

Monastic Order of Knights Garb for Ceremonies.

To be worn at official functions only

Ring: A ring, medallion, broach or any piece of jewelry possessing the emblem of the Monastic Order of Knights. (Worn by all, and can be worn every day if desired)

Robe: Brown robes are to be worn by all members of all ranks and office. They are to be plain, simple and not flashy, fancy or showy. The robe represents a vow of service; the simplicity and humility of being of service to others. (Worn by all)

Pouch: A pouch, belt pouch, shoulder bag or back pack is representative of the vessel we carry our charity and good will to others in. It should be simple. We bring charity, hope, and good will to others and without expectation of recompense. What we gain from the act is found in the act and how that effects our spirit. And through humility is how we are able to experience that. (Worn by Squires and up)

Sword: The sword IS the symbol of Knighthood. In the library of the London College of Arms it has been written; *"Unto a knight, which is the most honorable office above all other, is given a sword, which is made like unto a crosse for the redemption of mankind in signifying that like as our Lord God died upon the crosse for the redemption of mankind, even so a knight ought to defend the crosse and to overcome and destroy the enemies of the same; and it hath two edges in tokening that with the sword he ought to maintain knighthood and justice."* The Samurai, the sword is more spiritual as the object is in part where the soul resides. Or through its actions the spirit of the warrior can be seen. (Worn by Knights and up)

Dagger: The blade of Mercy or Misericorde (*from the French word "miséricorde", mercy*) was used to deliver the death stroke to a badly injured Knight. This was an act of compassion or mercy as many wounds suffered in battle were a sentence of a slow, painful and terrible death. The Samurai carried the Tanto which was used to end their own life as an act of compassion for a defeated or shamed Samurai since the shame of defeat was considered too great to bare. (Worn by Knight Lieutenants and up)

Book: A small book or journal with the lessons you cherish and/or have created, and a record of your rank that you can take forward with you during travels. (Worn by Meisters)

There is an order to the garments and they are in the order of importance. The world we live in including our very lives is described through symbolism. Each of these items is a symbol of something greater. And one can not be worn without the one before it being dawned as well without losing the importance of the order. If possible, all items should be made by the wearer. At least the owner and wearer should have a hand in their creation.