

## **Grand Commandery of Maryland Uniform Assistance Programs - 2023**

In order to help minimize the cost of outfitting a Sir Knight in a proper uniform according to the Uniform Regulations, the Grand Commandery of Maryland is offering the following Assistance Programs:

### **Option #1: Sword Program**

If a Sir Knight acquires a complete uniform and hat (either a chapeau or a dress cap) that meets the current Uniform Regulations without Grand Commandery subsidies, then the Grand Commandery of Maryland will give that Sir Knight a sword at no charge.

### **Option #2: Uniform Accessory Assistance Program**

If a Sir Knight acquires a plain proper regulation uniform coat and hat (either a chapeau or a dress cap) then the Grand Commandery of Maryland will sell the uniform accessories that the Sir Knight needs to trim out his uniform and hat at half price. These accessories currently include sleeve braid, sleeve crosses, collar pins (MD and #), Cap crosses, Chapeau rosettes, Swords, Sword slings, Gloves and Past Commander shoulder boards as currently inventoried by the Grand Commandery Quartermaster.

While the Grand Commandery cannot do anything to offset the cost of the uniform coat or hat to the Sir Knight, it can however, with this program, help offset the cost of the accessories. Please note that it is still the Sir Knight's responsibility and at his expense, to have the uniform accessories properly installed on his uniform.

This program is also available to existing Sir Knights who need to upgrade their current uniform. For example, when a Sir Knight becomes a Commander or Past Commander he needs to replace his Silver Sir Knight accessories with Gold Commander/Past Commander accessories.

To take advantage of the above programs the Sir Knight must go thru his Commandery Recorder or the Uniform contact person appointed by his Commander. Either of those two will then place the order with the Grand Commandery Quartermaster. The items will then be shipped out or delivered accordingly and the Quartermaster will invoice the Sir Knight's Commandery for the cost of these uniform accessories along with any shipping costs. It will then be the responsibility of that Commandery to collect those funds from it's Sir Knight. Only the Commandery Recorder or Uniform contact person may place orders with the Quartermaster.

While it is not required, it is highly recommended that each Commandery, according to its own financial means, further subsidize these items by covering some of the cost of these items. It is up to each Commandery whether they want to collect the entire cost, part of the cost or none of the cost from its Sir Knight. The whole purpose of the above programs is to help reduce the out of pocket expense to our Sir Knights for a complete and proper uniform.

A list of the items that are currently available from the Quartermaster will be posted to the Quartermaster's Page on the Grand Commandery's website.