

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
UNIFORM PROGRAM  
MANAGED BY  
THE SUPPLY ROOM

The Supply Room is a small Veteran owned business located in Oxford Alabama. We have been in business for over 37 years serving all beaches of our armed forces. Most of the Government agencies who started with us 37 years ago are still our largest customers today. The owner of the Company is a Former Army Officer and I am a Retired Navy E9/CWO, both the owner and I understand specifications, quality control and paying attention to the details. These qualities are what has kept the Supply Room at the top of a highly competitive industry and it will also serve us well as we work toward building a first class Knights of Columbus program.

We took possession of the existing uniforms during the first two or three days of December. Our first step was to measure each and every garment to be sure the size label was accurate before we placed it into stock. By doing this timely and costly evaluation and by asking the right questions when the customers place their orders, we have pretty much eliminated the rejects or returns.

We are now in the process of dyeing fabric and sewing our products and will have most every product on our shelves in the April/May timeframe. Here are the actions we have taken to improve each item:

**Blazer** We will have two models of the blazer, the traditional fit and what we are calling, our executive fit. Both models will be made from a tried and tested pattern which have been used to make hundreds of thousands of commercial blazers over the years. The fit and style has been battle tested. The Traditional cut is for those who still have a chest and waist in proportion. We will have sizes from 32 XX-Short to 72 X-Long, so we can fit most anyone.

The Executive cut, (Portly) is for those who need a little more coat around the stomach so it can be buttoned. This will allow us to fit you properly over the back and shoulders and still take care of the buttoning issue.

**Trousers**

We found the trousers to be this biggest problem from the past and we have taken the necessary action to correct this problem. We have also used a tried and tested pattern for the trousers to provide plenty of room in the thigh, seat and leg. We also have added a concealed stretch waistband to provide 2 to 3 inches of ease above and beyond the waist size. If you wear a 34, these pants will fit you even if you are actually a 35 or even 36 inch waist.

## **Beret**

We heard a lot of stories about the beret and how it fit, or didn't fit. Many said it looked like a "beanie" and just sat on the top of the head. Our military experience kicked in and we took the style we make for the Special Forces which would fit properly and allow the drape to extend over the right ear. We removed the lining, trimmed it in a top quality leather and used a fine Australian wool. From the feedback we have received, this has solved the problems. We supplied the Color Guard at the Kellenberg Assembly up in New York State who refused to wear the old style and according to Rob Timmerman, the Color Guard members now love it.

## **Tie**

Not a lot of complaints about the tie other than the Long was not long enough, so we have added an extra long which is 64 inches and should fit the tallest member.

## **OPTIONAL ITEMS**

We were asked if we could offer, as an option, a white shirt, a black oxford and an overcoat. We can, and we have provided prototypes of each for approval.

### **White Shirt**

We will be offering a 100% cotton, no-iron white shirt with exact sleeve lengths. We will stock sizes from a 13" neck and 28" sleeves to a 23" neck and 37" sleeve. This should fit most every need. Shirts are like the blazer's, some need more room in the stomach area and we have addressed this. We will have an executive cut/style for those who need this extra room. We will have these available around April and they will be favorably priced for this quality and features. Once approved, they will be available on our our website, [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com) or toll free number 833-562-4327.

### **Black Oxford**

We will have these shoes ready for sale in late March early April. We have used a top grain cowhide and the inside of the shoe is lined with a soft leather. From the feedback we have received from test wears is, this is one comfortable shoe.

### **Overcoat**

There are some areas in America where an overcoat is needed in the winter time. We have developed a 19 oz., 100% wool, mid-calf coat with a heavy satin lining. The coat will be water resistant as well. The coat will have epaulets on the shoulders for the Baldric to go under and the gold KOC buttons. This coat is currently being test worn and if it is accepted as it is, we will have these available before the winter ends, especially in the northern part of the country.

In summary, we at the Supply Room feel blessed to have been given the responsibility to provide the 4th Degree Knights with a complete uniform with the highest quality in materials and workmanship. We have accepted this challenge and we think we are well on our way to meet all of the objects set before us. Let me assure everyone, we take this seriously and we will work hard to earn the respect and trust of each and every member. You will receive professional and courteous service from the moment you call us. We have a team of skilled ladies accepting your calls and if they cannot answer your questions, they give the call to me. We are also receptive to your comments and/or suggestions as to how we can improve. We must always get any changes approved by the Supreme Headquarters, but trust me, Headquarters wants the best possible program and they are trusting us to get it right. I hope this answers most of your questions, if not, let me know and I will do my best to do so.

God Bless,

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