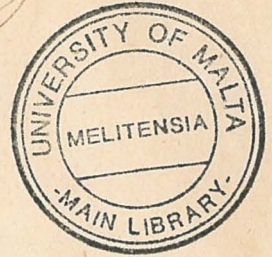


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THE STATUTES  
OF THE  
MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER  
OF  
ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.



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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by Letters-Patent under the great seal of the Preamble. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and in the fourteenth year of Our Reign, We have ordained, directed, and appointed, that the order of Knighthood instituted by Our Royal Grandfather and Predecessor, King George the Third, by Letters-Patent bearing date the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, in the fifty-eighth year of his reign, and therein designated as the DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, shall henceforth be known and described by the style and designation of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE.

And We have thereby further ordained, directed, and appointed, that the said Order shall consist of the Sovereign and a Grand Master and of sixty-five ordinary Companions or members, to be divided into three classes, as hereinafter mentioned.

And We have thereby ordained, directed, and appointed, that We, Our heirs and successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom aforesaid, shall be Sovereigns and chiefs of the said Order.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that a Prince of the Blood-Royal, or such other exalted personage as We,



Our heirs and successors, shall hereafter appoint, shall be Grand Master of the said Order, and shall, in virtue thereof be the first or principal Knight Grand Cross of the said Order.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that the said sixty-five members shall be divided into three classes, and that of the said three classes, the First or highest Class shall consist of twenty members, to be styled and designated Knights Grand Cross of the said Order; And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that if We, Our heirs and successors, should think fit to confer the dignity of member of the said First Class or Knight Grand Cross of this Order, on any person actually holding the office of Our Lord High Commissioner to the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or of Our Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over Our Island of *Malta* and its dependencies, or who shall be Commander-in-chief of Our ships and vessels in the *Mediterranean*, or who shall command Our troops in the said islands, but there should be no vacancy in the said First Class at the time, it shall be competent to Us, Our heirs and successors, to nominate and appoint any such person as aforesaid to be an Extra Member of the said First Class; and any such person so nominated and appointed shall be and continue to be styled and designated EXTRA KNIGHT GRAND CROSS, until upon the occurrence of a vacancy, he shall to all intents and purposes become an Ordinary Member of the said First Class.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that the Second Class shall consist of twenty members, to be styled and designated Knights Commanders of the said Order; and that the Third or lowest Class shall consist of twenty-five members, to be styled and designated Companions of the said Order.

Provided nevertheless, and We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that if at any time hereafter, any occasion should arise rendering it expedient to increase the number of the members comprised in all or any of the classes of the said Order, it shall be competent to Us, Our heirs and successors, by any statute or statutes to be hereafter made, in the manner and form for that purpose prescribed in



and by Our said Letters-Patent, to authorize any such increase of the number of members of any such class or classes, any inconsistency of any such statute or statutes with Our said Letters-Patent, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that such persons only shall be competent to be members of any of the said three classes, as shall possess the qualifications to be for that purpose defined in any statute or statutes to be made, in the manner and form for that purpose prescribed in and by Our said Letters-Patent.

And whereas in conformity with the said Letters-Patent of His said late Majesty King George the Third, His said Majesty did enact and issue certain Statutes and Ordinances to be observed within the said Order, bearing date the twelfth day of August in the fifty-eighth year of His reign, that is to say, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, wherein a power was reserved to His said Majesty, his heirs and successors, of altering or abrogating the same or of adding thereto, and of explaining any particular therein, which alterations and explanations should be taken as part and parcel of the said Statutes :

And whereas, in addition to the said Statutes, Our Royal Uncles and predecessors, King George the Fourth and King William the Fourth, and We ourselves respectively, in the exercise of the power so reserved to them and to Us as Sovereigns and Chiefs of this Most DISTINGUISHED ORDER, did make, ordain, and enact divers Statutes and Ordinances, more especially certain Statutes bearing date the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, in the seventh year of the reign of His said late Majesty King George the Fourth ; the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, in the third year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King William the Fourth ; and the nineteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, in the third year of Our reign, whereby certain provisions and ordinances of the said recited Letters-Patent of the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, have been virtually abrogated :



Repeals former Statutes.

NOW KNOW YE that, in pursuance and in the exercise of the power vested in Us as Sovereign and Chief of the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, We have annulled, abrogated, and repealed, and do hereby annul, abrogate, and repeal, all and every the said Statutes and Ordinances, so far as they are not repugnant to or inconsistent with the following Statutes, and the said Statutes are hereby annulled, abrogated, and repealed accordingly.

AND FURTHER KNOW YE, that We have made, ordained, and established, and by these Presents, sealed with the seal of the said Order, do make, ordain, and establish the following Statutes and Ordinances, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept within the said Order.

Style of Order.

I. It is ordained, that this Order of Knighthood shall henceforth be styled and designated in all Acts, Proceedings, and Pleadings, as the "MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE," as in Our said Letters-Patent directed, and by no other.

Order to consist of Sovereign, Grand Master, and three classes of Members.

II. It is ordained, that the said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall consist of the SOVEREIGN, GRAND MASTER, and three several Classes of KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS, KNIGHTS COMMANDERS, and COMPANIONS, as in Our said Letters-Patent provided.

Sovereigns and Chiefs of this Order.

III. It is ordained, that We, Our heirs and successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of this United Kingdom, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns and Chiefs of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, to whom doth and shall belong all power of annulling, interpreting, explaining or augmenting these and every part of these Statutes.

A Prince of the Blood Royal to be Grand Master.

IV. It is ordained, that a Prince of the Blood-Royal, being a Descendant of the body of His late Majesty King George the First, or such other exalted Personage as We, Our heirs and successors, may hereafter appoint, shall hold and enjoy the dignified Office of Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, who shall be the



First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the same. And it is ordained, that it shall be his especial duty to enforce the due observance of the Statutes and Ordinances of this Order.

Duty of Grand Master.

The badge of Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall be the same as is appointed to be worn by the Knights Grand Cross, without the Imperial Crown, suspended from the Collar or Ribband of the Order around the neck.

Badge of Grand Master.

And We do hereby constitute and appoint Our dearly beloved cousin His Royal Highness George William Frederick Charles Duke of Cambridge to be Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge to be Grand Master.

V. It is ordained, that this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall contain three classes, as in Our said Letters-Patent mentioned, to be styled and designated respectively,

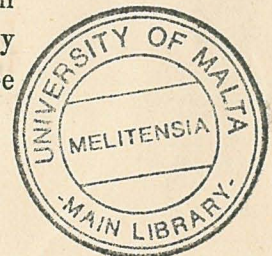
Order to contain three classes of Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, and Companions.

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS,  
KNIGHTS COMMANDERS, and  
COMPANIONS.

VI. It is ordained, that the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed twenty in number.

First class to comprise [20] Knights Grand Cross.

And it is further ordained, that if We, Our heirs and successors, should think fit to confer the dignity of member of the said First Class or Knight Grand Cross of this Order, on any person actually holding the office of Our Lord High Commissioner to the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or of Our Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over Our Island of *Malta* and its dependencies, or who shall be Commander-in-chief of Our ships and vessels in the *Mediterranean*, or who shall command Our troops in the said islands, but there should be no vacancy in the said First Class at the time, it shall be competent to Us, Our heirs and successors, to nominate and appoint any such person as aforesaid to be an Extra Member of the said First Class; and any such person so nominated and appointed shall be and continue to be





styled and designated EXTRA KNIGHT GRAND CROSS, until upon the occurrence of a vacancy, he shall to all intents and purposes become an Ordinary Member of the said First Class.

Second Class to  
comprise [20]  
Knights Com-  
manders.

VII. It is ordained, that the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed twenty in number.

Third Class to  
comprise [25]  
Companions.

VIII. It is ordained, that the Third Class, or Companions, shall not exceed twenty-five in number.

Qualifications of  
persons eligible  
for admission into  
Order.

IX. It is ordained, that the persons to be admitted into this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, shall be natives of the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or of Our Island of *Malta* and its dependencies, who may now be, or shall hereafter become, eminently distinguished by their talents, merits, virtues, loyalty, or services; or such natural born subjects of Our Crown of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, as may now or shall hereafter hold high and confidential offices within the said United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or in Our said Island of *Malta* and its dependencies; or such other natural born subjects of Our Crown of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, as may now or shall hereafter hold high and confidential offices in Our Civil, Naval, or Military Service in the *Mediterranean*; or who now are or hereafter may be appointed Officers of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, or such other persons, of whatsoever nation or country, as may render extraordinary and important services to Us, as Sovereign of the Island of *Malta*, or to the said United States of the *Ionian Islands*.

Power reserved to  
the Sovereign to  
increase numbers  
of these Classes.

X. It is ordained, that although We have deemed it expedient in the foregoing Statutes to prescribe and limit the numbers which shall constitute each class of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, it shall nevertheless be lawful for Us, Our heirs and successors, by virtue of the powers to Us and them reserved in and by Our said Letters-Patent of the fourteenth year of Our reign, to increase the numbers of any of the



said Classes, and to assign a place in any such Class to any person whom We may think fit to admit into the same.

XI. It is ordained, that in all solemn Ceremonials and in all other places and assemblies whatsoever the Knights Grand Cross of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Grand Cross of Our MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH; and that the Knights Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Commanders of the said MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH. And with respect to such persons as may have been appointed Members of the Third Class of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, previously to the date of these Statutes, it is ordained, that they shall continue to possess and enjoy the style, title, and precedence, and all other privileges whatsoever, which they at this present time possess by virtue of the before-mentioned Statutes and Ordinances of His said late Majesty Our Royal Grandfather, bearing date the twelfth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, or by virtue of the Statutes and Ordinances of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, bearing date the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, or by virtue of the Statutes or Ordinances of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, bearing date the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two. And it is ordained, that the Companions of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Companions of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath. And it is further ordained, that (with the exception of the Grand Master of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER) the Knights Grand Cross of this Order shall rank among each other according to the dates of their respective nominations, and that the Knights Commanders and Companions shall take rank among the other Knights Commanders and Companions according to the dates of their respective nominations.

Precedency of the Knights Grand Cross.

Precedency of the Knights Commanders.

Precedency of the Companions.



The Habits and  
Decorations and  
Insignia.

XII. Touching the Habits and Decorations of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, it is ordained, that Our Habits and Robes, as Sovereign of the said Order, shall be of the same materials and fashion as are hereinafter appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, save only with those alterations which may befit and distinguish Our Royal Dignity: and it is further ordained, that the Grand Master or such person as may be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors, to officiate for Us, at Investitures or other solemn Ceremonials of the Order, shall wear at such Investitures and other solemn Ceremonials, the same Robes and Insignia as We Ourselves should wear if We were personally present thereat.

The Habits and  
Decorations of the  
Knights Grand  
Cross.

The Knights Grand Cross shall upon all great and solemn occasions and at all Investitures of the Order appointed by the Sovereign, wear Mantles of Saxon blue Satin, lined with scarlet Silk, and tied with two Cordons of blue and scarlet Silk and Gold, on the left side of which Mantles shall be embroidered a representation of the Star of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order, which shall be composed of seven Rays of Silver, between each of which shall issue a small Ray of Gold, over all, the Cross of St. George, Gules; and in the centre of the said Star, within a circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed in letters of Gold the motto, "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," a representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and encountering Satan. The Knights Grand Cross shall on those solemn occasions also wear round Chapeaux, which shall be of blue Satin, lined with scarlet, turned up in front, and embroidered thereon the Star of the Order hereinbefore described, which Chapeaux shall be adorned and surmounted by three white Ostrich Feathers, and in the centre one large black Ostrich Feather. And We do further command that on all other occasions whatsoever, the Knights Grand Cross shall wear the Star of the said Order embroidered upon the left side of their Coats or outer Garments; and that they shall also wear at all Investitures and other solemn Ceremonials of the Order, as well as on all days usually termed "Collar Days," a Collar of Gold, composed alternately of Lions

Their Collar.



of England royally crowned, of Maltese Crosses, and of the Cyphers S.M. and S.G. ; having in the centre of the said Collar Our Imperial Crown over two winged Lions, passant gardant, each holding in his fore paw a Book and seven Arrows; and at the opposite end there shall be two similar Lions, all of which shall be of Gold, excepting the Crosses, which are to be enamelled White, the whole linked together by small Gold Chains. To the said Collar shall hang the Badge of the Order, which shall be a Gold Cross of fourteen points, enamelled, Argent, edged, Gold, having on one side thereof in the centre within a circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed the motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," in letters of Gold, a representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and encountering Satan; and on the reverse, within the said circle and motto, a representation of Saint George armed, on horseback, with a spear, encountering a Dragon, which Badge shall be ensigned by Our Royal and Imperial Crown, Gold. On all other occasions the said Knights Grand Cross shall wear the said Badge suspended to a richly watered Saxon blue Ribband of the width of four inches and a half, with a scarlet stripe, passing from the right shoulder to the left side. And for the greater Honour and Dignity of the Knights Grand Cross, it is hereby declared that it shall and may be lawful for them upon all occasions to bear and use Supporters to their Arms; and We do by these Presents direct and command Our Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being to grant Supporters to all Knights Grand Cross of the said Order. The said Knights Grand Cross shall also surround their Armorial Ensigns with the Collar, Circle, and Motto of the Order, and suspend thereto a representation of their Badge.

Their Badge.

Knights Grand Cross to use supporters to their Arms;

And to surround their Armorial Ensigns with the Collar, Circle, and Motto of the Order.

Badge of Knights Commanders.

The Knights Commanders shall wear around their necks a Ribband of the same colours as the Ribband of the Knights Grand Cross, of the breadth of three inches and a half, and pendant therefrom the Badge of the Order, which shall be of the same form and appearance as the Badge appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but one size smaller. They shall also wear on the left side of their Coats or outer Garments, a Star composed of four Rays, thereon a small Cross of eight points in

Their Star.



Saltire, Argent, surmounted by the Cross of Saint George, Gules; and in the centre, Argent, within a circle, Azure, whereon is inscribed the motto "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," in letters of Gold, a representation of the Archangel Saint Michael, holding in his dexter hand a Flaming Sword, and encountering Satan. They shall surround their Armorial Ensigns with the circle and Motto of the Order, and suspend thereto a representation of their Badge.

Knights Commanders to surround their Arms with the Motto of the Order.

The Badge of Companions.

The Companions shall wear the Badge or Small Cross of the Order, which shall be of the same form and appearance as the Badge appointed for the Knights Commanders, but smaller, pendant to a Ribband of the Order, of the breadth of two inches, from the button-hole of their Coats or outer Garments. They shall suspend a representation of their Ribband and Badge from the lower part of the Escutcheon of their Armorial Ensigns.

The Insignia of the Order to be returned on promotion or decease.

All persons who are admitted into this Order, or who may be appointed Officers thereof, shall make arrangements for the return, in case of their decease, of the Insignia or Badges, which they may receive from Us, Our heirs and successors, to the Secretary and Registrar of the Order. In the event of any Member of the Order resigning his dignity as a member of the same, or of any Officer resigning his office, he shall forthwith return his Insignia or Badge; and on the promotion of a Companion to be a Knight Commander, or of a Knight Commander to be a Knight Grand Cross, he shall likewise immediately return the Insignia previously worn by him to the Secretary and Registrar of the Order.

On the decease or promotion in the Order of any Member thereof who may be in England, the Secretary and Registrar of the Order shall take the necessary measures for obtaining possession of the Insignia worn by such deceased Member or by such Member so promoted; and as soon as he shall receive the same he shall forthwith deposit such Insignia in the Chancery of the Order. On the decease or promotion in the Order of any Member thereof who may be in the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or in Our Island of *Malta* and its dependencies, the Officers of the Order there resident shall imme-



diately obtain possession of the Insignia worn by such deceased Member, or by such Member so promoted, and transmit the same to the Secretary and Registrar.

XIII. When We, Our heirs or successors, shall be graciously pleased to nominate and appoint any person to be a Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Companion of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, notice of his nomination shall be sent to him by the Secretary and Registrar. To a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander, the Secretary and Registrar will specify the place and time appointed for his Investiture. To a Companion, the Secretary and Registrar will transmit to him his Ribband and Badge. The Investiture.

It is ordained, that on the day of the Investiture of a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander, the Sovereign, wearing the Robes and Insignia of the Order, shall be attended by such Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders, and by such Officers of the Order as can conveniently be assembled, habited in their Mantles and wearing their Insignia. The person to be Invested shall then be introduced into Our presence, between the two junior Knights Grand Cross in attendance, preceded by the King of Arms, bearing the proper Ensigns upon a velvet Cushion, when the Sovereign shall proceed to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon the person so nominated a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of the said Order, and shall then Invest him with the Ensigns of the Order, in the following manner:

The Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander to be Invested shall take the following Oath, which shall be administered to him by the King of Arms of the Order:— The Oath.

“I will Honour God above all Things: I will be steadfast in  
 “ the Faith of Christ: I will love and reverence the Queen of  
 “ Great Britain and Ireland, the Sovereign Protector of the said  
 “ United States of the Ionian Islands, and Sovereign of the Island  
 “ of Malta and its dependencies: and I will Defend her Rights  
 “ to the best of my power.”





The Sovereign will then Invest the new Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander with the Ribband and Badge, and will deliver to him the Star of the Order; and the King of Arms shall pronounce the following Admonition :

The Admonition.

“ Receive the Ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross [or Knight  
 “ Commander] of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT  
 “ MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE. They shall serve as Evidence  
 “ of your great Merit, Virtue, and Loyalty, and of your  
 “ Reception into this Order, dedicated to Virtue and Loyalty.  
 “ Avail yourself of the Order, to the Honour of God, to the  
 “ Service of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom  
 “ of Great Britain and Ireland, the Illustrious Protector of the  
 “ United States of the Ionian Islands, and Sovereign of the  
 “ Island of Malta and its dependencies, and for the Defence  
 “ thereof.”

An Officer of the Order shall then present the new Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander with a copy of the Statutes of the Order, on his receiving which the Ceremony of his Investiture will be complete.

It is further ordained, that if any person or persons who may be nominated and appointed Knights Grand Cross or Knights Commanders of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, shall at the time of such their appointment be absent from Our United Kingdom, it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors, by a warrant or warrants under Our or Their sign manual, countersigned by one of Our or Their Principal Secretaries of State, and sealed with the seal of this Order, to authorize some distinguished officer in Our or Their service, or other person, to perform in Our or Their name, and on Our or Their behalf, the ceremony of investing such Knights Grand Cross, or Knights Commanders with the Insignia of their respective dignities. And We reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, by Our or Their warrant or warrants as aforesaid, to permit and authorize the person or persons so nominated and appointed to wear the Insignia and enjoy the





privileges appertaining to their respective dignities, in as full and ample a manner as if they had been invested by Us, Our heirs and successors. But it is expressly ordained, that nothing herein contained shall be construed or interpreted to authorize any Knights Grand Cross or Knights Commanders of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, who shall not have been invested by Us, Our heirs and successors, with the Insignia of their respective dignities, to assume the distinctive appellation of a Knight Bachelor of these realms, without having been duly authorized in manner aforesaid to use such appellation.

XIV. And it is ordained, that the seal of this Order, as appointed by His said late Majesty, Our Royal grandfather and predecessor, and having thereon two escutcheons, that on the dexter side bearing a representation of St. Michael trampling upon Satan, and that on the sinister side bearing a representation of Saint George on horseback and in armour, with his spear encountering a Dragon, and over the said escutcheon, the motto, "AUSPICIUM MELIORIS ÆVI," the whole within this circumscription, "SIGILLUM ORDINIS SANCTI MICHAELIS ET SANCTI GEORGII," shall continue to be the seal of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, and that the Statutes within the same shall be sealed by and with the same.

XV. It is ordained, that if any Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Companion of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, be convicted of treason, cowardice, felony, or of any grave misdemeanour derogatory to his honour as a Knight and a gentleman, or if he be accused of any such offence, and does not, after a reasonable time, surrender himself to be tried for the same, he shall forthwith be degraded from the Order, by an Ordinance signed by the Sovereign and sealed with the seal of the Order, and thereupon his name in the register shall be erased. And it is hereby declared that the Sovereign shall be the sole judge of the conduct or behaviour which may require expulsion from the Order; and that it shall at all times be competent for the Sovereign to restore to the Order any person who may have

Seal of the Order.

Members of the Order may be Degraded for Treason, &c.



been expelled, when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

OFFICERS OF THE  
ORDER.

XVI. It is ordained, that the following Officers shall be appointed to this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, that is to say, a PRELATE, a SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR, a KING OF ARMS, and two OFFICERS OF ARMS attendant on the Order, who shall rank among each other in the following order :

1. THE PRELATE.
2. THE SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR.
3. THE KING OF ARMS.
- 4, 5. THE OFFICERS OF ARMS.

The Prelate.

It is ordained, that the PRELATE shall, as heretofore, be the Archbishop, or Exarch of the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or the Archbishop or Bishop of Our Island of *Malta*, or such other Dignitary of the Greek Church of the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or of the Church of Our Island of *Malta*, as We, Our heirs or successors, may be pleased to appoint. He shall in all Ceremonials of the Order, wear a Mantle similar to that worn by the Knights Grand Cross; and he shall wear around his neck, pendant to the Ribband of the Order, the same Badge as that which is appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, surmounted by an Archiepiscopal Mitre in lieu of a Crown. In all Processions of the Order he shall be covered; and he shall surround his Armorial Ensigns with the Motto and Circle of the Order. He shall administer the Oath and give the Admonition to each and every new Knight Grand Cross and Knight Commander who may be invested within the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or within the Island of *Malta* and its dependencies.

His Mantle and  
Badge;

His Duties.

Chancery of the  
Order.

It is ordained, that the Office of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State having the Departments of War and Colonies in London, shall be the Chancery of the Order, wherein a Record of all Proceedings connected therewith shall be carefully deposited and preserved, and that the Chief Clerk of the said office for the time being shall be the Secretary and Registrar of Our said MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER.



The SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR shall have the custody of the Seal, of the Archives, and of the Insignia of the Order. He shall attend to the service of the Order generally, and shall faithfully obey and execute such commands and directions as he may receive from the Grand Master, or from one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, relating to the service of the Order. He shall prepare and engross all Instruments which may require to be sealed with the Seal of the Order; notify all Nominations to the persons concerned, and transmit to those whom We may nominate and appoint Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, or Companions of the Order, the Insignia of their respective Dignities. He shall carefully record all nominations to the Order, and the proceedings thereunto relating, which may be directed by Us; and he shall faithfully enter such proceedings in the Register of the Order. He shall make it his duty to recover the Badges of deceased Members of the Order; and in order to enable him to execute that duty effectually, he shall demand from the persons upon whom We may confer the dignities and Insignia of this Order, written covenants in the words following; that is to say, in the case of a person nominated by Us to be Knight Grand Cross :

“ I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter  
 “ cease to hold my Rank and Place as a Member of this  
 “ MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, I will forthwith restore to  
 “ the Secretary and Registrar all the Insignia thereof which  
 “ I have received from the Sovereign, or from the said  
 “ Secretary and Registrar; and I further promise that I will,  
 “ without delay, make provision for the due restoration of  
 “ the said Insignia by my personal representatives, in case  
 “ I shall continue a Member of this Order until the period  
 “ of my decease.”

From Knights Commanders or Companions, the covenant shall be as follows :

“ I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter  
 “ be promoted or cease to hold my Rank and Place in this

OFFICERS OF THE  
 ORDER.

The Secretary and  
 Registrar.

His duties.



OFFICERS OF THE  
ORDER.

“MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER, I will forthwith restore to  
“the Secretary and Registrar all the Insignia thereof which I  
“have now received from the Sovereign, or from the said  
“Secretary and Registrar; and I further promise that I will  
“without delay, make provision for the due restoration of  
“the said Insignia by my personal representatives, in case I  
“shall continue a Member of this Order until the period of  
“my decease.”

And the said Secretary and Registrar shall carefully preserve all such covenants until they shall have been duly fulfilled in accordance with Our intentions.

His Mantle and  
Badge.

In all Ceremonials of the Order, the Secretary and Registrar shall wear a Mantle of scarlet Silk, lined with Saxon blue; he shall also wear around his neck, pendant from the Ribband of the Order, a badge of gold of a square form representing a purse charged with the Cross of Saint George, Gules, surmounting a Maltese Cross in Saltire Argent, within the Circle and Motto of the Order.

The King of Arms.

His duties.

His Mantle and  
Badge.

It is ordained, that the KING OF ARMS of the Order shall be nominated by Us, Our heirs and successors. He shall sedulously attend to the service of the Order, and perform the duties required of him at all investitures held by Us. He shall in all Ceremonials of the Order be habited in a Mantle similar to that of the Secretary and Registrar, and shall wear around his neck, pendant to the Ribband of the Order, an Escutcheon of Gold, enamelled, having on one side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a representation of Saint Michael trampling upon Satan; and upon the other side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a representation of Saint George on horseback, and in Armour, with a Spear encountering a Dragon; the whole within the Circle and Motto of the Order, and surmounted by Our Royal Crown. At the Coronation of the Sovereign he shall precede the Knights of the Order, and shall wear his Crown like Our other Kings of Arms; and in all other Ceremonials and Assemblies he shall have place and precedence among



our Kings of Arms, next to and immediately after Bath King of Arms. OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

It is ordained, that the OFFICERS OF ARMS, attendant on the Order, shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors. One of them shall reside at the seat of the Government of the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, and the other in Our Island of *Malta*. They shall sedulously attend to the service of the Order, and faithfully obey and execute all directions which shall, in that behalf, be transmitted to them by the Secretary and Registrar of the Order. They shall respectively attend at all Investitures of the Order, which the Sovereign may direct to be held in the said Islands; they shall administer the Oath and give the admonition to each and every new Knight Grand Cross and Knight Commander, when the Prelate is not present; and they shall transmit to the Secretary and Registrar an account of the proceedings at such Investitures, in order that the same may be duly recorded in the Register of the Order.

The Officers of Arms.

Their duties.

On the decease or promotion of any Members of the Order, either in the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or in Our Island of *Malta*, the Officers of Arms shall respectively obtain possession of the Insignia of the Members, deceased or promoted, and transmit the same to the Secretary and Registrar of the Order.

In all ceremonies of the Order the Officers of Arms shall wear Mantles like unto that appointed for the Secretary and Registrar; and they shall carry Blue Rods surmounted with Our Imperial Crown. They shall wear around their necks pendant to the Ribband of the Order, an Escutcheon of Gold, enamelled, having on one side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a representation of Saint Michael trampling upon Satan; and upon the other side Our Royal Arms, impaled with a representation of Saint George on horseback, and in Armour, with a Spear encountering a Dragon; the whole within the Circle and Motto of the Order.

Their Mantles and Badges.

It is ordained, that each of the aforesaid Officers, before his admission into his Office, shall take the following Oath, which shall be

Oath of the Officers of the Order.



OFFICERS OF THE  
ORDER.

administered unto him by the Grand Master, or by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or by Our Lord High Commissioner in and for the United States of the *Ionian Islands*, or by Our Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over Our Island of *Malta*, as the case may require :

“ I will yield obedience to the Sovereign, and also to the Grand  
“ Master of the MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT  
“ MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, in such things as appertain  
“ to the Order. I will not disclose the Secrets of the Order ;  
“ and I will be diligent and faithful in the execution of my  
“ Office.”

Privileges of the  
Officers of the  
Order.

And it is ordained, that all the Officers of this MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER shall continually remain under the protection of the Sovereign. They are hereby declared to be Servants of the Sovereign's Household ; and shall enjoy all Privileges and Exemptions belonging by Right or Custom to the Esquires of the Sovereign, or to the Gentlemen of Her Privy Chamber ; and We do hereby authorize them at all times, and in all places, to wear the Badges appropriated to them respectively by these Statutes, pendant to Ribbands of the same colours and width as have been appointed for the Knights Commanders.

Drawings of  
Badges, &c.,  
annexed to the  
Statutes.

That no mistake may arise with respect to the Collars, Stars, Badges, or Ribbands, hereinbefore appointed, or as to the manner in which the Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, and Companions, shall use a representation of the Badges of the Order with their armorial ensigns, We have directed the said Collars, Stars, Badges, and Ribbands, to be depicted and emblazoned in their proper sizes and colours, which, together with drawings of the Shields of the Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, and Companions, are hereunto annexed ; and We do hereby enjoin and command that no alteration be on any account made therein, without Our Royal approbation, signified under Our Sign Manual, and sealed with the Seal of the Order.

The Statutes to be  
inviolably kept and  
observed.

And lastly, We do hereby command and enjoin, that these Statutes and every Article thereof shall be inviolably kept and observed within



Our said Order, reserving to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, the power of altering or abrogating the same, or of adding thereto and explaining any particular therein, by a notification thereof, sealed with the Seal of the Order, which alterations and explanations shall be taken as part and parcel of these Our Statutes. Power reserved to alter the same.

Given under the Seal of the said Order, at Our Court at Windsor, this thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, in the fourteenth year of Our reign.

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND,



GREY.



Our said Order, reserving to ourselves Our heirs and successors the power of altering or abrogating the same, or of adding thereto and explaining any particular therein, by a notification thereof sealed with the Seal of the Order, which alterations and explanations shall be taken as part and parcel of these Our Statutes.

Given under the Seal of the said Order, at Our Court at Windsor, this fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, in the fourth year of Our reign.

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