

WEARING ORDERS AND
DECORATIONS WITH CIVILIAN
DRESS



*The Orders of the White
Rose of Finland and of the
Lion of Finland*



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FOREWORD

Finland has three official Orders: the Orders of the Cross of Liberty, of the White Rose of Finland and of the Lion of Finland. There are also other official and semi-official Crosses and Medals of Merit and Commemorative Crosses and Medals.

The Order of the Cross of Liberty, the oldest of the official Orders, was established on March 4, 1918 for soldiers distinguishing themselves in the Finnish War of Liberation. These orders and decorations were not awarded during the 1920s and 1930s, but were once again awarded to distinguished individuals during the Second World War and in the years following it. The organizational structure and the rules of the Order were confirmed by decree in 1940 and 1944, respectively. The orders and decorations can be granted during war or peacetime to officers, non-commissioned officers and the rank and file of the Finnish Defence Forces distinguishing themselves in military service and to civilians contributing to national defence. Between 1960 and 1988, few awards were made, but since 1989, a limited number have again been conferred. The President of the Republic, in his capacity as the Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces, is also the Grand Master of the Order and thereby confers its orders and decorations.

The Order of the White Rose of Fin-

land was established on January 28, 1919 by the decision of C.G.E. Mannerheim, the Finnish Head of State, at the same time as the Order of the Cross of Liberty was suspended. The statute of the Order was confirmed on May 16, 1919. Distinguished Finnish citizens, soldiers and civilians alike, can be awarded orders and decorations of the White Rose of Finland, and they can also be awarded to foreigners performing important services for Finland. For those serving in the Defence Forces, the day of conferment is June 4, the Flag Day of the Finnish Defence Forces. Other Finnish citizens receive their orders and decorations on December 6, Finnish Independence Day. Awards to foreigners are not conferred on any specific date. Orders and decorations of the White Rose of Finland and of the Cross of Liberty were both designed by Axel Gallenkallela.

The Order of the Lion of Finland was established on September 11, 1942 for individuals distinguishing themselves in civilian life or military service. Both the dates of conferment and rules governing foreign recipients of the awards are the same as those of the Order of the White Rose of Finland. Orders and decorations of both the White Rose of Finland and of the Lion of Finland granted to foreigners are sent to their recipients by the Finnish

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Each award is accompanied by a diploma, which foreigners receive free of charge because orders and decorations awarded to foreigners should be returned to Finland after the death of the recipient. (This does not apply to Crosses of Merit or Medals). The orders and decorations of the Lion of Finland were designed by Oscar Pihl.

The President of the Republic is the Grand Master of the Orders of the White Rose of Finland and of the Lion of Finland.

This booklet describes the orders and decorations of the White Rose of Finland and of the Lion of Finland and provides instructions how to wear them with civilian dress.

THE ORDERS OF THE WHITE ROSE OF FINLAND AND
OF THE LION OF FINLAND

*General Instructions on
the wearing of orders and
decorations*

OCCASIONS AND DRESS

Orders and decorations should be worn with evening dress (tail-coat, dark suit or corresponding ladies' evening dress) on official and private festive occasions if the invitation is marked "Evening dress with orders and decorations" or "Dark suit with orders and decorations". Orders and decorations should not be worn with an eve-

ryday suit (although orders and decorations worn on the chest can be worn with an everyday suit on war veterans' occasions).

For wearing with different types of evening dress, see the specific instructions below.

FINNISH AND FOREIGN ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

The Finnish orders, decorations and decorations of merit are divided into three groups: official, semiofficial and private.

The official orders and decorations are as follows: the orders and decorations of the Orders of the Cross of Liberty (VR), of the White Rose of Finland (SVR) and of the Lion of Finland (SL); the decora-

tions of merit conferred by the President of the Republic, members of the Council of State and the Commander of the Defence Forces; Commemorative Medals of the Wars and decorations of merit for other patriotic activities that can be worn with a military uniform.

The semiofficial decorations are: the

decorations and decorations of merit conferred by the Orthodox Church of Finland, by the Association of Finnish Local Authorities, by the Central Chamber of Commerce and by Suomen Talousseura (Rural advisory centre of Turku region), and the Helsinki Medal.

Official and semiofficial orders, decorations and decorations of merit can be worn on all occasions where they are permitted.

Private decorations of merit conferred by different associations should only be worn on the occasions of these associations.

On festive occasions in Finland, Finnish orders and decorations take precedence, but foreign orders and decorations can also be worn. If foreign Commander Grand Crosses or Commander's Crosses cannot be worn as originals or as stars only,

they can either be omitted or – especially if official representatives of the countries concerned are present – worn as miniatures.

On occasions where a foreign head of state is present or which are otherwise specifically connected with a foreign country, orders and decorations of the country concerned should naturally be worn. However, Finnish orders and decorations should take precedence.

After having been conferred a higher decoration, the holder of decorations of the SVR or the SL should no longer wear a lower class of the same Order. However, this rule only applies to Commander Grand Cross, Commander and Knight. The Crosses of Merit of the SVR and the SL and the three classes of Medal of the SVR can be worn together with a higher decoration of the same Order.

ATTACHING ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

General rule: the sequence is from top to bottom (for Commander's Crosses) and outwards from the body centre line (for orders and decorations worn on the chest).

All Finnish orders and decorations should *always* take precedence over foreign orders and decorations (including all Finnish Commander's Crosses, which should take precedence over foreign Commander's Crosses first class, and all Finn-

ish stars, which should take precedence over stars of the foreign Commander Grand Crosses).

For the sequence of official Finnish orders, decorations and decorations of merit, see the separate list entitled 'Suomalaisten kunniamerkkien keskinäinen järjestys'.

The official orders and decorations are followed by the semiofficial decorations

and decorations of merit, according to the age of the order or decoration, and by the private decorations of merit.

Foreign orders and decorations should be worn firstly according to their class and secondly, within each class, in the French

alphabetical order of the countries concerned (Exception: when a foreign head of state is present, the orders and decorations of his/her country should take precedence over orders and decorations of other countries in each class).

SALES OF ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

The Disabled War Veterans Association of Finland handles the sale of miniature orders and decorations, and decoration bou-

tons and for attaching orders and decora-

tions worn on the chest to a special plate. The address is Kasarmikatu 34 A, FIN-00130 Helsinki, tel. +358(0)9-4785 0209 and +358(0)9-4785 0207.

SUOMALAISTEN KUNNIAMERKKIEN KESKINÄINEN JÄRJESTYS

Tasavallan Presidentti Urho Kekkosen vahvistama 10.10.1958
myöhemmin tehtyine lisäyksineen

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun suurristi ketjuineen
(SVR SR ketj.)

Vapaudenristin suurristi (VR SR)
Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun suurristi (SVR SR)
Suomen Leijonan suurristi (SL SR)

Vapaudenristin 1. luokan Mannerheim-risti
(MR 1)

Vapaudenristin 1. luokka rintatähtineen
(VR 1 rtk.)
Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun I luokan komentajamerkki (SVR K I)
Suomen Leijonan I luokan komentajamerkki (SL K I)

Vapaudenristin 2. luokan Mannerheim-risti
(MR 2)

Vapaudenristin 1. luokka (VR 1)
Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun komentajamerkki (SVR K)
Suomen Leijonan komentajamerkki (SL K)
Suomen liikuntakulttuurin ja urheilun suuri ansioristi (SU s. ar)
Suomen Olympialaisen ansioristin 1. luokka (O ar 1)

Vapaudenmitalin 1. luokka ruusukenauhassa
(VM 1 rnk.)
Vapaudenristin kultainen ansiomitali (VR kult. Am)
Vapaudenristin sururisti (VR surur.)
Vapaudenristin surumitali (VR surum.)

Vapaudenristin 2. luokka (VR 2)

Vapaudenristin 3. luokka (VR 3)

Vapaudenristin 4. luokka sodanajan ansioista
(VR 4)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun I luokan ritarimerkki
(SVR R I)

Suomen Leijonan Pro Finlandia-mitali (SL PF)
Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun ansiomerkki (SVR Am)
(muutettu 1993 SVR:n ansioristiksi, ks. jäljempänä)
Suomen Leijonan I luokan ritarimerkki (SL R I)
Vapaudenristin 4. luokka rauhanajan ansioista
(VR 4 ra)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun ritarimerkki (SVR R)

Suomen Leijonan ritarimerkki (SL R)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun ansioristi (SVR Ar)

Suomen Leijonan ansioristi (SL Ar)

Suomen Punaisen Ristin ansioristi (SPR ar)

Hengenpelastusmitali (HPM)

Suomen Olympialaisen ansioristin 2. luokka
(O ar 2)

Vapaudenmitalin 1. luokka (VM 1)

Vapaudenristin 1. luokan ansiomitali (VR Am 1)

Vapaudenmitalin 2. luokka (VM 2)

Vapaudenristin 2. luokan ansiomitali (VR Am 2)

Vapaussodan muistomitali ruusuineen
(Vs. mm rk)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun I luokan mitali kultaristein ja solkineen (SVR M I kr sk.)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun 1. luokan mitali solkineen (SVR M I sk.)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun mitali solkineen
(SVR M sk.)

Vapaussodan muistomitali (Vs. mm)

Vuosien 1939–1940 sodan (talvisodan) muistomitali (Ts. mm)

Vuosien 1941–1945 sodan (jatkosodan) muistomitali (Js. mm)

Miinanraivausmitali (Mrm)

Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun I luokan mitali kul-

taristein (SVR M I kr)
Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun I luokan mitali (SVR M I)
Suomen Valkoisen Ruusun mitali (SVR M)
Sotilasansiomitali (Sot.am)
Suomen Punaisen Ristin hopeinen ansiomitali (SPR hop. am)
Mitali inhimillisestä auliudesta (Pro Benignitate Humana, PBH)
Suomen Punaisen Ristin pronssinen ansiomitali (SPR pr. am)
Suomen Olympialainen ansiomitali (O am)
Sotainvalidien ansioristi (Sotainv. ar)
Poliisien ansioristi (P ar)
Rajavartiolaitoksen ansioristi (RVL ar)
Palotorjunnan ansiomerkki (paloristi, PR)
Suomen liikuntakulttuurin ja urheilun kultainen ansioristi (SU kult. ar)
Suomen liikuntakulttuurin ja urheilun ansioristi (SU ar)
Väestönsuojelun 1. luokan ansiomitali solkineen (Vss. am 1 sk.)
Väestönsuojelun 2. luokan ansiomitali solkineen (Vss. am 2 sk.)
Suomen liikuntakulttuurin ja urheilun ansiomitali kullatuin ristein (SU am krk.)

Väestönsuojelun 1. luokan ansiomitali (Vss. am 1)
Suomen liikuntakulttuurin ja urheilun ansiomitali (SU am)
Rajavartiolaitoksen ansiomitali (RVL am)
Väestönsuojelun 2. luokan ansiomitali (Vss. am 2)
Vankeinhoidon ansioristi (Vh. ar)
Suomen reserviupseeriliiton kultainen ansiomitali solkineen (RUL am sk.)
Kilta-ansiomitali (Kilta am)
Reservin Aliupseerien Liiton ansioristi solkineen (RAUL ar sk.)
Suomen Reserviupseeriliiton kultainen ansiomitali (RUL am)
Reservin Aliupseerien Liiton ansioristi (RAUL ar)
Insinööriupseeriliiton ansiomitali (IUL am)
Kadettikunnan ansiomitali (KK am)
Liikenneturvallisuusalan ansiomitali
Työympäristötyön erityisansiomitali

Vapaus sodan, talvisodan ja jatkosodan muistoristit ja -mitalit sekä muun isänmaallisen toiminnan ansioristit ja -mitalit aikajärjestyksessä.

Commander Grand Cross



Commander Grand Cross of the Order of
the White Rose of Finland



Commander Grand Cross of the Order of
the Lion of Finland

WEARING ORDERS AND DECORATIONS WITH CIVILIAN
DRESS:

Commander Grand Cross



TAIL-COAT

The ribbon of the Commander Grand Cross should go under the tail-coat from the right shoulder to the left side of the body, slightly below the middle of the waistcoat opening. The ribbon should go over the waistcoat if the President of the Republic or a foreign head of state is present. On other occasions, it should go under the waistcoat.

The star of the Commander Grand Cross should be attached to the left side of the chest below the orders and decorations worn on the chest. The star can be worn without the ribbon of the Commander Grand Cross, but the reverse is not possible.

Other orders and decorations can be worn with the Commander Grand Cross as follows:

– at most three other stars, that is, at most four in all (two such that one is below the other; three such that the highest is located separately above the two below

it, which are side by side; the fourth should be below the others)

– one or at most two Commander's Crosses so that the ribbon goes round the collar over the bow; the decoration ring through which the ribbon is threaded should be below the bow;

– orders, decorations and decorations of merit worn on the chest should be on the left side of the chest as follows: 1) those with a ribbon should be *in a single row* so that the upper edges of the ribbons are approximately 2 cm below the buttonhole of the lapel and, if there are two or more orders or decorations, they should be attached to a plate. The ribbons should overlap if the plate is otherwise too narrow for them. 2) Those in a rosette ribbon or without a ribbon should be in a row of their own below the above-mentioned and also below the stars (the State Decoration of Merit for 30 years service should, however, be above these).

DARK SUIT

For the Commander Grand Cross only the star should be worn and should be on the left side of the chest below the orders and decorations worn on the chest. One star only can be worn with a dark suit.

Other orders and decorations can be worn with the star as follows:

- one Commander's Cross
- orders and decorations worn on the chest, as above.

LADIES' EVENING DRESS

With evening dress corresponding to a tail-coat, the ribbon of the Commander Grand Cross should go over the evening dress from the right shoulder to the left side. The star should be attached to the left side below the orders and decorations worn on the chest.

With evening dress corresponding to a

dark suit, only one star can be worn.

Other orders and decorations worn with the Commander Grand Cross should be worn in the manner described for the corresponding gentlemen's evening dress. However, ladies should wear the Commander's Cross in a ribbon rosette on the left side below the shoulder.

MINIATURE ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

With a tail-coat and corresponding ladies' evening dress, orders and decorations can **always** be worn as originals. Those with several Commander Grand Crosses and Commanders can wear them and orders and decorations worn on the chest in miniature form. The miniature orders and decorations should be on a plate placed horizontally at the level of the buttonhole on the left lapel of the tail-coat (with ladies' evening dress, in a corresponding place). With tail-coat, a full-size Commander Grand Cross and one or two

Commanders (but not orders and decorations worn on the chest) can be worn simultaneously with the miniature orders and decorations. In this case, it is not necessary to remove their miniatures from the plate.

With a dark suit, *only* the originals should be worn. However, ladies can wear miniature orders and decorations with corresponding dress.

With a dinner jacket, *only* miniature orders and decorations should be worn.

DECORATION BOUTONS

Each class of order and decoration has a bouton, which should be attached to the buttonhole of the left lapel. With ladies' dress, it is attached to a corresponding place. The bouton is recommended on all

festive occasions where orders and decorations are not worn and also on other dignified occasions (such as dinners and conferences).

Commander, First Class



Commander, First Class, of the Order of the White Rose of Finland



Commander, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland

WEARING ORDERS AND DECORATIONS WITH CIVILIAN DRESS

Commander, First Class



TAIL-COAT

The Commander's Cross should be attached so that the ribbon goes round the collar over the bow; the decoration ring, through which ribbon is threaded should be below the bow.

The star should be attached on the left side of the chest below the orders and decorations worn on the chest. The star can be worn without the Commander's Cross, but the reverse is not possible.

Other orders and decorations can be worn with the Commander, first class, as follows:

- one additional Commander's Cross (the higher of the two should be on top);
- the possible ribbon of a foreign Commander Grand Cross and at most three other stars, that is at most four in all (two such that one is below the other; three such that the highest located separately

above the two below it, which are side by side; the fourth should be below the others);

– orders, decorations and decorations of merit worn on the chest should be on the left side of the chest as follows: 1) those with a ribbon should be *in a single row* so that the upper edges of the ribbons are approximately 2 cm below the buttonhole of the lapel and, if there are two or more orders or decorations, they should be attached to a plate. The ribbons should overlap if the plate is otherwise too narrow for them. 2) Those in a rosette ribbon or without a ribbon should be in a row of their own below the above-mentioned and also below any stars (The State Decoration of Merit for 30 years service should, however, be above these).

DARK SUIT

With a dark suit, only the star should be worn for the Commander, first class and not the Commander's Cross. With a dark suit, the Commander, first class should not wear any other Commander's Crosses

either.

When worn simultaneously with the Commander, first class, orders and decorations worn on the chest should be worn as above

LADIES' EVENING DRESS

With evening dress corresponding to a tail-coat, the Commander should be worn in a ribbon rosette on the left side below the shoulder and above the orders and decorations on the chest. The star should be attached to the left side below the orders and decorations on the chest.

When worn simultaneously with the

Commander, first class, other orders and decorations should be worn in the same manner as with a corresponding gentlemen's suit.

With evening dress corresponding to a dark suit, only the star of the Commander, first class should be worn as above.

MINIATURE ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

With a tail-coat and corresponding ladies' evening dress, orders and decorations can *always* be worn as originals. Those with several Commander Grand Crosses or Commanders can wear these and their orders and decorations worn on the chest in miniature form. The miniature orders and decorations should be on a plate placed horizontally at the level of the buttonhole on the left lapel of the tail-coat (on ladies' evening dress, in a corresponding place). With the miniature orders and decora-

tions, a full-size Grand Cross and one or two Commanders (but not orders or decorations on the chest) can be worn. In this case, it is not necessary to remove their miniatures from the plate.

With a dark suit, *only* the originals should be worn. However, ladies can wear miniature orders and decorations with corresponding evening dress.

With a dinner jacket, *only* miniature orders and decorations should be worn.

DECORATION BOUTONS

Each class of order and decoration has a bouton, which is attached to the button-hole of the left lapel. On ladies' dress, it is attached to a corresponding place. It is rec-

ommended on all festive occasions where orders and decorations are not worn and on other dignified occasions (such as dinners and conferences).

Commander



Commander of the Order of the White Rose of Finland



Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland

WEARING ORDERS AND DECORATIONS WITH CIVILIAN DRESS:

Commander



TAIL-COAT

The Commander's Cross should be attached so that the ribbon goes round the collar over the bow; the decoration ring through which the ribbon is threaded should be below the bow.

Other orders and decorations can be worn with the Commander as follows:

– one additional Commander's Cross, with the higher of the two above the other. The Finnish Commander's Cross is always placed above a foreign Commander, first class;

– a ribbon belonging to a foreign Commander Grand Cross and stars of the foreign Commander Grand Crosses or Commanders, first class. These should be attached to the left side below the orders and decorations worn on the chest (at most four in all; two such that one is below the other; three such that the highest is locat-

ed separately above the two below it, which are side by side; the fourth is placed below the others);

– orders, decorations and decorations of merit worn on the chest should be on the left side of the chest as follows: 1) those attached to a ribbon should be in a single row so that the upper edges of the ribbons are approximately 2 cm below the button-hole of the lapel and, if there are two or more orders or decorations, they should be attached to a plate. The ribbons should overlap if the plate is otherwise too narrow for them. 2) Those in a rosette ribbon or without a ribbon should be in a row of their own below the above-mentioned and also below any possible stars (The State Decoration of Merit for 30 years service should, however, be above these).

DARK SUIT

With a dark suit, *one* Commander's Cross can be worn so that the ribbon goes under the shirt collar.

When worn simultaneously with the Commander's Cross, orders and decorations worn on the chest should be worn as above.

Orders and decorations worn on the chest should be attached as above when worn simultaneously with the Commander. Holders of a foreign Commander Grand Cross or a Commander, first class, can wear one star.

LADIES' EVENING DRESS

The Commander should be worn in a ribbon rosette on the left side below the

shoulder and above the orders and decorations worn on the chest.

MINIATURE ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

With a tail-coat or corresponding ladies' evening dress, orders and decorations can *always* be worn in their original size. Those with several Commander Grand Crosses or Commanders, can wear these, and their orders and decorations worn on the chest in miniature form. The miniature orders and decorations should be on a plate placed horizontally at the level of the buttonhole on the left lapel of the tail-coat (on ladies' evening dress, in a corresponding place). With the miniature orders and

decorations, a full-size Commander Grand Cross and one or two Commander's Crosses can be worn (but not orders or decorations worn on the chest). In this case, it is not necessary to remove their miniatures from the plate.

With a dark suit, *only* the originals should be worn. However, ladies can wear miniature orders and decorations with corresponding evening dress.

With a dinner jacket, *only* miniature orders and decorations should be worn.

DECORATION BOUTON

Each class of order and decoration has a bouton, which is attached to the button-hole of the left lapel, and with ladies' dress, to a corresponding place. It is recommended on all festive occasions where orders or decorations are not worn, and also on other dignified occasions (such as dinners and conferences).

Knights and Crosses of Merit Pro Finlandia Medal



Knight, First Class,
of the Order of the
White Rose of Fin-
land

Knight, First Class,
of the Order of the
Lion of Finland

Knight, of the Or-
der of the White
Rose of Finland

Knight, of the Order
of the Lion of Fin-
land



Cross of Merit of the
Order of the White
Rose of Finland

Cross of Merit of
the Order of the
Lion of Finland

Pro Finlandia Medal
of the Order of the
Lion of Finland

WEARING ORDERS AND DECORATIONS WITH
CIVILIAN DRESS:

*Knights and Crosses of Merit and
the Pro Finlandia Medal*



TAIL-COAT

Knights and Crosses of Merit are decorations attached to a ribbon and worn on the left side of the chest so that the upper edges of the ribbons are approximately 2 cm below the buttonhole of the lapel.

Other orders and decorations can be worn with Knights and Crosses of Merit as follows:

- not more than two foreign Commander's Crosses;
- other orders and decorations worn on the chest and attached to a ribbon should be *in a single row* with the Knights

and Crosses of Merit and, if there are two or more orders and decorations, they should be attached to a plate. The ribbons should overlap if the plate is otherwise too narrow for them;

- orders and decorations worn on the chest in a rosette ribbon or without a ribbon should be below the above-mentioned (except for the State Decoration of Merit for 30 years service, which should be above the orders and decorations attached to ribbons or to the left side of them).

DARK SUIT

On the left side of the chest, as with tail-coat.

One foreign Commander's Cross can

be worn simultaneously with Knights and Crosses of Merit.

LADIES' EVENING DRESS

With dress corresponding to tail-coat or dark suit,

Knights and Crosses of Merit should be worn on the left side of the chest at the same height and in the same manner as with the gentlemen's dress.

With the Knights and Crosses of Mer-

it, other orders and decorations should be worn in the same manner as with the gentlemen's dress except for the Commander's Cross which should be in its rosette ribbon below the left shoulder and above the orders and decorations worn on the chest.

PRO FINLANDIA MEDAL

The instructions above on the wearing of Knights and Crosses of Merit also apply

to the Pro Finlandia Medal of the SL.

MINIATURE ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

With a tail-coat and corresponding ladies' evening dress, orders and decorations can *always* be worn as originals. Those with several Commander's Crosses can wear them, and their orders and decorations worn on the chest in miniature form. The miniature orders and decorations should be on a plate attached to the left lapel at the level of the buttonhole (on ladies' evening dress, in a corresponding place). With the miniature orders and decora-

tions, a full-size Commander's Cross can be worn (in which case it is not necessary to remove the miniature from the plate), but not orders or decorations on the chest.

With a dark suit, *only* the original orders and decorations should be worn. However, ladies can also wear them in miniature with corresponding evening dress.

With a dinner jacket, *only* miniature orders and decorations should be worn.

EMBLEMS

Each class of order and decoration has an emblem, and it is recommended that these emblems are worn on all festive occasions where orders and decorations are not worn, and also on other dignified occasions (such as dinners and conferences). With Knights, first class, the emblem is a

bouton and with Knights a ribbon rosette, which should be attached to the buttonhole of the left lapel. In Crosses of Merit, the emblem is a narrow ribbon which goes over the outer edge of the left lapel. In ladies' dress, the emblems are attached to a corresponding place.

Medals of the White Rose of Finland



Medal, First Class with golden cross, of the Order of the White Rose of Finland



Medal, First Class of the Order of the White Rose of Finland



Medal of the Order of the White Rose of Finland

WEARING ORDERS AND MEDALS
WITH CIVILIAN DRESS:

*Medals of the White Rose of
Finland*

TAIL-COAT AND DARK SUIT

Medals of the SVR are worn on official and private festive occasions if orders and decorations are mentioned in the invitation. With gentlemen's evening dress (a tail-coat or a dark suit) they are worn on the left side of the chest so that the upper edges of the ribbons are approximately 2 cm below the buttonhole of the lapel. With ladies' evening dress they should be in a corresponding place. Orders and decorations should not be worn with an everyday suit (on war veterans' occasions, however, orders and decorations worn on the chest can be worn with an everyday suit).

All Medal classes of the SVR (Medal, first class, with golden cross; Medal, first class; and Medal) can be worn together.

All orders and decorations worn on the

chest and attached to a ribbon can be worn with the Medals of the SVR. All of these should be *in a single row*, and should be attached to a plate if there are two or more orders and decorations; the ribbons should overlap if the plate is otherwise too narrow for them. The order is outwards from the body centre line:

The Finnish orders and decorations come first and are followed by the foreign orders and decorations, which are placed according to their class and, within each class, in French alphabetical sequence of the countries concerned.

Those in a rosette ribbon or without a ribbon should be below the above mentioned (the State Decoration of Merit for 30 years service should, however, be above them).