



Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem

Knights Hospitaller

Priory of New South Wales

WEARING MEDALS IN CIVILIAN ATTIRE



A Guide to the Wearing of Insignia

On occasions when it has been deemed appropriate to wear decorations it is dependant upon the type of dress ordered as to how they may be worn.

An invitation will usually list the **standard** of dress expected by the host and will usually fit into one of the following categories:

Full Evening Dress - "Evening Dress - Decorations"

Dinner Jacket - "Dinner Jacket - Decorations"

Lounge Suit

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This table can be used as a quick view guide for those who are unsure as to the correct method of wearing their medals and decorations in particular circumstances as they may present.

Dress	Medals	Neck Badge or Bow	Breast Star
Day Dress			
Lounge Suit	Full Size	Yes	None
Day Dress - Ladies	Full Size *	Yes	None
Morning Suit	Full Size	Yes	Up to four stars
Formal Day Dress - Ladies	Full Size *	Yes	Up to four stars
Evening Wear			
Lounge Suit	Miniature	Yes	None
Short Dress	Miniature	Yes	None
Dinner Suit (Black Tie)	Miniature	Yes	One Only
Short / Long Dress	Miniature	Yes	One Only
Evening Dress (White Tie)	Miniature	Yes	Up to four Stars
Long Dress	Miniature	Yes	Up to four Stars

** Ladies may wear miniature if the material or style of dress makes the wearing of full size medals inappropriate.*

FULL EVENING DRESS - “Evening Dress (White Tie) - Decorations”

Knights and Dames, Commanders :

Up to four Stars may be worn on the left side of the coat or dress. When there is more than one star the following position should be adopted. (looking at the wearer)

Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars
1	1	1
	2 3	2 3
2		4

One neck Badge suspended on a ribbon (miniature width) of the Order is worn under the collar and hanging up close up below the tie.

Ladies Badge is worn on a bow **below** the miniatures on the left side.

Miniature Badges of all Orders and Medals are worn on a medal bar.

Knights and Dames:

One neck Badge suspended on a ribbon (miniature width) of the Order is **worn under the collar and hanging up close up below the tie.**

Ladies Badge is worn on a bow **above** the miniatures on the left side.

Miniature Badges of all Orders and Medals are worn on a medal bar.

When “Evening Dress - Decorations” is described as the dress standard all persons who are not in possession of full evening dress may wear “Dinner Jacket” order.

DINNER JACKET - “Dinner Jacket (Black Tie) - Decorations”

Knights and Dames, Commanders:

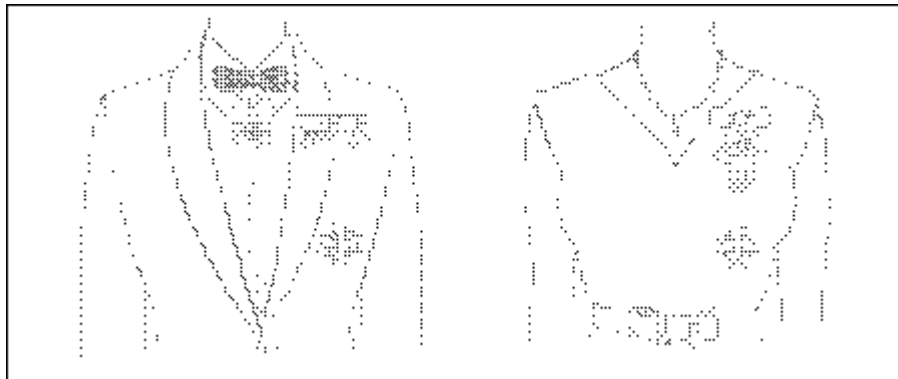
One Star to be worn on the left breast.

One neck Badge suspended on a ribbon (miniature width) of the Order is worn **under the collar and hanging up close up below the tie**. Miniature Badges of all Orders and Medals are worn on a medal bar.

The Ladies Badge is worn **on a bow above the miniatures on the left side**.

Knights and Dames; Serving Sisters and Brothers:

One neck Badge suspended on a ribbon (miniature width) of the Order is worn **under the collar and hanging up close up below the tie**. Miniature Badges of all Orders and Medals are worn on a medal bar.



Lounge Suit

There are occasions where whereby the attendees of a function are requested to wear medals with Lounge Suit. A “lounge suit” is another name for business suit and usually indicates a semi-formal function. A darker suit with a white shirt and tie are appropriate. For women, a “lounge suit” normally indicates a shorter length dress or outfit as opposed to a formal floor length gown.

Broad Ribbons and Badges, Stars or Victorian Chains are NOT worn.

One neck Badge suspended on a ribbon of the Order is worn **under** the collar. The badge should hang $\frac{3}{4}$ ” below the tie knot in front of the tie.

Full-sized medals are worn singly or mounted on a medal bar.

