uniform (Mess Dress)

Mess dress jacket with peaked lapel, dark green (see precise colour coordinates below<sup>\*\*</sup>) with white lapels, with epaulettes bearing the relevant rank insignia on shoulders. Gold buttons, three large per side, four small per sleeve, bearing the green eight-pointed Saint Lazarus cross. Three gold buttons on cuffs. Front held together with a plain gold connecting chain with a button at either end. Black waistcoat (vest) with 3-5 small gold buttons. Black waistcoat (vest) with 3-5 small gold buttons.



Trousers high waisted black, cuffless or overall style, with one gold 1¼-inch / 3cm stripe down the outside of each leg. The kilt or trews with appropriate accoutrements may also be worn in this uniform by Scottish members and those of Scottish descent.

Female members wishing to wear a uniform can choose a long black skirt instead of trousers. Shirt, plain white wing-collar with a plain black bow tie. In the presence of the Grand Master, a white bow tie may be worn. Suspenders (braces) rather than a belt are usually worn, in black or white. Shoes polished black lace-up, black calf-length socks. No cap or sword is worn with mess dress.

In some (such as summer, or historically some geographical) contexts, a white version of the mess dress jacket with collar, lapels and 4 inch cuffs of dark green, is traditionally worn. Its form and wear is otherwise identical to that of the green mess dress jacket.

### Epaulettes

Shoulder epaulettes shall be worn by Members while in the mess dress uniform of the Order. As used in this section, the term “cross” shall refer to the green Saint Lazarus cross of eight points. The crosses, gold crowns with green caps, and white intertwined letters “SLJ” shall be of enameled metal, and gold fleurs-de-lys and gold letters “SLJ” of metal.

The following shoulder epaulettes for ranks of the Order, and Officers of the Grand Magistral Council must be used:

Esquire: No epaulette.

Member: Gold epaulette and one gold button.

Officer: Gold epaulette, the initials "SLJ" and one button.

Commander: Gold epaulette with one green cross, the initials "SLJ" and one button.

Knight: Gold epaulette with two green crosses, the initials "SLJ" and one button.

Knight Commander: Gold epaulette with three green crosses, the initials "SLJ" and one button.

Knight Grand Cross: Gold epaulette with four green crosses, the initials "SLJ" and one button.

Members of the Grand Magistral Council: Gold epaulette, one crown, the initials "SLJ" and one button.

Grand Chancellor; Grand Referendary: Gold epaulette, one crown, one green cross and one button.

Grand Commander and Grand Prior: Gold epaulette, one crown, two green crosses and one button.

Coadjutor: Gold epaulette, one crown, three green crosses and one button.

Grand Master: Gold epaulette, one crown, four green crosses and one button.

The letters SLJ for epaulettes and choker collars shall be of white enameled metal for Commanders and below, and plain gold for Knights/Dames and above. Officers entitled to wear a crown on their epaulettes shall have the SLJ encircled by a laurel wreath where used on gala uniform collars.

In Grand Magistral and Hereditary Commanderies a gold fleur-de-lys may be substituted for an eight-pointed cross wherever it appears on the epaulette, for a Bourbon Grand Master. In all other respects, the epaulettes shall be equivalent designs.

Flat boards, or interwoven cords, may be used for epaulettes. The intertwined letters “SLJ” shall be worn at the outer end of the epaulette, the gold button at the collar end. Where a crown appears in combination with crosses or fleurs-de-lys, the crown is closest to the button.

Epaulettes for National Juridictions & Grand Magistracy :



Epaulettes for Grand Magistral & Hereditary Commanderies :



Aigulettes

Gold aigulettes are worn by the Aide-de-Camp of the Grand Master.

Church Cape (Mantle) worn at church services and investitures

Black gabardine or similar material, ending about 6 inches /15cm above the ground. In warmer climates, lighter weight material may be used. Collar of dark green material and lined with emerald green silk-like material. The neck fastening is by a gold chain from two clasps, either lion-faced or the Saint Lazarus cross, also in gold. On the left breast, a green gold-bordered Saint Lazarus cross of 12 inches / 30 cms.



Batons

The heraldic batons for the named Grand Officers who bear batons behind their arms, and Grand Master and Coadjutor, shall be approximately 22 inches / 55cms long, silver-tipped, semé of small green eight-pointed crosses on a black field. For the Grand Master and Coadjutor, the crosses are alternated with gold fleurs-de-lys; for Hereditary Commanders, the outermost row of green crosses only is alternated with gold fleurs-de-lys. There may be a blank area in the centre as a hand-grip.

Grand Master (a total of 4 green crosses and 8 fleurs-de-lys on the baton plus 2 fleurs-de-lys on top of the silver knobs)



Hereditary Commanders (a total of 4 green crosses and 4 fleurs-de-lys)



Entitled Grand Officers (Grand Commander, Grand Prior of the Order, Coadjutor, Grand Marshal, Grand Justiciar, Grand Referendary, Keeper of the Privy Seal, Grand Officer of Arms) a total of 8 green crosses



For Heads of Jurisdictions and other officers, the baton is a short (approximately 12 inches / 30cms shaft) gold-tipped baton, with at one end a green enameled eight-pointed cross encircled by a gold circle or octagon, approximately 4 inches / 10 cms in diameter.



Informal dress: Blazer

A traditional blazer-style black or dark jacket with gold Saint Lazarus buttons, and the full achievement of the plain arms of the Order of Saint Lazarus embroidered on the front pocket may be worn on informal occasions.

The Occasions of Wearing of the Order's Uniforms

- a. The Full Dress or Gala Uniform is worn at all occasions and day-time when the Grand Master is present and on all ceremonial occasions (such as investitures) of the Order. It may also be worn at official functions at which the Order is officially represented or on the occasion of jurisdictional events, as specified by the Head of Jurisdiction.
- b. The Formal and Evening Uniform (Mess Dress) is worn at all occasions after sunset (6 p.m. local time), or which continue after sunset, formal occasions when gala uniform might be worn and the wearer does not have a gala uniform, and as approved by the Head of Jurisdiction.
- c. The Church Cape (Mantle) is worn on church occasions, processions, investitures, funerals of members, and other church occasions at which the Order is officially represented. It may be worn over uniform or civilian dress.
- d. Informal dress (Blazer) is worn at occasions specified by the Head of Jurisdiction.

\*See the precise colour coordinates of this gala uniform facings green at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shades\\_of\\_green](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shades_of_green) as Islamic Green (Hex triplet #009900) Traditionally, the Order's green fabric colour was taken from captured Islamic banners in the Holy Land during the Crusades.

\*\* See the precise colour coordinates of Saint Lazarus dark green at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shades\\_of\\_green](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shades_of_green) as Dark Green (Hex triplet #013220)