

“Special Envoy” Shirt Ornament

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I'd just finished making a trio of Space Command shirt ornaments for my Trekkie sister-in-law, when it occurred to me that maybe other sibs might like one (or even a set) for Christmas.



Santa sent an e-mail query, and we were both surprised to discover a bevy of secret Trek fans in the family! I ended up making something like 25 of the red-blue-gold ornaments for sibs and friends, as well as a purple one for said sister -in-law, who is an IT specialist. (I'll inform her that purple is the colour worn by Information Systems Personnel!)



That got me thinking about how big a division "operations" (red) would have to be, and speculating about what colours Starfleet would designate for the various departments within its purview: stores, maintenance, personnel, housekeeping, food service, professional development – the kinds of Functions essential to any large organization.



Then inspiration struck.

How about a Special Envoy's uniform, complete with official sash, to be worn by visiting Mission Specialists? And I had a particular one in mind, because I was also working on a birthday gift for another friend. He's something of a Trekkie himself, and at the same time, he also loves all things related to Cape Breton Island.

Presto: the Special Envoy uniform worn by the Cape Breton Cultural Attache -- a prestigious appointment, to be sure. Naturally the uniform colour is green, and the official sash is Cape Breton tartan, applied in place and outlined in black satin stitching.



Maybe I should have kept this design a secret to surprise the sibs for Christmas, but I couldn't contain myself. Santa sure has been busy since then.

In case you're wondering about the illustrious appointees to this distinguished post, here, in no particular order, are just a few of their names:

Rita MacNeil, Danny Gallivan, Ronald Caplan, Rita Joe, Don Domanski, Lee Cremo, Natalie McMaster, Daniel MacIvor, Scott Oake, Rick Bowness, Elizabeth Boardmore, Linden MacIntyre, Nathan Cohen, Bette MacDonald, Ron James, Hugh MacLennan. This list is only partial, suggestive rather than exhaustive, since a complete accounting would quickly overwhelm – but suffice to say that it would have to include all Cape Bretoners bound by love to the island.