Men's Uniforms

Please read the following thoroughly and carefully, and email Todd Gangell, KM at <u>uniforms.smom-fa@outlook.com</u> if you have any questions.

Federal Association Lourdes Service Uniform

Required

The first two items below can be purchased online at the links provided. If you choose to use another online or brick and mortar uniform supplier, be mindful to purchase the EXACT same items we have defined. There are many tactical BDU-style items available, and they are NOT all the same.

<u>Black Tru-Spec 65/35 Poly/Cotton Ripstop Long Sleeve Tactical Shirt</u> (with epaulets) <u>Black Tru-Spec Battle Dress Uniform Trousers 65/35 P/C Rip-Stop</u>

Tru-Spec Size Chart

Required

The next items are specific to the Federal Association and must be ordered from the links provided (https://uniforms-smom-fa.square.site/):

Order of Malta - Federal Association Shoulder Patch
Order of Malta Necktie
Order of Malta Beret Flash
Custom Belt - Federal Association of Malta*

Optional

The following are optional items, with the beret with patch being highly recommended. The field coat and beret can be ordered from the link provided or elsewhere (see cautionary note above), but the beret patch must be ordered at the link referenced (https://uniforms-smomfa.square.site/):

<u>Black Propper M65 Field Coat</u> (with shoulder patch)
<u>Black TSR Lined Beret with Leather Sweatband</u> (with beret patch)
<u>Order of Malta – Federal Association Beret Patch</u>
<u>Black Tru-Spec Boonie Hat 65/35 P/C Rip Stop</u>

Additional items to consider:

Due to limited laundry and dry-cleaning services, we suggest men purchase extra shirts or pants.

^{*}Uniform belts are custom made **ONLY** for first-time male pilgrims. First-time pilgrims should have received ordering instructions from Todd Gangell at uniforms.smom-fa@outlook.com. If you did not, please contact Todd at the address above.

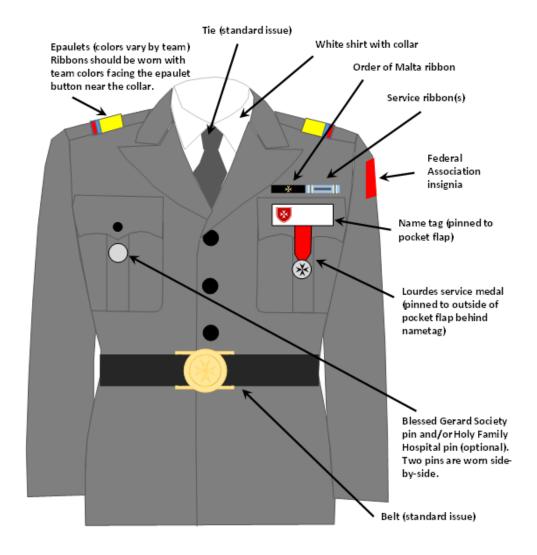
Patch Placement

If you're unfamiliar or uncomfortable with sewing patches, a nearby alteration shop or dry cleaner should be able to assist.

Shoulder patches should be sewn to the tactical shirt and, if purchased, the field coat. The top of the patch should be sewn 1/2-inch below the shoulder seam and centered on the sleeve crease.

The beret patch should be centered to the stiffener of the TSR beret, with the point of the Malta shield at 1/2-inch above the sweatband.

Once the items above are purchased, the Federal Association patches have been sewn, and a collared white shirt has been added, the uniform should come togather as shown below.



Note: The men's jacket is depicted in gray for darity. It actually is black. You will receive epaulets, a name tag (if you don't already have one), and the Lourdes service medal (if you don't already have one) from the Order during the pilgrimage. You are responsible for bringing everything else.