

# DESCRIPTION OF REGALIA

## SENIOR SQUIRE

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### OUTER-GARMENTS

#### SURCOAT

##### **Description**

The Senior Squire's surcoat is sleeveless, covering the torso and legs to mid-calf. It has two slits—one in the front, one in the back—that run perpendicular to the ground and stop about mid-thigh.

The garment is white in color, marked on the chest with a red cross.

##### **Significance**

The surcoat is the main covering of the Senior Squire and his primary means of identification as being a member of the Order during ceremonies and appearances. White signifies moral purity (white martyrdom), and the red signifies the Knight's willingness to die for the faith (red martyrdom).

#### BELT

##### **Description**

The Senior Squire's belt is black or brown. The Senior Squire's sword and dagger are kept on the belt. The Senior Squire received this belt at his induction as a Junior Squire.

##### **Significance**

Black and brown both signify humility, reminding the Senior Squire that from dust he was made and to dust he shall return.

### WEAPONRY AND ARMOR

#### SWORD

##### **Description**

The Senior Squire's sword is a weapon of European medieval design, chosen or made according to the taste of the Senior Squire.

##### **Significance**

The sword is the central symbol of Knighthood. It symbolizes skill and preparation, in using the Word of God (the Sword of the Spirit) to battle deception and evil powers. It symbolizes defense of the Gospel and protection of God's flock the Church. It symbolizes responsibility, for they with skill and power must use them with prudence and discretion. It symbolizes honor, for to fight honorably is to show respect to your fellow man. And it symbolizes heritage, for often the sword was passed down from one generation to the next and represented the authority of the entire family.

## DAGGER

### **Description**

The Senior Squire's dagger should be designed for utility; it is to be sheathed and worn on the Senior Squire's belt. The Senior Squire received his dagger at his induction as a Junior Squire.

### **Significance**

The dagger is a symbol of utility, service, resourcefulness, and defense of the Gospel of Christ. It is to remind the Senior Squire that his primary duty is to be a servant to all.

## CHAIN HAUBERK AND COIF (OPTIONAL)

### **Description**

A hauberk is a shirt of metal rings, worn under the surcoat of the Senior Squire. A coif is made of the same material, though it covers the head—much like a hood. In medieval times, mail was the primary protective gear of Knights and their Squires in battle, and served well to protect against many types of attack (especially against slashing weapons).

The hauberk should cover the torso and part of the thigh, with sleeves half-length (to the elbow) to full length (to the wrists), depending upon the taste of the Senior Squire. The coif should cover the head with a small mantle covering the shoulders, and it is usually worn down so as to leave the head uncovered.

### **Significance**

Though the Order of the Knights of the Green Cross relies on no earthly covering for protection, the simple armor of the Senior Squire shall remind him of the Armor of God that he is to clothe himself with in prayer every day.

## JEWELRY

### CHASTITY RING

#### **Description**

The chastity (also called a purity, or promise) ring shall be silver in color and be worn on the ring finger of either hand. The design is that of the Senior Squire's choosing. The chastity ring was given the Senior Squire at his induction as a Junior Squire.

#### **Significance**

The chastity ring embodies the Senior Squire's vow of white martyrdom and moral purity, always keeping his eyes and heart from the lusts of the flesh and from lewdness in conduct. It is to be removed on the Senior Squire's wedding day.

## LOXLEY CROSS

### **Description**

The Loxley cross is a pewter cross of Celtic design worn around the Senior Squire's neck. In the center of the cross is set a green stone. This cross was given the Senior Squire at his induction as a Page.

### **Significance**

The Loxley cross represents the Senior Squire's ever-present fealty to Christ as his Savior and Lord. The green stone represents green martyrdom: it is a humble reminder for the Senior Squire to separate from worldly pleasures and idolatry, always fleeing immorality and youthful lusts.

By wearing this cross, the Senior Squire conveys his submission and adherence to the ideals of knighthood and chivalry. It is an outward expression of the Senior Squire's eagerness to pursue these ideals and the fact that the Senior Squire is willing to undergo the rigors of training to become a Knight.

## UNDER-GARMENTS

### PANTS AND SHIRT (GAMBESON)

#### **Description**

These elements are to cover the whole body down to the ankles and wrists. The material shall be of the Senior Squire's choosing, and they are to be black in color. In lieu of a simple shirt, the Senior Squire may instead wear a black gambeson: a padded, shirt-like garment that provides more comfort when wearing mail.

#### **Significance**

The blackness of the under-garments symbolizes the Senior Squire's humility, associating him with dirt and dust, the humble stuff from whence he was made.

### BOOTS AND GAUNTLETS

#### **Description**

The Senior Squire's boots and gauntlets shall be black or brown in color and be made of leather.

#### **Significance**

Boots and gloves for the Senior Squire symbolize preparedness, as do the Boots of the Gospel of Peace from Ephesians 6.