

Wisconsin Forward

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Welcome to March and I pray everyone made it through the winter storms of February safely. I know that we are not out of the bad weather yet, but spring is on its way!

We celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9th. I hope everyone takes a chance to remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate his resurrection from his crucifixion. I plan to spend the time with my Lady Pamela and possibly family.

Much of our Inspection season continues as seen at the bottom of the article. During our inspections, I plan to review our uniforms and help provide instructions to correct common uniform mistakes. My first look is at the uniform jacket itself.

The Uniform code indicates that the Class "A" Uniform coat shall be a three-button, double breasted sack coat, square cut, to close with two or three buttons. It shall have a peak lapel collar, form fitting, two lower patch pockets with square flaps to be three inches deep. The recommendation, if purchasing a new jacket, is to close with three buttons.

The sleeves may be finished with with stitching to represent cuffs, three and one-half inches (3 ½") deep, such stitching to be parallel with the lower ends of sleeves. There shall be three black, one-half inch (½") in diameter buttons on each cuff, spaced one inch (1") apart.

The following insignia shall be worn on the sleeves: a red velvet Passion Cross, two inches (2") long, with a one and one-half inch (1 ½") cross-arm. The cross is to be placed in the center of the outside of the sleeve, with the base being three and one-half inches (3 ½") above the cuff.

In Lieu of an embroidered cross, a metallic pin of appropriate color may be substituted.

An example is found at the below website. I do not endorse this site; I am just using them as an example.

<https://milfordcommanderystore.com/Knight-Templar-Uniform-Coat-c35023040>

You can find more details about the uniform code at:

<https://www.knightstemplar.org/uniforms/>

Please review the below schedule of events for the first half of 2023.

- Saturday, March 11, 2023
 - Oshkosh No. 11, St. Omer, No. 19, and Sheboygan No. 32 Inspection
 - 1:00 PM Start Time
 - Oshkosh Masonic Center
 - 204 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, 54901
- Saturday, March 18, 2023
 - Eau Claire No. 8, LaCrosse, No. 9, & St. Croix No. 14 Inspection

- 1:00 PM Start Time
 - Eau Claire Masonic Center
 - 616 Graham Avenue, Eau Claire 54701
- Saturday, March 25, 2023
 - Marinette No. 26, Palestine No. 20 Inspection
 - 1:00 PM Start Time
 - Marinette Masonic Center
 - 1610 Main Street, Marinette, 54143
- Saturday, June 17, 2023
 - 165th Grand Conclave
 - 9:00 AM Start Time

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