

## **Idle Regalia...What to do with it?**

There are lots of reasons why regalia become available and too many to mention here. What I do often hear what a challenge it is for many Sir Knights and their families to figure out what to do with their regalia when it becomes available. Traditionally, Sir Knights pass it on to a son, grandson or relative, in the hopes they will one day wear it. Sometimes a spouse will hold on to it as a fond memory.

But for others, especially a surviving spouse or family, they don't know what to do with the regalia and it would be such a waste to have it thrown out or worse given to an organization that will sell it on the open market. If there is no obvious choice to pass on the regalia, here are a few suggestions on what to do with the regalia.

1. Let your family know what should be done with the regalia once you are finished with it.
2. Have your Assembly keep a list of what each Knight would like to have done with their regalia. This can be done by a simple signed letter, form attached, to the Assembly noting on it what to do with your regalia when it is available. This makes it easy for the Assembly can contact your family and let them know your wishes.
3. Donate your regalia to your Assembly so a Brother Sir Knight can use it. The Assembly can either temporarily donate it to a Brother Sir Knight or ask for a reasonable donation to own it.
4. Donate or sell your regalia to a Brother Sir Knight. Many are willing to purchase regalia if they knew it was available.
5. You can also a contact a State officer, District Deputy, Faithful Navigator, or a Grand Knight of a council to let them know if you have one available.

Also, there may be a few widows of Sir Knights that were in your Assembly that have passed away some time ago and might concenter donating it to a Sir Knight or the Assembly. If you know of any widows, please ask them about donating it when they are ready. This would be a great way for them to honor their late Sir Knight. The best way to honor the Sir Knight and their family is to let them know the name of the Sir Knight will be etched into the sword and sewn into the cape and Chapeau. Another area that families may not be aware of is whether a Sir Knight would like an Honor Guard at their wake and this is addressed on the form.

FORM information: To make it easier for the families and the assembly, attached is a form that you can download with your requests. Fill it out and give it to your assembly and either let your family know, or at least put a copy with your regalia request form in your Chapeau box as this might be the best place for it to be found.

Assemblies - When a Sir Knight does donate their regalia, it would be a nice tribute to engrave their name on their sword. Something like...Donated by Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_. This way, over the years, that Sir Knight would be remembered and prayed for by the recipient. It would be a little more difficult, but a small patch could also be put inside of the cape or chapeau with the same information. This would be an excellent tribute of the years as the regalia continually gets pass on.

Respectfully,

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NOTE: My Regalia was donated to me from another council and I am very grateful to the person who donated it to me. I am proud to honor the Sir Knight that wore it.