



The Order of St. George
Grand Priory of the United Kingdom
BM The Order of St. George,
London WC1N 3XX

Dress Code Protocol – Morning Service – Formal Investiture.

Investitures within the International Knightly Order Valiant of St George are formal occasions. The dress code for all ladies and gentleman must reflect this.

Gentlemen – Morning dress (tailcoat) with striped trousers. National dress. Uniform (see note 15.) Lounge suit.

A formal dinner suit or Tuxedo (to use an American term) should not be worn as that is a special suit worn for evening events.

Ladies – Smart suit/outfit. Very formal daytime dress with a hat (optional) with the option to wear a tailored jacket or blazer. National dress. Uniform (see note 15.)

Honours, decorations and medals.

1. The honours, decorations and medals of the United Kingdom and its Overseas Territories may be worn and those approved by the Sovereign; which you will have in writing, stating clearly how and where they may be worn. Proof may be required.
2. Full sized (not miniature) medals and decorations mounted in the correct order, in the correct place, either free hanging or court mounted.
3. **Honours, decorations and medals of other countries may not be worn by citizens of the United Kingdom and its Overseas Territories. This was decreed by King George V and remains so** – unless within 1 above.
4. The Order's approved neck jewel, honours decorations and medals that you have been awarded by the Order.
5. For gentlemen, the neck jewel must hang just below the knot of a tie.
6. For all ranks, the neck jewel ribbon width should be 35-38mm (1 ½ inch). *If you don't have one of this width, ask the protocol officer for advice in advance.*
7. Bow ties are not worn.

8. **The neck jewel, honours, decorations and medals of any other organisation and order to which you belong may not be worn without prior permission¹ - unless within 1 above.**
9. For Knight/Dame rank and higher, the Order's mantle (gown)
10. Knight/ Dame Commander – your Breast Star. No other breast star may be worn unless within 1 above. This will go above your Order breast star and in prescribed way.
11. **The Governor's Club Breast Star may not be worn as this is a 'club' affiliation token not an Order, rank or honour.**
12. Knight/Dame Grand Cross – your Breast Star as in 10 above.
13. Knight/Dame Grand Cross sash over your right shoulder and placed just on your left hip. The appropriate grade of 'weight' fastened to the clasp of your sash below the ribbon. For gentlemen, the sash goes under your jacket NOT over it.
14. Shoes for gentlemen should be black and appropriate to their attire for the occasion as will be shoes that are appropriate for national dress.
15. For any member of His Majesty's Armed Forces, retired veterans, and those from uniformed civilian service who will be attending in their uniform, there is a standard dress code that they must adhere. It does not include the wearing of the Order's regalia with their military uniform, honours, decorations, medals or rank.

Should you require clarification or further information, you are advised by email, to contact the Protocol Officer of the Order who is the Deputy Grand Prior responsible for Membership, Protocols and Procedures. You must do this advance of the event but not later than 48 hours before the event.

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¹ Guests from the Royal Society of St. George, to which the Order is affiliated, may wear their RSStG regalia.