

Appendix C. Supreme Council and Supreme Assembly event appearance guidelines.

As the most visible arm of the Order, those in Fourth Degree Regalia should strive for excellence in appearance in every detail. In accordance with Supreme Master's Policy governing Supreme Council and Supreme Assembly designated events:

Hair Regulations

- Hair should not extend below the collar when standing at attention.
- Hair should not exceed a bulk of 2 inches.
- Hair should not obstruct the proper fit of the Beret.
- Hair should not be styled in a ponytail, mohawk or mullet*.
- Hair styled as a ponytail, mohawk or mullet must be properly concealed without obstructing the proper fit of the beret.
- Hair should not include extreme sideburns.
- Hair should not be unnatural or exaggerated colors.
- Hair should not be greasy or unwashed in appearance.

Beard regulations

- Beards must be kept neatly trimmed
- Beards must be under 3 inches in length
- Beards must be trimmed at the cheekbones and neck
- Beards cannot be patchy or uneven
- Beards cannot be unnatural exaggerated colors

Regalia Fit Regulations

- The coat should fit easily over the chest and shoulders
- Only the top button of the coat should be buttoned.
- The coat collar should fit close around the neck without gapping or overlapping, with the shirt collar showing at least 1/4 to 1/2 inch above the coat collar at the center back of the coat.
- Coat front and back should be smooth and even at the bottom edges with no protruding or spreading

- The back hem of the trousers should fall approximately midway between the top of the heel and the top of the standard shoe in the back.
- The bottom of the front crease of the trousers should reach the top of the instep. The trousers may have a slight break in the front.
- The trousers should be full enough around the hips to prevent the side pockets from spreading. The seat must be an easy fit with no wrinkles below the back waist.

Other Regulations:

- No earrings
- No facial piercings
- Hand and Facial Tattoos are strictly prohibited

These standards are applicable to designated Supreme Council and Supreme Assembly events requiring Color Corps participation. Local assemblies are expected to adhere to these standards but may make exceptions to the guidelines where a member's cultural heritage may impact his ability to comply with these standards. Where no cultural exception is applicable, an individual refusing to adhere to these standards may be barred from participating in color corps events by the District Master. When this occurs, the District Master must pass the request for an exemption through the chain of command for review by the Supreme Master's Office. While the review is pending, the member may continue participating in color corps activities.

In summary, the Color Corps is designed to lend dignity, pomp, and circumstance to religious and patriotic events. Members are to present themselves so as not to detract from the gravity of the occasion. Personal styling preferences should never trump the honor shown to Holy Mother Church.

NOTE: *Cultural sensitivity should be given to members who wear a particular style of hair or beard, e.g. indigenous peoples with a specific, traditional style of hair.