

**The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas**  
**Office of the Grand Commander**  
**Lufkin, Texas**  
**August 24, 2021**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 5, SERIES 2021-2022**

Subject: Knight Templar Aprons

To: The Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of Texas.

Greetings, Sir Knights:

In accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas and the passage of the proposed amendment at the Sixty-Eighth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A., the following guidelines for the wearing of a Templar Apron on a Texas approved uniform will be observed. **Reminder: the wearing of the traditional skull apron may be worn only in an Asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.**

**\*PASSED AMENDMENT 2021-20:**

Whereas, many Sir Knights have expressed enthusiasm for resuming use of a Templar Apron.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Grand Encampment *Statutes* be amended by a new Chapter, consisting of two new Sections, as follows:

“CHAPTER XXII

APRONS

**Section 260.** It is permissible for Grand Encampment Officers and members of Grand, Constituent, and Subordinate Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described in Sections 247, 248, 250, 250a, 251, and 259 as follows:

- A. Traditional Apron. A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an Assylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.



- B. Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacture an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.



- C. Grand Encampment Officers may wear such aprons and others, as deemed appropriate, from time to time, by the Grand Master and in accordance with his directions. and
- D. If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a tyled, Masonic Lodge, he shall wear such apron as is in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer.

**Section 261.** A Grand Commandery may provide for the wearing of a Templar Apron in its Uniform Regulations similar to those in Sections 260 A., B., and C. A Grand Commandery may specify with which of its authorized uniforms a Templar Apron may be worn.”

This General Order is to be read aloud at the next Stated Conclave following its receipt, and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.

In the event no stated meeting is held due to pandemic restraints, this General Order will also be posted on the Grand Commandery website, and in an attempt to overcome constraints on communication due to the pandemic, constituent commandery Recorders

and Commanders are instructed to disseminate this Order by email to the Sir Knights of their commanderies, or to notify them by phone call.

In His Name,

*Ronnie W. Wilson*

Ronnie W. Wilson  
Grand Commander

Attest:

*Jerry N. Kirby*

Jerry N. Kirby  
Grand Recorder

