

The Order of Saint Joachim



Uniform Regulations

1. History

Since the 18th century members of The Order of Saint Joachim have appeared in uniform. The original 1768 Statutes of the *Order of Jonathan, Defenders of the Divine Providence*, describes a uniform of “celestial blue”, with chest and cuffs “the colour of fire”. Epaulettes were silver and mantle was worn also in celestial blue. A hat with a white feather completed the uniform.

By the time of the publication of the 1787 Statutes and Rules of the renamed Order of Saint Joachim, the uniform of the Order had changed from “celestial blue” to “gray-green” with silver epaulettes bearing green embroidered crosses denoting rank.

By the turn of the century, the Order’s uniform had changed again. As described by the Order’s Vice Grand Chancellor Sir Levitt Hanson GCJ in 1802:

“The Uniform worn by the Grand Master, consists of a Waist coat and small cloaths of superfine white cloth; the coat is of superfine Scarlet cloth, lined with white; the cuffs and collar, are of dark; green Velvet; the buttons are white; and thereupon, a green cross pattée is engraved, according to the rules of Blazonry.

The coat is distinguished with two silver Epaulettes embroidered, and adorned with a green cross pattée. The Grand Master has four such crosses, upon each Epaulette; the Grand Commanders, three; the Commanders, two, and the Knights, one. The Sword is decorated with a Knot of green and Silver. The Grand Master wears his Hat bordered with a point D’Espagne of Silver, and adorned with a white Feather. During the Assembly of the general Chapter, and on all days of Solemnity, the Grand Master, the principal Members of the Chapter, and such Knights as then reside at the Court of the Grand Master, appear in Boots and Spurs, and carry a Cane, à la Militaire; and, in their Hats, which are plain, they wear a green Cockade, and likewise an Aigrette, or plume of green and white Feathers.”

The cloak or mantle of the Order is not mentioned in either 1787 or 1802, and is likely to have been discontinued prior to then.

All members of the Order of Saint Joachim, from the rank of Postulant, are entitled to wear the uniform of the Order. Purchasing the uniform of the Order of Saint Joachim is however optional.

2. Modern Uniform

The Order of Saint Joachim has maintained the traditional uniform of 1802 with slight modifications for modern wear. It is described as follows:

(a) Traditional Scarlet Uniform

Jacket: The body of the uniform of the Order of Saint Joachim is a short jacket in scarlet with off-white lapels and lining. Lapels can be in either the same material as the body of the jacket, or in satin/silk. The collar is rifle or dark green. The cut is similar to British regimental dress kit as illustrated below. The lapels are peaked and without button holes. The front is open with a button and chain fastener, with six buttons on the body and four buttons on each sleeve. There is no outside pocket.

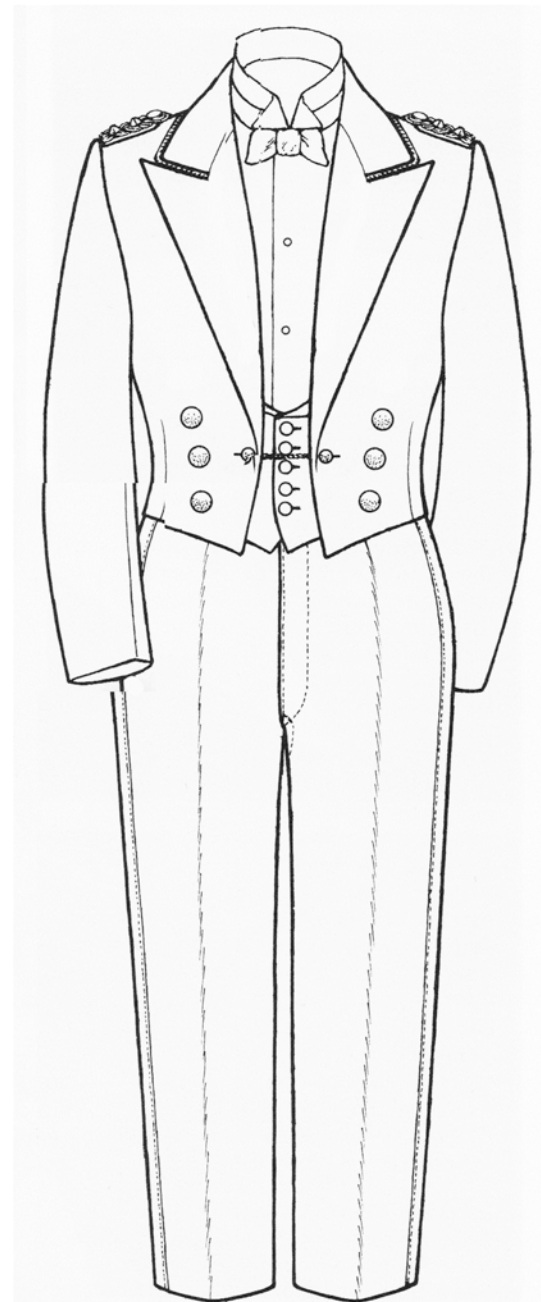
Buttons: Buttons are gold or brass with the arms of the Order.

Trousers: Trousers are black and straight-legged, worn high at the waist in the style of cavalry trousers and without a belt. They may be worn with or without rank stripe as described below.

Vest, Shirt and Tie: The vest and shirt are in white and in plain or piqué material. Bow tie is in either white or black cotton or silk.

Shoes: Shoes are black, highly polished or patent leather, or military-style square-toed dress boots.

Skirt: Female members of the Order may wear the uniform as described above, with either trousers or black medium length skirt. If a skirt is worn, there are no rank stripes.



(b) Summer White Uniform

Jacket: The body of the summer white uniform of the Order of Saint Joachim is the same cut as the traditional scarlet uniform, except it is entirely in white twill, including collar.

Buttons: Buttons are gold or brass with the arms of the Order.

Trousers: Trousers are black as described above for the traditional uniform, but may be of lightweight fabric.

Vest, Shirt and Tie: The summer white uniform is worn with a black cummerbund in place of the vest. The shirt is white in plain or piqué material. Bow tie is black silk. Designs, colours or other ornamentation is not permitted in shirt, cummerbund or tie.

Shoes: Shoes are black, highly polished or patent leather, or military-style square-toed dress boots.



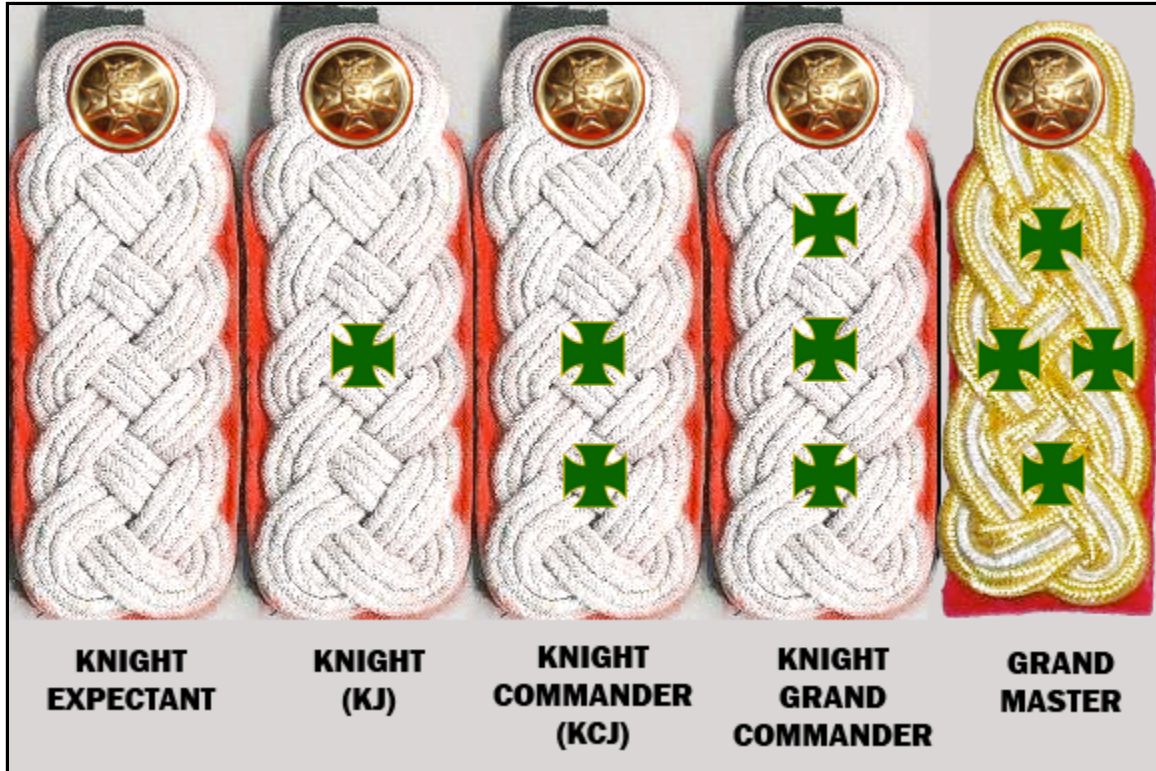
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(c) Rank Insignia

Epaulettes: Epaulettes are worn on both the scarlet and summer uniform jackets by all members. Epaulettes are in silver braid in the German senior officer style used from the late 19th century to the last half of the 20th century, in keeping with the Order's Germanic roots. The Grand Master's epaulettes are a combination of gold and silver braid. The underlay is red to match the jacket colour or white on the summer uniform. They are secured by a smaller version of the same gold buttons with the crest of the Order used on the jacket.

Rank Pips: Epaulettes shall bear green cross patté pips in accordance with rank as follows:

No pips:	Expectant
1 Pip:	Knight
2 Pips:	Knight Commander
3 Pips:	Knight Grand Commander
4 Pips:	Grand Master



Trouser Stripes: Trousers worn with either the scarlet or summer uniform shall bear gold rank stripes as follows:

No stripe:	Expectant
1 stripe of 1 cm:	Knight
2 stripes of 1 cm:	Knight Commander
1 stripe of 3 cm:	Knight Grand Commander
1 stripe of 4 cm:	Grand Master

3. Wear of the Uniform

The uniform of the Order of Saint Joachim is worn at all ceremonies of the Order. In addition, members are encouraged to wear the uniform at such other public events as may be appropriate. These include the events of other orders where the member may be a guest or representing the Order of Saint Joachim. The regulations of other orders may govern the appropriateness of wearing the uniform, and it is always advisable to inquire in advance.

It should be kept in mind that if the wearer of the Order's uniform is a member of or taking part in the ceremonies of another order, the insignia and decorations of the Order of Saint Joachim always take precedence on the Order's uniform. The insignia and decorations of other orders should be limited to miniatures and breast stars on the uniform of the Order of Saint Joachim. An exception is that a member of the Order of Saint Joachim while in uniform may accept and wear the neck cross or cordon of another order at the service at which it is awarded, however, it cannot be worn with the

uniform on subsequent occasions except in miniature. Breast stars of other orders may be worn on the uniform at any time, but in a subordinate position to the Order of Saint Joachim's own breast cross. Membership and other lapel pins should not be worn on the uniform.

In addition to the above, the general rules for the wear of the Order's own awards and insignia apply to the uniform.

The white summer uniform of the Order may be worn as an alternative to the traditional scarlet uniform as may be appropriate according to the season and local climate.

4. Obtaining the Uniform

Because of the relatively small size of The Order of Saint Joachim and how geographically widespread its membership is, there is no single supplier for the Order's uniform. Because of its relatively simple design, many members have had it made locally by reputable tailors or military haberdashers. The white summer jacket can be obtained from several military suppliers.

The Order has available for purchase several of the necessary items needed for the uniform, including the Order's buttons and green cross rank pips. It can also often assist members in locating suppliers of epaulettes and other items.



Given under the Seal of The Illustrious
Order this 20th day of April, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Lautens".

S.E. The Chevalier Stephen Lautens GCJ
Grand Master