

## **Attire and Insignia Protocol for Investiture Weekend**

*Attire for the weekend and by specific liturgical event.*

**INVESTITURE WEEKEND** – all events except Vespers, Memorial Mass, Rite and Mass of Investiture, and Gala Dinner

***Knight Chaplain Investees:*** Clerical attire

***Deacon Investees:*** As appropriate to diocese

***Knight Investees:*** Dark business suit with white shirt and tie

***Dame Investees:*** Black dress or skirt that stops beneath the knee - mid-calf in length, with modest neckline (crew, round, bateau or slight v-neck), black slacks suit may also be worn

***Wednesday Evening Reception***

*Business Casual*

***Thursday Pilgrimage***

*Casual*

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

***Knight Chaplain Investees:*** Choir Dress - cassock, sash, rochet, and biretta

***Deacon Investees:*** Cassock and rochet

***Knight Investees:*** Dark business suit with white shirt and tie

***Dame Investees:*** Black dress or skirt that stops beneath the knee - mid-calf in length, with modest neckline (crew, round, bateau or slight v-neck)

***Knight Chaplains:*** *Knight Chaplain Concelebrants* are requested to bring an alb. *Knight Chaplain Non-Concelebrants* wear cassock, sash, rochet, mozzetta, biretta, and neck cross insignia. *Non-Knight Chaplain Concelebrants* are requested to bring an alb. *Non-Knight Chaplain Non-Concelebrants* wear cassock, sash, rochet, and biretta.

***Deacon Knights:*** Are requested to bring an alb and stole

***Knights:*** Dark business suit with white shirt and tie, cape, beret, white gloves, and rosette or small pilgrim shell

***Dames:*** Black dress or skirt that stops beneath the knee - mid-calf in length, with modest neckline (crew, round, bateau or slight v-neck), long sleeves, cape, black mantilla, black gloves, and stickpin or miniature or small pilgrim shell

***Dames are not to wear slacks, culottes, gauchos or other pant-type/style attire under their cape.***

### **VIGIL SERVICE**

***Knight Chaplain Investees:*** Choir Dress - cassock, sash, rochet, biretta, and mozzetta and stole are folded and carried over left arm

***Deacon Investees:*** Cassock, rochet and stole folded and carried over left arm

***Knight Investees:*** Dark business suit with white shirt and tie, and cape is folded over left arm with cross showing; beret is carried in left hand

***Dame Investees:*** Black dress or skirt that stops beneath the knee - mid-calf in length, with modest neckline (crew, round, bateau or slight v-neck), and cape folded and carried over left arm carrying mantilla

***Knight Chaplains:*** *Knight Chaplain Concelebrants* are requested to bring an alb. *Knight Chaplain Non-Concelebrants* wear cassock, sash, rochet, mozzetta, biretta, and neck cross insignia. *Non-Knight Chaplain Concelebrants* are requested to bring an alb. *Non-Knight Chaplain Non-Concelebrants* wear cassock, sash, rochet, and biretta.

***Deacon Knights:*** Are requested to bring an alb and stole

***Knights:*** Dark business suit with white shirt and tie, cape, beret, white gloves, and rosette or small pilgrim shell

***Dames:*** Black dress or skirt that stops beneath the knee - mid-calf in length, with modest neckline (crew, round, bateau or slight v-neck), long sleeves, cape, black mantilla, black gloves, and stickpin or miniature or small pilgrim shell

***Dames are not to wear slacks, culottes, gauchos or other pant-type/style attire under the cape.***

### **RITE AND MASS OF INVESTITURE - Investees**

***Knight Chaplain Investees:*** Cassock, sash, and rochet

Mozzetta and stole are folded and carried over the left arm

***Deacon Investees:*** Alb

Stole folded and carried over left arm

***Knight Investees:*** White-tie, black tails, and white gloves

Cape is folded in half over left arm with cross showing; beret is carried in left hand

***Dame Investees:*** Long black dress with high neckline and long sleeves, black mantilla, and black gloves

Cape is folded in half over left arm with cross showing

***Military:*** Officers active or retired may wear Mess Dress.

## **RITE AND MASS OF INVESTITURE**

***Knight Chaplains:*** *Knight Chaplain Concelebrants* are requested to bring an alb. *Knight Chaplain Non-Concelebrants* wear cassock, sash, rochet, mozzetta, biretta, and neck cross insignia. *Non-Knight Chaplain Concelebrants* are requested to bring an Alb. *Non-Knight Chaplain Non-Concelebrants* wear cassock, sash, rochet, and biretta.

***Deacon Knights:*** Alb and stole

***Knights:*** White-tie, black tails, cape, beret, white gloves, and neck cross insignia

***Dames:*** Long black dress with high neckline and long sleeves, cape, black mantilla, black gloves, and neck cross insignia

***Dames are not to wear slacks, culottes, gauchos or other pant-type/style attire under the cape.***

***Military:*** Officers active or retired may wear Mess Dress.

## **SUNDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASS**

***Knight Chaplains and Deacon Knights:*** As appropriate to your participation.

***Knights and Dames:*** Capes are not worn to Mass on Sunday.

## **ATTIRE FOR GALA DINNER**

### ***Guidance of Formal Wear for Laity and Vesture for Knight Chaplains***

#### **Gentlemen**

White-tie or formal evening dress consists of:

- Black dress coat (commonly called an evening tailcoat) with silk facings and horizontally cut-away front
- 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
- Mother of pearl, gold or silver studs and cufflinks
- Black silk socks or stockings
- Black patent leather shoes
- White gloves
- Knights should wear the neck cross insignia

#### **Dames and Non-Member Ladies**

When white-tie is prescribed, women are expected to wear full-length dresses. Dresses with lengths above the ankle (such as cocktail or tea-length dresses) are not appropriate. Bare shoulders are not acceptable and should be covered by the gown, jacket or shawl. Elegantly tailored evening trousers may also be worn.

Dresses at the white-tie dinner may be a color other than black but conservative in keeping with the nature of the event. Likewise, while not required, gloves of other colors are acceptable at the dinner, and should be short when worn with long sleeves or long when worn with short sleeves and are not removed until seated at table.

Dames should wear the neck cross insignia.

#### **Military**

Officers active or retired may wear Mess Dress and rosette or miniature.

#### **Knight Chaplains**

House cassock, sash, ferraiolo and neck cross insignia are to be worn to the dinner.

Alternatively, clerical attire and rosette or small pilgrim shell may be worn.

Religious with a distinctive habit may wear the full habit as worn outside choir to the dinner with rosette or small pilgrim shell.

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