

Archbishop JV Cleary Assembly 0857 Guard Procedures



The **Colour Corps** has two sub-groups, the **Colour Guard** and the **Honour Guard**. The Colour Guard consists of the flag bearers and at least two members of the Honour Guard who escort the colours. The Honour Guard consists of members of the Colour Corps who have mastered the Manual of the Sword. Every assembly should organize and maintain a Fourth Degree Colour Corps under the supervision and direction of the Master of the District. Such bodies may participate in Installation of Officers, Fourth Degree Exemplifications, religious and public functions and parades and other functions, with consent of the Master of the District. The training and activities of an assembly's Colour Corps should be coordinated and directed by a Colour Corps Commander to be appointed by the Faithful Navigator.

The assembly will have a Colour Corps Commander appointed by the Faithful Navigator for a term not to exceed that of the F.N. The assembly shall own and furnish the Colour Corps Commander with a purple cape and chapeau (that matches the colour as set forth in the Laws of the Fourth Degree), which shall be returned to the Assembly at the end of the F.N.'s term of office, or sooner if requested by the F.N. The Colour Corps Commander is responsible for securing his own sword, service baldric and gloves.

Expenses incurred by the Colour Corp are the responsibility of the assembly and are not chargeable to the fund of the District Master.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY COLOUR CORP INCLUDING THE HONOUR GUARD

In order to ensure that Sir Knights are not over burdened by numerous requests for Guard Participation, the Faithful Navigator has approved the following guidelines. These are not absolute but simply reasonable expectations for the Guard Commander to aim to achieve.

Requests for a Guard: All requests will be sought through the Faithful Navigator; who will if deemed appropriate task the Guard Commander to raise a guard.

Guard Commander will alert Knights by email invitation to participate and for the very few who have no email, attempt to contact by telephone. Sir Knights are requested to respond to the invitation to accept, or decline in order that the Guard Commander has a reasonable understanding of intended participation.

Funeral Visitations: 8 Sir Knights for each two hour period with regalia
These are Funeral Visitations for Priests, Sir Knights, Knights, spouses of Sir Knights. By keeping a common number then there should be no miss perception that some people are more deserving than others in having a Guard.

Funeral Masses.

These are for Priests, Sir Knights, spouse of Sir Knights and Knights

Priests - All available

Sir Knights - request 12, plus 6 if we must provide the pall bearers

Knights - request 8, pallbearers should be from the 3rd degree council or family

Spouses of Sir Knights 6, pallbearers should be from the 3rd degree council or family

Sir Knights not having regalia are encouraged to visibly participate in the procession.

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Other Sacrament Ceremonies

Holy Orders - the ordination of priest have always been conducted by the Archbishop; thus, we are there to support him. This should be considered an all available event with maximum participation by the Assembly. Sir Knights not having regalia are encouraged to visibly participate in the procession

Weddings, Baptisms

These are two of the seven sacraments and are likewise important. If requested for the wedding of a Sir Knight or the Baptism of a child/ grandchild of a Sir Knight, a Guard could be provided with a minimum of 4 participants. This should not be considered as window dressing but service in unity of a fellow Sir Knight in the celebration of an important sacrament of our faith.

Confirmations

The sacrament of confirmation is normally celebrated within the Parish, therefore a formal guard will not be activated; however, the Gd Comd will assist in coordinating 2-4 Sir Knights to assist the Archbishop in the celebration, these Sir Knights should normally be from the hosting parish.

Degree Teams. Guards will not be called in support of a degree. If a first, second or third degree team wishes to have a Sir Knight in Regalia as part of the degree the Team Captain should simply recruit a Knight with Regalia as part of the team.

Parish Celebrations. Sir Knights are always encouraged to make a visible presence in their parish and no specific permission is required for Sir Knights of that parish to participate in social dress (Tuxedo and social Baldric). If full regalia is desired to be worn then coordination with the Faithful Navigator is expected to determine if a Guard will be called in support of the event. The main effort of participating Sir Knights should be coming from the 3rd Degree Council affiliated with that Parish.

July 1st - Canada Day / Red and White Parade. Purple and White capes are expected to be in full regalia. Red Capes are encouraged to participate in full regalia but may opt (due to weather) to simply be in Tuxedo and social baldric as part of the procession. All Knights without regalia are encouraged to participate in tuxedo and social baldric as part of the procession.

Christmas Parade - All available. Purple, White and Red capes are expected to be in full regalia. All Knights without regalia are encouraged to participate in tuxedo and social baldric as part of the procession

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The Colour Guard/Honour Guard is by definition in full regalia; however, there is nothing that prevents Sir Knights participating in Tuxedo and Social Baldric as part of the procession. No Sir Knight who does not currently have regalia should be excluded from visible and active service in unity with his fellow Sir Knights.