

Attire and Insignia Protocol for Investiture Weekend

Attire for the weekend and by specific liturgical event.

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

Knight Chaplains and Chaplain Investees: Clerical attire

Deacon Knights and Deacon Investees: As appropriate to diocese

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

Dame and 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

MEMORIAL MASS

Knight Chaplains and Chaplain Investees: Are requested to bring an alb and stole

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

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

Dame and 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)

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 duty 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 duty 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 Vigil Mass or 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.

Please contact Sir Eugene Bransfield, Sr., KGCHS at secretary@midatlanticeohs.com or Dame Denise Boswell, DGCHS at executiveasst@midatlanticeohs.com if you have questions. You may also call the office at 202-526-4217.