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Royal Charter, 1955

Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas by a Royal Charter under the Great Seal, bearing date at Westminster the fourteenth day of May in the fifty-first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (hereinafter referred to as the Original Charter) "The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem in England", was incorporated for the objects and purposes declared in the original Charter and in the Statutes set forth in the Schedule thereto:

AND WHEREAS by a Supplemental Charter bearing date at Westminster the twenty-second day of May in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven certain alterations were made in the provisions of the original Charter:

AND WHEREAS by a further Royal Charter under the Great Seal bearing date at Westminster the twelfth day of June in the seventeenth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1926") the provisions of the Original Charter and the said Supplemental Charter were amended, consolidated and superseded and in particular it was declared and ordained that the name, designation and title of the said Order should from the date of issue of the Charter of 1926 be "the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem":

AND WHEREAS by a further Royal Charter under the Great Seal bearing date at Westminster the first day of August in the first year of the reign of His Majesty King Edward the Eighth and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and

thirty-six (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1936") the Charter of 1926 was amended and superseded and it was ordained that the Charter of 1936 was and should be the sole Charter of the Grand Priory aforesaid :

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to Us by Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Counsellor Henry, Duke of Gloucester, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, who is now the Grand Prior of the Grand Priory aforesaid, that the Charter of 1936 should be amended and superseded by a further Charter granted by Us AND WHEREAS it is considered expedient to amend and supersede the Charter of 1936 by the grant of a further Charter being these Presents :

~~Now know ye~~ that We, having taken the premises into Our consideration, by Our especial Grace Certain Knowledge and Mere Motion for Us Our Heirs and Successors, by this further Charter, under the power by the Charter of 1936 reserved to Us Our Heirs and Successors and every other power Us herunto enabling, do DECLARE AND ORDAIN as follows:

Clause 1.—Amendment and Supersession of the Charter of 1936—

We do hereby amend and supersede the Charter of 1936 and grant to the Grand Priory aforesaid this further Royal Charter superseding the Charter of 1936 and We Ordain that this Our Royal Charter is and shall be the sole Charter of the Grand Priory aforesaid.

Clause 2.—Title—

We do hereby further ordain that the name, designation and title of the Grand Priory aforesaid is and shall continue to be "the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem", and we further Declare that the same usually shall be styled and designated for brevity "The Order of St. John" and shall in this Charter be referred to as "the Order".

Clause 3.—Rights and Privileges—

We do hereby further ordain that the Order shall have a Common Seal and have perpetual succession, and that it may by and in the said name and style, sue, implead and answer,

and be sued, impleaded and answered in all Courts whatsoever, whether of Law or Equity, and be competent to do all other acts, matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body politic and corporate, and to enjoy all rights and privileges lawfully appertaining to bodies politic and corporate.

(Clauses 4, 5 and 6 were revoked by the provisions of the Supplemental Royal Charter of 1974.)

~~In~~ ~~Witness~~ whereof We have caused these Our letters to be made Patent.

~~Witness~~ Ourselves at Westminster the fifteenth day of March in the fourth year of Our Reign.

~~By~~ ~~Warrant~~ under the Queen's Sign Manual.

COLDSTREAM.



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Supplemental Royal Charter, 1974

~~Elizabeth the Second~~ by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

~~Whereas~~ by a Royal Charter dated the fourteenth day of May in the fifty-first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (hereinafter referred to as "the Original Charter") all the Members (excluding Associates) for the time being of the Order created by the Original Charter were incorporated under the name and style of "The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem in England" for the objects and purposes declared in the Original Charter and in the Statutes set forth in the Schedule thereto:

AND WHEREAS by a Supplemental Charter dated the twenty-second day of May in the seventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven certain alterations were made in the provisions of the Original Charter:

AND WHEREAS by a further Royal Charter dated the twelfth day of June in the seventeenth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1926") the provisions of the Original Charter and the said Supplemental Charter were amended, consolidated and superseded and in particular it was declared and ordained that the name, designation and the title of the said Order should from the date of issue of the Charter of 1926 be "the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem":

AND WHEREAS by a further Royal Charter dated the first day of August in the first year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Eighth and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1936") the Charter of 1926 was amended and superseded and it was ordained that the Charter of 1936 was and should be the sole Charter of the Grand Priory aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS by a further Royal Charter dated the fifteenth day of March in the fourth year of Our Reign and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1955") the Charter of 1936 was amended and superseded and it was ordained that the Charter of 1955 was and should be the sole Charter of the Grand Priory aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS the Charter of 1955 was subsequently amended by two Supplemental Charters dated respectively the fourteenth day of November in the seventh year of Our Reign and the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight and the twenty-eighth day of February in the nineteenth year of Our Reign and the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Supplemental Charters of 1958 and 1970"):

AND WHEREAS it has been represented unto US by Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Counsellor Henry, Duke of Gloucester, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, who is now the Grand Prior of the Grand Priory aforesaid, that the Supplemental Charters of 1958 and 1970 should be revoked and that the Charter of 1955 should be amended by a further Supplemental Charter granted by US providing among other things that the name, designation and title of the Order should again be amended and that the Statutes set forth in the Schedule to the Charter of 1955 which regulate the internal administration and organisation of the Order should be replaced in revised form so that the objects and purposes of the Order may be better attained:

~~Now know ye~~ that We, having taken the premises into Our Royal Consideration, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have declared and ordained and by these Presents do for US, Our Heirs and Successors DECLARE AND ORDAIN as follows:

Clause 1.—Interpretation—

This Our Royal Charter shall supersede the Charter of 1955 except in so far as any provisions of the said Charter are not hereby revoked.

Clause 2.—Amendment of Charter of 1955—

The provisions of the Charter of 1955, except so far as they incorporate the said Grand Priory and confer on it perpetual

succession and authorise it to have a Common Seal, to sue and be sued and to enjoy all the rights and privileges lawfully appertaining to bodies politic and corporate, are hereby revoked.

Clause 3.—Revocation of Supplemental Charters—

The Supplemental Charters of 1958 and 1970 are also revoked.

Clause 4.—Saving—

The revocation in part of the Charter of 1955 and the revocation of the aforesaid Supplemental Charters shall not affect the validity or legality of any thing done or executed or of any dealing with property or of any investment made under any of the revoked provisions of the said Charters or of any of the Statutes of the Order annexed thereto.

Clause 5.—Change of Name of the Corporate Body—

All persons who are at the date of this Our Supplemental Charter enrolled as Members of the Order in the roll of members thereof in the custody of the Secretary-General of the Order and are of any of the grades of Members hereinafter specified and all persons who shall for the time being in pursuance of and in accordance with these Presents be Members of the Order shall continue to be one body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The Grand Priory of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem" which as heretofore may be styled and designated for brevity "The Order of St. John" and shall herein and in the Statutes be referred to as "the Order".

Clause 6.—Property—

The Order shall have power to purchase, acquire, take and hold in perpetuity or otherwise any property, lands, tenements and hereditaments.

Clause 7.—Powers of Investment—

The powers of the Order to invest moneys and funds of the Order not immediately required to be expended shall be such as shall be specified in the Statutes of the Order.

Clause 8.—Statutes of the Order—

The Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Our Supplemental Charter are hereby declared to be the sole Statutes of the Order until they shall be altered in the manner hereinafter appearing.

Clause 9.—Saving for Establishments, etc., Overseas—

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Charter of 1955 and of this Our Supplemental Charter, it is hereby declared that any Establishment or other subordinate body of the Order in a country overseas shall have and shall be deemed always to have had power to incorporate or register itself for the purpose of complying with the requirements of any local law.

Clause 10.—Amendment of Charter and Statutes—

The Order may revoke, amend or add to any of the provisions of the Charter of 1955 or this Our Supplemental Charter or the Statutes of the Order by a Resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of the members present and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Chapter-General of the Order specially summoned for the purpose, and of which at least three months' notice has been given, and any such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effective so that the Charter of 1955 or this Our Supplemental Charter or the Statutes of the Order shall thenceforth continue and operate as though they had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to the Charter of 1955 or to this Our Supplemental Charter or the Statutes of the Order as revoked, amended or added to in the manner aforesaid.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our letters to be made Patent.

In Witness Ourself at Westminster the twenty-ninth day of April in the twenty-third year of Our Reign.

By *Warrant* under the Queen's Sign Manual.

DOBSON.



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At the Court of Buckingham Palace

THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1978

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS the Grand Priory of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem has duly made amendments to the Statutes of the said Order:

AND WHEREAS the said amendments have been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for allowance:

~~Now~~, **therefore** Her Majesty, having taken the said amendments (a copy of which is herunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare and doth hereby declare Her allowance of the same.

N. E. Leigh

Amendments to the Statutes of the Grand Priory of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem referred to in the foregoing Order

1. In Statute 1 *delete* the figures "1974" and substitute the figures and word "1974 and 1978".
2. In paragraph (1) of Statute 2 *delete* the definition of "Rules" and *substitute* the following definitions: "Rules" means Rules made in pursuance of Statutes 16(2), 17(3), 19(3), 19A(5) or 20(5);"
3. In paragraph (4) of Statute 12 *delete* the figures and symbols "19(4)" and *substitute* the figures "19".
4. *Delete* Statute 19 and *substitute* the following Statutes 19 and 19A: (For the text of these two Statutes see pages 25-29.)

4. *Delete* paragraph (3) of Statute 20 and *substitute* the following:

"(3) Foundations of the Order shall be under the entire control of the Grand Prior and the Chapter-General. Nevertheless the Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and, where he deems it appropriate in relation to Priories, after consultation with the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, assign the control and management of any specified Foundation in so far as it concerns its operation within the territorial limits of a Priory or of a National St. John Council, to the Prior and the Priory Chapter or the National St. John Council as the case may be of that territory. In like manner and after such recommendations and consultation, the Grand Prior may revoke or modify any such assignment."

5. *Add* a new paragraph (9) at the end of Statute 22 as follows:

"(9) The word 'Establishment' wherever it occurs in the foregoing provisions of this Statute shall be read and construed as including any National St. John Council duly constituted under the provisions of Statute 19."

6. *Delete* Statute 50.

7. *Re-number* Statutes 51 to 53 as 50 to 52 respectively.

8. In paragraph 9(viii) of Appendix III *delete* the words "of her Mantle" and *substitute* the words "of her garment under the Mantle".

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THE SCHEDULE

**The Statutes of the Grand Priory of the Most Venerable
Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem**

PART ONE—INTRODUCTORY

1. Short title

These Statutes may be cited as “the St. John Statutes, 1974 and 1978”.

2. Interpretation

(1) In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Associate Member” means a person attached to the Order in pursuance of the provisions of Statute 26(2) who has not ceased for any reason to be attached thereto;

“Grand Priory” means all the Members of the Order for the time being comprising the corporate body referred to in the Royal Charter;

“Independent country” includes an Associated State;

“the Lord Prior” means the Lord Prior of St. John whose Great Office is referred to in Statute 8;

“Member of the Order” means a person possessing the qualifications set out in Statute 26(1) who, having been duly admitted to the Order, has not ceased for any reason to be a Member;

“the Order” or “the Order of St. John” means the Grand Priory;

“Regulations” means Regulations made by the Grand Prior in pursuance of Statute 7(3);

“Royal Charter” means the Royal Charter of 1955 as supplemented by the Royal Charter to which these Statutes are annexed;

“Rules” means Rules made in pursuance of Statutes 16(2), 17(3), 19(3), 19A(5) or 20(5);

“St. John Ambulance” means the Foundation known as the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade;

“United Kingdom” includes Northern Ireland.

(2) In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the masculine shall include females, words in

the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

(3) If at any time the Grand Prior in the exercise of powers conferred on him shall ordain that any office or body constituted by or under these Statutes shall have its title changed to a new title, any reference to such office or body in these Statutes or in any Regulations or Rules made thereunder shall be read and construed as a reference to such office or body by such new title.

(4) If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Statutes, the matter shall be referred to the Grand Prior whose decision shall be final.

3. Mottos of the Order

The Mottos of the Order shall be “Pro Fide” and “Pro Utilitate Hominum”.

4. Objects and Purposes of the Order

The Order is an ancient Christian brotherhood and its objects and purposes shall be:

(a) The encouragement of all that makes for the spiritual and moral strengthening of mankind in accordance with the first great principle of the Order embodied in the Motto “Pro Fide”;

(b) The encouragement and promotion of all work of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering or danger, without distinction of race, class or creed and the extension of the second great principle of the Order embodied in the Motto “Pro Utilitate Hominum”;

(c) The rendering of aid to the sick, wounded, disabled or suffering and the promotion of such permanent organisation during times of peace as may be at once available in times of civil emergencies or war, including the training and provision of technical reserves for the medical services of the Armed Forces or any Civil Defence Organisations;

(d) The award of medals, badges or certificates of honour for special services in the cause of humanity, especially for saving life at imminent personal risk;

(e) The maintenance and development of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem and the clinics and research projects connected therewith;

(f) The maintenance and development of the St. John Ambulance, the objects and purposes of which are:

(i) The instruction of members of the public in the principles and practice of First Aid, Nursing, Hygiene and other allied or ancillary subjects;

(ii) The preparation, publication and distribution of textbooks and other training aids to facilitate such instruction and the organisation of examinations and tests for the purpose of issuing certificates of proficiency in such subjects;

(iii) The organisation, training and equipment of men, women and young persons to undertake, on a voluntary basis either as individuals or as organised groups, First Aid, Nursing and allied activities, in the streets, public places, hospitals, homes, places of work or elsewhere as occasion may require for the relief, transport, comfort or welfare of those in need;

(iv) The instruction of boys and girls in First Aid, Nursing and other subjects conducive to the education of good citizens;

(v) The provision of trained personnel to give assistance to Central or Local Government Departments or to the Armed Forces at times of emergency in peace or in war.

(g) The formation of ambulance and medical comforts depots and the organisation and administration of transport by ambulance;

(h) The formation and administration of establishments, councils, associations, centres or other subordinate bodies to facilitate the work of the Order in local geographical areas;

(i) The maintenance of contact and the development of collaboration with kindred Orders and bodies;

(j) The manufacture and distribution by sale or presentation of publications, equipment or materials useful for or connected with furthering the objects and purposes of the Order;

(k) The receipt and acceptance of donations, endowments and gifts of money, lands, hereditaments, stocks, funds, shares, securities or other assets whatsoever, and the borrowing, investing or raising of money with or without security for any objects or purposes of the Order and either subject to or free from any special trusts or conditions;

(l) The maintenance, administration or development of all real and personal property vested in or under the control of the

Order, and the sale, lease, mortgage, loan, exchange, gift, or any other disposition of the same as circumstances may arise or permit.

PART TWO—THE ORGANISATION OF GRAND PRIORY

5. Sovereign Head

Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors shall be the Sovereign Head of the Order.

6. The Grand Prior

There shall be a Grand Prior of the Order who shall be appointed by the Sovereign Head after consultation with the Grand Prior's Advisory Council and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Sovereign Head or until resignation.

7. Powers of the Grand Prior

(1) Subject to any directions he may receive from the Sovereign Head, the Grand Prior shall make all appointments and shall exercise supreme direction and administrative and executive control over the Order, its Establishments, its other subordinate organisations, its Members and Associate Members. The Grand Prior shall have the right to veto any recommendation, resolution, decision or proceeding of the Chapter-General, or of any Establishment or other subordinate organisation of the Order.

(2) The Grand Prior shall submit to the Sovereign Head for approval or direction any matter which he deems to be of important principle and, in particular, shall submit for the sanction of the Sovereign Head all proposals for admission or attachment to or promotion in the Order as shall have been recommended by the Chapter-General and approved by him.

(3) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, shall have power by Instrument under his hand and the Seal of Grand Priory to make, amend, revoke or suspend (in whole or in part and either generally or in relation to any specified area) Regulations (not being repugnant to the Royal Charter or any law) for any purpose expressed in the Royal Charter or Statutes or otherwise as he may deem necessary or expedient for the conduct, control or management of the affairs or work of the Order and, when published in such

manner as the Grand Prior may direct, such Regulations shall be binding on the organisations or persons to which they are applicable.

(4) To facilitate the conduct of the affairs and work of the Order, the Grand Prior may, in his discretion and subject to such limitations as he may impose, delegate in such manner as he deems fit any of his powers or authority to any other Great Officer or other officer of the Order as he may specify.

Provided always that he shall not delegate his power of veto nor his authority to make Regulations or Rules or to approve and submit to the Sovereign Head recommendations for admission or attachment to or promotion in the Order except when he is unable to exercise such power or authority owing to absence abroad or ill-health in which circumstances such power or authority may be exercised by the Lord Prior on his behalf.

(5) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, may appoint Standing or other Committees of such membership and with such terms of reference as he may specify or as may be prescribed by Regulations. Unless the Grand Prior otherwise directs, all such Committees shall report to and exercise their functions under the general supervision of the Council of the Order established under Statute 14.

8. The Great Officers of the Order

The Grand Prior and those holding the four offices herein-after mentioned shall be the Great Officers of the Order and *ex officio* shall be Bailiffs Grand Cross of the Order, that is to say:

(a) *The Lord Prior of St. John* who shall be the Lieutenant and Deputy of the Grand Prior by whom he shall be appointed to hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation.

(b) *The Prelate* who shall be a Brother of the Order of episcopal rank in the Church of England as by law established and shall be appointed by the Grand Prior to hold office during his pleasure or until resignation. The Prelate shall be the adviser of the Grand Prior in all matters of an ecclesiastical nature and shall determine the form of religious service and prayers to be used on such occasions as are not provided for

by the Statutes or Regulations; save that in Scotland the Grand Prior shall be advised in these matters by the appropriate Executive Officer of the Priory of Scotland.

(c) *The Chancellor* who shall be the chief executive officer of the Order and shall be appointed by the Grand Prior to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Grand Prior may determine but shall be eligible for re-appointment. If the Lord Prior is unable to perform the functions of his office by reason of absence or ill-health, the Chancellor shall act as Lieutenant and Deputy of the Grand Prior.

(d) *The Bailiff of Egle* who shall be appointed by the Grand Prior to hold this ancient office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation.

9. The Executive Officers of the Order

(1) In addition to the Chancellor, the holders of the following offices shall be the Executive Officers of the Order, namely the Vice-Chancellor, the Secretary-General, the Receiver-General, the Chief Commander St. John Ambulance, the Hospitalier, the Almoner, the Director-General St. John Ambulance Association, the Commissioner-in-Chief St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Librarian, the Registrar, the Genealogist, the Director of Ceremonies, and the holders of any other Executive Offices that may hereafter be created by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General.

(2) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, may change the title of, or abolish any Executive office or may create any new Executive office:

Provided always that any such change, abolition or creation shall forthwith be notified by the Secretary-General in writing to the Clerk of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

(3) The Executive Officers shall be Members of Grade I or Grade II of the Order. They shall be appointed by the Grand Prior to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as he may determine and they shall be eligible for re-appointment save that the Secretary-General shall hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation.

(4) The duties and responsibilities of the several Executive Officers may be prescribed by Regulations.

10. Deputy or Assistant Executive Officers of the Order

There shall be such offices of Deputy or Assistant Executive Officer of the Order as the Grand Prior may deem necessary from time to time. The Deputy or Assistant Executive Officers shall be Members of the Order in any Grade and shall be appointed to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Grand Prior may determine and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

11. Secretary of the Order

The Grand Prior may appoint a Member of the Order in any Grade to be Secretary of the Order who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by Regulations.

12. Powers and Constitution of the Chapter-General

(1) There shall be a Chapter-General of the Order which, subject to the authority and the powers of the Sovereign Head and the Grand Prior of the Order, shall be the governing body of the Order and may deliberate upon and make recommendations to the Grand Prior regarding all matters which appertain to the affairs or work of the Order and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may exercise any of the powers or authority expressly conferred upon the Chapter-General by the Royal Charter, these Statutes, any Regulations, or Rules.

(2) The Chapter-General shall consist of *ex officio* and appointed members as follows:

(a) *The ex officio* members shall be:

- (i) The Great Officers;
- (ii) The Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross;
- (iii) The Priors of Priories;
- (iv) The Knight Commanders of Commanderies;
- (v) The Executive Officers;
- (vi) Any Sub-Prelates who inform the Grand Prior of their wish to serve during his pleasure or until resignation;
- (vii) The Officiating Chaplains;
- (viii) Any Knights of Justice who having served two terms of three years on the Chapter-General before the

coming into force of these Statutes inform the Grand Prior of their wish to continue to serve during his pleasure or until resignation;

(ix) Members of Council not included above.

(b) The appointed members shall comprise:

(i) Not more than sixty representative Knights and Dames;

(ii) Not more than ten representative Commanders (Brothers and Sisters);

(iii) Not more than six representative Clerical Brethren;

(iv) Not more than six representative Officers (Brothers and Sisters).

(3) The appointed members shall be selected by the Grand Prior from Members or Associate Members in the stated Grades of the Order who are resident in the United Kingdom or overseas and who have taken an active interest in the affairs or work of the Order and shall be appointed by him for such period not exceeding three years as he may determine and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that:

(a) The representative Knights and Dames shall include three who are members of the Priory of Scotland and three who are members of the Priory for Wales, selected after consultation with the Priors concerned; and

(b) Not more than twelve of the appointed members may be Associate Members of the Order.

(4) The Chairman of any National St. John Council established under the provisions of Statute 19 shall have the right to attend and speak at any meeting of the Chapter-General but shall not be entitled to vote thereat.

(5) Changes may be made in the composition of the Chapter-General by resolution passed at a Special Chapter-General by not less than two-thirds of those present and voting:

Provided always that any such changes shall forthwith be notified by the Secretary-General in writing to the Clerk of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

13. Procedure in Chapter-General

(1) The Chapter-General shall be convened by authority of the Grand Prior not less than four times in each year upon not less than fourteen days' previous notice at St. John's Gate or at such other place as the Grand Prior may from time to time for any special reason appoint.

(2) The Grand Prior may at any time convene a Special Chapter-General, and shall so convene it on the requisition of twenty-five of its members, or in pursuance of a resolution of the Council containing a requisition to that effect, such requisition in either case to contain a statement of the propositions or particular matters to be submitted to the Chapter-General. The notice convening a Special Chapter-General shall set forth the propositions or particular matters to be submitted to that Chapter-General. In special circumstances the ordinary previous notice of fourteen days may, with the approval of the Grand Prior, be reduced to seven days. At Special Chapters-General no business shall be transacted other than that specified in the notice.

(3) The Chapter-General shall be held according to ancient usage, and shall always be opened and closed with prayer, provided nevertheless that no Form of Prayer shall be used which is inconsistent with the forms of worship of the Church of England or of the Church of Scotland as by law established.

(4) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Statute, may make Regulations as to the manner in which the Chapter-General shall conduct its business and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such Regulations may prescribe who shall preside in the absence of the Grand Prior, the number of members forming a quorum, the filling of casual vacancies in the membership of the Chapter-General, the method of voting and the circumstances in which persons who are not members of the Chapter-General may be admitted to and be heard at any meeting.

14. The Council of the Order

(1) There shall be a Council of the Order which shall primarily be the advisory body to the Chapter-General but which shall also have power to authorise any executive or other

appropriate action in the name of the Chapter-General in regard to any routine or urgent matters affecting the Order. The Council shall furnish to each meeting of the Chapter-General a report of any action taken by the Council on behalf of the Chapter-General for confirmation together with any recommendations of the Council which the Council wishes Chapter-General to consider.

(2) The Council shall consist of *ex officio* and appointed members as follows:

(a) the *ex officio* members shall be:

(i) The Lord Prior, the Chancellor, and the Bailiff of Egle; and

(ii) The Vice-Chancellor, the Secretary-General, the Receiver-General, the Chief Commander of St. John Ambulance, the Hospitalier, the Director-General of St. John Ambulance Association, the Commissioner-in-Chief of St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Superintendent-in-Chief of Nursing Corps and Divisions, and the Director Overseas Relations of the St. John Ambulance.

(b) the appointed members shall be not more than three in number and shall be selected by the Grand Prior from Members of any Grade of the Order who are actively engaged in England in the affairs or work of the Order or of the St. John Ambulance and shall be appointed by him to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as he may determine but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Other Executive Officers of the Order shall have the right to attend any meeting of the Council when any matter affecting their office is on the agenda and shall be entitled to speak and vote upon such matter.

(4) If any business affecting an Establishment is to be brought before the Council, the Lord Prior may invite such persons as shall be nominated by the Establishment concerned to attend and speak on that matter and on any resolution of the Council regarding such matter, such persons may record one vote only on behalf of the Establishment.

(5) Any *ex officio* Member of the Council may nominate a deputy being a Member of the Order to attend a meeting of the Council in his absence and to speak and vote on his behalf.

(6) The Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General may make Regulations as to the manner in which the Council shall conduct its business, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such Regulations may prescribe the frequency of Council meetings, the minimum notice to be given of such meetings, who shall preside in the absence of the Lord Prior, the fixing of a quorum, the filling of casual vacancies in the membership of the Council, the method of voting, the circumstances in which persons who are not members of the Council may be admitted and heard at meetings and the manner in which the work of any Committee shall be co-ordinated with that of the Council or any other Committee.

(7) Changes may be made in the composition of the Council of the Order by resolution passed at a Special Chapter-General by not less than two-thirds of those present and voting:

Provided always that any such changes shall forthwith be notified by the Secretary-General in writing to the Clerk of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

15. Establishments of the Order

(1) Distinct Establishments of the Order, designated Priories or Commanderies may be constituted within the Order in accordance with the provisions of Statutes 16 and 17 in any area where the work of the Order is being carried on, subject to the Grand Prior being satisfied that the number of Members of the Order resident in that area and the importance and value of the work being carried on therein make it desirable to do so.

(2) A Priory shall be governed by a Prior and a Priory Chapter; a Commandery shall be governed by a Knight Commander and a Commandery Chapter.

(3) Each Priory and Commandery shall have the immediate general control and supervision of the affairs and work of the Order and the Members and Associate Members of the Order resident within its geographical area of authority. The number of Associate Members appointed to a Priory or Commandery Chapter shall not exceed one-fifth of the total membership thereof.

(4) Each Establishment shall be subject to the provisions of the Royal Charter and these Statutes as in force from time to time.

16. Priories

(1) A Priory may properly be constituted with the widest practicable degree of autonomy in a part of the United Kingdom according to the tradition of the Order and in any independent country or group of independent countries overseas of large geographical extent and having close associations with the United Kingdom by reason of its or their history of sovereign independence and equality of constitutional status.

(2) Where in any case, having regard to the foregoing provisions and to Statute 15, the Grand Prior's Advisory Council and the Chapter-General so recommend, the Grand Prior with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may by Instrument under his hand and the seal of Grand Priory constitute a Priory and declare its style and title, its area of authority and its membership. In addition the Grand Prior, on the same recommendations, shall make Rules for the government of the Priory including its powers and functions and the composition of its Priory Chapter and thereafter such Rules shall be capable of addition, amendment or revocation from time to time (as shall be stated therein) by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Prior of the Priory and his Priory Chapter.

(3) The Grand Prior shall have power to suspend temporarily all or any part of the operations of a Priory and all or any of the Rules applicable thereto and, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and after receiving the views of the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, may vary the constitution of the Priory, or dissolve it or any of its dependent Establishments.

17. Commanderies

(1) A Commandery may properly be constituted in Northern Ireland or in any countries overseas or group of such countries having considerable geographical extent and a substantial degree of self-government derived from past or existing constitutional association with the United Kingdom.

(2) A Commandery shall be an Establishment dependent on either the Grand Priory or on a Priory.

(3) Where in any case, having regard to the foregoing provisions and to the provisions of Statute 15, the Chapter-General so recommends and in the case of a Commandery dependent on a Priory, the Priory Chapter also recommends, the Grand

Prior with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may by Instrument under his hand and the seal of Grand Priory constitute a Commandery and declare its style and title, its membership, its area of authority and its dependence on Grand Priory or on a stated Priory, as the case may be. In addition, the Grand Prior, on the same recommendations, shall make Rules for the government of the Commandery including its powers and functions and the composition of the Commandery Chapter and thereafter such Rules shall be capable of addition, amendment or revocation from time to time (as shall be stated therein) by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General or of the Prior concerned and his Priory Chapter, as the case may be.

(4) The Grand Prior, or the Prior of a Priory on which a Commandery is dependent shall have power to suspend temporarily all or any part of the operations of a Commandery and all or any of the Rules applicable thereto and on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, coupled with that of the Priory Chapter where appropriate, the Grand Prior may vary the constitution of a Commandery or dissolve it or vary its dependence.

18. Grand Prior's Advisory Council

(1) There shall be a Grand Prior's Advisory Council (hereafter in this Statute referred to as "the Advisory Council") to which the Grand Prior may refer any matter concerning the Order in regard to which he may desire the advice or views of the Advisory Council.

(2) The Advisory Council shall consist of the Grand Prior as President, the Lord Prior, the Prelate, the Chancellor, the Bailiff of Egle, the Prior of each Priory and the Secretary-General as Secretary of the Advisory Council.

(3) The Grand Prior in his discretion may appoint any Member or Associate Member of the Order to be a temporary member of the Advisory Council for such period as the Grand Prior may specify to assist the Advisory Council in its deliberations regarding any particular matter or matters.

(4) The Advisory Council shall meet whenever the Grand Prior may see fit to convene it and every member mentioned in paragraph (2) of this Statute shall be entitled to nominate in

writing (or, in case of urgency, by telegram) a delegate being a Member of the Order to take his place for any particular meeting or for such period as may be specified and every such delegate shall be entitled to act fully in the place of the absent member.

(5) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Statute, the Grand Prior may consult the Advisory Council on any matter by the circulation of relevant papers to all members for their written advice or opinion whenever he may deem it desirable or convenient to do so.

(6) Subject to the approval of the Grand Prior, the Advisory Council may make Bye-Laws to regulate its own procedure.

19. National St. John Councils

(1) A National St. John Council may be properly constituted in any independent country overseas (not being within the territory of an Establishment) subject to the Grand Prior being satisfied that the work of the St. John Ambulance is being actively carried on in such country and that the value and importance of such work are likely to be increased for the benefit of the people of that country by the constitution therein of a National St. John Council.

(2) Within the country for which it is constituted, the general objects and purposes of a National St. John Council shall be:

(a) To encourage and promote all work of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering, or danger without distinction of race, class, colour or creed; and

(b) To render aid to the sick, wounded, disabled, or suffering and to promote such permanent organisation during times of peace as may be at once available in times of civil emergencies or war, including the training and provision of technical reserves for the medical services of the Armed Forces or civil defence organisations, and in particular a National St. John Council shall have within its country the control and management of the St. John Ambulance.

(3) Where in any case, having regard to the foregoing provisions, the Chapter-General so recommends the Grand Prior may by Instrument under his hand and the seal of Grand Priory

constitute a National St. John Council and declare its style and title together with its area of authority. In addition, on the same recommendation, the Grand Prior shall make Rules for the government of the Council extending to all such matters as he shall deem appropriate including the powers, functions, organisation and membership thereof and thereafter such Rules shall be capable of addition, amendment, or revocation from time to time by a resolution passed in such manner as the Rules may from time to time prescribe at a duly convened meeting of the Council:

Provided that, whenever possible, Members and Associate Members of the Order and members of the St. John Ambulance shall together form the majority of the membership of any National St. John Council and there shall be no restriction on the number of Associate Members of the Order who may participate in the government of a National St. John Council.

(4) A National St. John Council shall have power to take any necessary steps to form the members for the time being of the St. John Ambulance residing within its territorial area of jurisdiction into a body corporate in accordance with local law bearing the title of "The St. John Ambulance of..... (name of the independent country concerned)" expressed in English or in the official language of the country which corporate body shall have as its governing body the National St. John Council and objects and purposes which fall within those set out in paragraph (2) of this Statute.

(5) The Grand Prior may call upon any National St. John Council to suspend temporarily or to abandon all or any part of its operations. In addition, the Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, by Instrument under his hand and the seal of Grand Priory, deprive any specified National St. John Council (including any corporate body of which it is the governing body under the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Statute) of its powers, authority and functions under this Statute and declare that it is no longer recognised by the Grand Priory as being lawfully constituted under the Royal Charter and Statutes of the Order.

(6) Each National St. John Council operating in an independent country on the date that this Statute comes into force shall be deemed to have been duly constituted under this Statute and any Special Regulations or Rules applicable to it

made under powers previously vested in the Grand Prior as subsequently lawfully added to, amended or revoked shall be deemed to be the Rules for that National St. John Council within the meaning of paragraph (3) of this Statute.

(7) For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that the body known as "The St. John Ambulance of Malaysia" set up as a corporate body by law duly enacted by the Parliament of Malaysia in the year 1972, the affairs of which are governed by the St. John Council for Malaysia and which has as its objects and purposes those specified in paragraph (2) hereof shall be deemed to have been duly established in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.

19A. Local St. John Councils

(1) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, may take steps to set up and maintain local St. John Councils in respect of any specified areas not included in the territory of any Establishment or of any National St. John Council and the Prior of a Priory or a Knight Commander of a Commandery, on the recommendation of his Chapter, may do the like within the territory of his Priory or Commandery. Except as provided by paragraph (5) of this Statute, such local St. John Councils shall be non-executive bodies.

(2) The main functions of any local St. John Council shall be to further the objects and purposes of the Order within its local area by fund-raising and otherwise encouraging and assisting the work of the Order. Accordingly, its membership may include persons who are not Members or Associate Members of the Order and also persons who are not members of any Foundation of the Order or any Priory Foundation.

(3) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, may make Regulations of a general character for local St. John Councils extending to all such matters as he deems appropriate including their objects, membership, functions, methods of working, financial management, and powers to acquire hold and manage property on behalf of the Order. Except as provided by paragraph (5) of this Statute, such Regulations shall apply to all local St. John Councils save that, the Grand Prior, the Prior of a Priory or a Knight Com-

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mander of a Commandery shall have power by directions in writing to relax, modify or amplify any such Regulations in their application to any specified local St. John Council set up by him as he may deem necessary or desirable having regard to local circumstances or needs.

(4) The St. John Councils (General) Regulations, 1975 made on the twentieth day of June 1975 shall continue to have full force and effect as if they had been made under paragraph (3) of this Statute until such time as they are varied or revoked under that paragraph.

(5) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Statute, where under the powers conferred by paragraph (1) hereof, the Grand Prior in respect of a Dependency of the United Kingdom overseas, or a Prior in respect of a Province or State within his Priory has set up a local St. John Council, the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General may make Special Regulations or the Prior on the recommendation of his Chapter may make Rules, for the membership, organisation, functions and methods of working of such Council which may include such delegated or other executive powers as he may deem appropriate for the purpose of securing adequate local control and development of the work of the Order or any Foundation thereof or Priory Foundation within the area for which such Council has been established. In such case, the general Regulations made under paragraph (3) of this Statute shall not apply to such local St. John Council:

Provided that, whenever possible, Members and Associate Members of the Order and members of the St. John Ambulance shall together form the majority of the membership of any local St. John Council to which this paragraph applies and there shall be no restriction on the number of Associate Members of the Order who may participate in the work of such Council.

(6) All St. John Councils (other than National St. John Councils) which are in being on the day that this Statute comes into operation shall be deemed to be local St. John Councils set up under the provisions of this Statute and shall continue to be subject to such Regulations or Rules as applied to them heretofore until they be varied or revoked under the provisions of this Statute.

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(7) All local St. John Councils set up under this Statute shall at all times observe and be subject to the provisions of the Royal Charter and these Statutes and the authority which set up any such Council shall have power to dissolve it or suspend temporarily all or any part of the operations of the same.

20. Foundations

(1) A Foundation shall be an institution or an organised body constituted for the furtherance of any of the objects or purposes of the Order and may be either a Foundation of the Order or a Priory Foundation as hereinafter provided.

(2) The Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and, where he deems it appropriate, after consultation with the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, constitute any Foundation of the Order in any part of the world in such manner as may be requisite by law and he may on the like recommendation and after the like consultation, in the same manner alter, abolish, extend or restrict the objects or purposes of any Foundation of the Order as he may deem desirable in the interests of the Order.

(3) Foundations of the Order shall be under the entire control of the Grand Prior and the Chapter-General. Nevertheless the Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and, where he deems it appropriate in relation to Priories, after consultation with the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, assign the control and management of any specified Foundation in so far as it concerns its operation within the territorial limits of a Priory or of a National St. John Council, to the Prior and the Priory Chapter or the National St. John Council as the case may be of that territory. In like manner and after such recommendation and consultation, the Grand Prior may revoke or modify any such assignment.

(4) The Grand Prior may, at the request of any Prior and on the recommendation of the Priory Chapter, constitute a Priory Foundation for the territory of that Priory in such manner as may be requisite by law and he may, on the like request and recommendation, in the same manner alter, abolish, extend or restrict the objects or purposes of any such Priory Foundation. A Priory Foundation shall be under the joint control of the Grand Prior and the Prior and Priory Chapter concerned.

(5) The Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General in the case of a Foundation of the Order, or, on the recommendation of the Prior and Priory Chapter concerned in the case of a Priory Foundation, make Rules under his hand and the seal of Grand Priory for governing the activities of any Foundation and may on the like recommendation, suspend, revoke or amend such Rules from time to time.

21. Visitations

(1) For the maintenance of discipline, sound administration and uniform policy throughout the Order all Establishments and other subordinate bodies directly dependent on the Grand Priory shall be subject to visitation by the Grand Prior or his representative, whenever the Grand Prior thinks fit. Similarly all Establishments and other subordinate bodies dependent on a Priory shall be subject to visitation by the Prior of that Priory or his representative.

(2) On the completion of the visitation, the visitor shall render a report in writing to the Grand Prior through the Secretary-General, or, in the case of a visitor appointed by a Prior, to that Prior. In the latter case, the Prior concerned shall consider the report without undue delay and shall forward it to the Grand Prior through the Secretary-General stating what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken thereon.

(3) All such reports reaching the Grand Prior shall be treated as confidential unless the Grand Prior shall in his discretion decide to communicate the whole or any part of such report to the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, the Chapter-General or any Priory Chapter.

(4) The Grand Prior shall take such action as he thinks desirable in the interests of the Order upon any visitation conducted by him or any report of a visitation submitted to him.

22. Allocation of Property and Liability in Contract or otherwise

(1) Property held by or for the purposes of the Order in any part of the world may be allocated by the Grand Prior either for a particular purpose or for the general purposes whether of the Order or of any Establishment and property not allocated expressly under this Statute shall be deemed to be held for the general purposes of the Order (when not impressed with any special trust at the time of acquisition).

(2) Every such allocation under this Statute shall be made on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, and if it is in favour of a Commandery dependent on a Priory also on the recommendation of the Priory Chapter of that Priory.

(3) Every such allocation shall be by instrument in writing under the hand of the Grand Prior and the seal of the Grand Priory and any such Instrument of Allocation may be revoked or varied by the Grand Prior on the like recommendation.

(4) Where property has been allocated to an Establishment under the foregoing provisions of this Statute, such Establishment shall have and may exercise on behalf of the Order all such powers of control and disposition over such property as are vested in the Order. Such allocated property shall be held in the name of the Order or, in case of land, buildings or money to be invested, shall if the Establishment or the Grand Prior so directs be vested in a trust holding company or corporation distinct from the Establishment having a name and constitution approved by the Grand Prior or in the names of individual trustees to be set up or appointed by the Establishment concerned or its superior Establishment (if any) as the Grand Prior may approve.

(5) Where property has been allocated to an Establishment that property shall (subject to any express trust affecting the same) be answerable for any claims or liabilities arising out of the operations of the Establishment or of the Order or any Foundation within the territory of the Establishment.

(6) Nothing herein contained shall restrict the rights or powers of the Order in respect of property not allocated to an Establishment.

(7) All liability in contract or otherwise arising out of (a) the operations of an Establishment, or (b) the operations of any Foundation which are carried out in the territory of an Establishment, shall be discharged out of the property allocated to an Establishment in priority to all property of the Order other than the said allocated property.

(8) Every Establishment shall so far as may be practicable in any contract relating to such operations as are specified in the foregoing paragraph (7) arrange that liability under such contract shall only be met out of the property allocated to that Establishment.

(9) The word "Establishment" wherever it occurs in the foregoing provisions of this Statute shall be read and construed as including any National St. John Council duly constituted under the provisions of Statute 19.

23. Restrictions on the Order's powers of investment

(1) Moneys and funds of the Order not immediately required to be expended may be invested in or upon any of the investments following that is to say:

(a) In any investments authorized by the law for the time being in force for the investment of trust funds.

(b) Upon the security of freehold or leasehold property in the United Kingdom (such leasehold property being held for a term of which at least sixty years remain unexpired at the date of investment).

(c) In the purchase and subsequent development of freehold or leasehold land in the United Kingdom. (such leasehold property being held for a term of which at least sixty years remain unexpired at the date of investment).

(d) In any of the securities of the government of any country within the Commonwealth or of the Republic of South Africa or of any province or constituent part of any such country that has a separate legislature.

(e) In or upon the mortgages or other securities of any municipal, county or other local or public authority incorporated in any country within the Commonwealth or in the Republic of South Africa.

(f) In or upon the debentures or debenture stock or bonds, or loan stock or notes of any kind, or guaranteed, or preference, or preferred stock or shares, or ordinary, or deferred stock or shares of any company incorporated under any general or special Act of the United Kingdom Parliament or any general or special enactment of the legislature of any other country within the Commonwealth or in the Republic of South Africa.

(g) In or upon any debentures, or debenture stock or bonds, or loan stock or notes of any kind, or guaranteed or preference, or preferred stock or shares, or ordinary, or deferred stock or shares normally dealt in on a recognised Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom in Dollars or other foreign currency.

(h) In or upon any debentures, or debenture stock or bonds, or loan stock or notes of any kind, or guaranteed, or preference, or preferred stock or shares, or ordinary, or deferred stock or shares, of any Investment, Financial or Unit Trust which is at the time of making the investment quoted on a recognised Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

(i) In the shares of or on loan to or deposit with any Building Society incorporated or registered in the United Kingdom.

(j) On deposit at any Bank:

Provided nevertheless that the powers hereby conferred shall be subject to the following stipulations and conditions:

(i) No investment shall be made which would transgress the powers (if any) contained in the instrument of gift (if any) governing the moneys or funds to be invested;

(ii) No investments shall be made in any company having an issued and paid-up share capital of less than £750,000 or its equivalent at the current rates of exchange. In the case of a company having shares of no par value such paid-up capital shall be deemed to include the capital sum (other than capital surplus) appearing in the company's accounts in respect of such shares;

(iii) The Order may accept and hold for such period as is thought fit any investment or property transferred or to be transferred to the Order by any person or corporation and whether within the range of investments hereinbefore prescribed or not, subject always to the limitations for the time being imposed by the Charter of 1955 or any Supplemental Charter relating to the holding of land;

(iv) No investment shall be made under sub-paragraphs (f), (g) or (h) above in any ordinary or deferred stock or shares unless there shall have been paid thereon dividends at the rate of at least 4 per centum per annum for at least three years prior to the date of investment or, in the case of shares having no par value, a dividend shall have been paid thereon for at least six years prior to the date of investment;

(v) The total value of any ordinary or deferred stock or shares held by the Order at any time shall not exceed 50 per centum of the total value at such time of all the

investments held by the Order. For the purpose of valuing the investments authorized by this sub-paragraph and held by the Order the minimum price to be taken for each security shall be the cost price thereof to the Order, save that any such investment acquired otherwise than by purchase shall be valued at the middle market price current on the date of transfer to the Order;

(vi) The Order shall not invest money in or retain any securities in respect whereof any liability exists unless the liability is of limited amount and is to be discharged or is capable of being discharged within a fixed period from the date of investment provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply to investments in the stock or shares of Banks and Insurance Companies the price whereof is normally quoted on a recognised Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom;

(vii) Moneys awaiting investment may be advanced on the security of stock, funds or securities the purchase of which would be authorized by the powers conferred by this Statute.

(2) Any investments belonging to the Order may at any time be varied and transposed for or into any other investment or investments of any kind authorized by this Statute and subject to the provisions hereof.

(3) Where any moneys or funds of the Order have been allocated under Statute 22 or have otherwise accrued to an Establishment or other subordinate body situate in a country outside the United Kingdom, the foregoing provisions may be construed in relation to the investment of such moneys or funds in such country as if references to such country were substituted for the United Kingdom and such provisions shall then apply only to the extent that so construed they do not conflict with any law of such country or the terms of any subsisting trust applicable to the investment of such moneys or funds.

24. General Assembly and Commemoration Service

A General Assembly of Members and Associate Members of the Order followed by a Service of Commemoration and Re-Dedication shall be held annually on St. John Baptist's Day or

on such other day or days as the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of Chapter-General, may direct. The business of the General Assembly shall be to receive and discuss statements in relation to the affairs or work of the Order but the General Assembly shall have no authority to pass any resolution to effect any change in the policy, organisation, administration or finances of the Order.

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25. Grades of the Order

(1) The Order shall be divided into the following Grades:

Grade I Bailiffs or Dames Grand Cross (G.C.St.J.)

Grade II Knights or Dames of Justice or Grace (K.St.J. or D.St.J.)

Grade III (a) Chaplains (Ch.St.J.)

(b) Commanders (Brothers or Sisters) (C.St.J.)

Grade IV Officers (Brothers or Sisters) (O.St.J.)

Grade V Serving Brothers or Serving Sisters (S.B.St.J. or S.S.St.J.)

Grade VI Esquires (Esq.St.J.).

(2) The letters specified above after each Grade may properly be used by those to whom they apply for the purpose of indicating their Grade in the Order in the context of any occasion or matter connected with their participation in the work of the Order, or for inclusion in any publication of a biographical nature but, subject to this, admission, attachment, or promotion to any Grade of the Order or the privileges derived therefrom of wearing the insignia appertaining or belonging thereto shall not confer any rank, style, title, dignity, appellation or social precedence whatsoever.

26. Qualifications for Membership or Associate Membership of the Order

(1) No person shall be qualified for Membership in any Grade of the Order unless he or she:

- (a) Professes the Christian Faith; and
- (b) Is a citizen or national of:

- (i) A country which is at the date of this Charter a Member of the Commonwealth, or of a territory for the external relations of which that country is responsible; or
 - (ii) A country which becomes a Member of the Commonwealth after the date of this Charter; or
 - (iii) The Republic of Ireland, the Republic of South Africa, Pakistan or Tonga; and
 - (c) Has performed or is prepared to perform good service for the Order and its objects and purposes in accordance with the Mottoes of the Order; and
 - (d) has undertaken to comply with the provisions of the Royal Charter, the Statutes, and the Regulations and Rules of the Order.
- (2) A person who, being otherwise qualified, is ineligible for Membership by reason only of the requirements of paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (1) of this Statute, may nevertheless be attached to the Order as an Associate Member of a Grade thereof.
- (3) Associate Members of the Order may not participate in the government of the Order except to such extent as may be expressly provided by these Statutes or any Regulations or Rules made under them.

27. Declaration before Admission or Attachment to the Order

Before initial admission or attachment to the Order, a Declaration in the following terms shall be signed by prospective Members or Associate Members:

"I do solemnly declare that I will be faithful and obedient to the Order of St. John as far as is consistent with my duty to my Sovereign and (*1) to my Country; that I will do everything in my power to uphold its dignity and support its charitable works; and that I will endeavour to conduct myself always as a Christian and (*2) a man (or woman) of honour."

*The words underlined to be omitted in the case of a declarant who—

- (1) Does not owe allegiance to the Queen;
- (2) Is not a Christian.

28. Complements and Quotas of the various Grades

(1) The maximum complement for Grade I of the Order shall be as follows:

- (a) The five Great Officers; and
- (b) Not exceeding twelve other Bailiffs Grand Cross of whom two shall be selected from Knights of the Order nominated by Priories; and
- (c) Not exceeding seven Dames Grand Cross of whom one shall be selected from Dames of the Order nominated by Priories.

(2) When a Great Officer shall cease to hold such office he shall continue in the Grade of Bailiff Grand Cross but shall not count against the complement thereof.

(3) The maximum complement for the Grades IV and V shall be unlimited.

(4) On the coming into force of these Statutes, and thereafter quinquennially, the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and after consultation with the Grand Prior's Advisory Council shall fix:

(a) A maximum complement for Grades II and III and an allocation therefrom to each Establishment, and

(b) An annual quota for admission or promotion to Grades IV and V and an allocation therefrom to each Establishment.

Provided that a special initial complement and quota may be fixed in like manner in the case of any new Establishment being created between quinquennial periods of review.

(5) Each Associate Member shall be supernumerary to the approved complement or quota of the Grade to which he is attached.

29. Appointments to and Promotions in the Order

(1) The Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may invite any member of the British Royal Family to become a Member of Grade I or Grade II of the Order as the Sovereign Head shall approve and upon acceptance he or she shall thereupon be admitted as such and be supernumerary to the Grade without the payment of any Foundation Due or Annual Oblation.

(2) All other admissions and attachments to and promotions in the Order shall be sanctioned by and be made in the name of and by the authority of the Sovereign Head after recommendation by the Chapter-General and approval by the Grand Prior. The names of those approved by the Sovereign Head shall be published in the *London Gazette*. The procedure relating to the selection of suitable persons and verification of their qualifications under these Statutes before submission of their names to the Sovereign Head shall be prescribed by Regulations.

(3) Unless in any particular case the Chapter-General otherwise recommends or it is otherwise provided by these Statutes or any Regulation, admissions or attachments to the Order shall normally be in Grade V and promotions from a lower to a higher Grade shall be dependent upon the rendering of good service in the lower Grade.

(4) On appointment, each Prior of a Priory shall become a Knight of Justice if he does not already hold that rank. No other person shall be qualified to be classified as "of Justice" on promotion or appointment to Grade II of the Order unless at such time he or she is entitled to bear Arms. A Knight or Dame of Grace may elect at any time to be re-classified as a Knight or Dame of Justice as the case may be, without any change in seniority in the Order if he or she is able to satisfy the Genealogist of the Order, or if domiciled in Scotland, the Genealogist of the Priory of Scotland, that he or she is entitled to bear Arms.

(5) A minister of the Christian religion who is a Member or Associate Member of Grade IV or V of the Order may if he so desires be termed a Sub-Chaplain (Sub-Ch.St.J.) or an Assistant Chaplain (Asst.Ch.St.J.) respectively. A minister of the Christian religion admitted, attached or promoted to a higher Grade shall be placed in the Grade of Chaplain and Chaplains of Episcopal rank or of other eminent status in the Christian Church may be appointed by the Grand Prior to be Sub-Prelates of the Order and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation.

(6) Two Members of the Order of the Grade of Chaplain shall be appointed by the Grand Prior to officiate at meetings of the Chapter-General. They shall be designated "Officiating

Chaplains" and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation.

(7) There shall be a Homage Roll for Members and a similar Roll for Associate Members which shall be signed by Members or Associate Members, as the case may be, as soon as possible after first admission or attachment to the Order in token of their voluntary submission to the supreme authority of the Grand Prior.

(8) The Registrar shall maintain a Roll of all Members and Associate Members of the Order in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulations.

30. Personal Esquires

Each Member of the Order in the Grade of Bailiff Grand Cross or Knight of Justice shall have the right to nominate two Personal Esquires and each Member of the Order in the Grade of Knight of Grace shall have the right to nominate one Personal Esquire. Each nominee shall be a male person possessing the qualifications prescribed by Statute 26(1) and subject to the recommendation of the Chapter-General and the approval of the Grand Prior the name of the person shall be submitted in the usual manner for admission to the Order in Grade VI and appointment as a Personal Esquire. Such person shall hold his appointment during the pleasure of his nominator and, unless he is subsequently promoted to a higher Grade, his admission to Grade VI shall lapse should his nominator revoke the appointment or cease for any reason to be a Member of the Order:

Provided always that Bailiffs Grand Cross and Knights of Justice appointed prior to the coming into force of the Charter of 1955 may fill vacancies among their Esquires either as previously laid down or in the Grade of Esquire as in this Statute provided.

31. Donats

(1) Any person not being a Member or Associate Member of the Order who from an appreciation of the objects or work of the Order makes a worthy contribution to its funds may be appointed by the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, a Donat of the Order and his name shall

thereupon be recorded in the List of Donats of the Order which shall be maintained by the Registrar.

(2) The appointment of a Donat shall lapse and his name shall be deleted from the List of Donats if he shall subsequently be admitted or attached to the Order in any Grade as a Member or Associate Member.

32. Precedence within the Order

(1) Precedence within the Order shall be as follows :

- The Sovereign Head
- The Grand Prior
- The Lord Prior of St. John
- The Prior of a Priory or the Knight Commander of a Commandery when within the territory of the Establishment
- The Prelate of the Order
- The Chancellor of the Order
- The Bailiff of Egle
- Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross
- The Prior of a Priory outside the territory of the Priory
- The Executive Officers in the order of their offices as laid down in Statute 9
- The members of Council not included above in the order mentioned in Statute 14(2)
- The Sub-Prelates and Officiating Chaplains
- Knights and Dames
- Chaplains
- Commanders
- Officers
- Serving Brothers and Serving Sisters
- Esquires

(2) Precedence in any Grade is determined by the date of appointment within that Grade, subject to the observance of the following special provisions:

(a) Members of the British Royal Family shall take precedence in their respective Grades, followed immediately by the undermentioned in the order stated :

- (i) Commonwealth Heads of State;
- (ii) Foreign Heads of State;
- (iii) Members of Commonwealth Royal Families;
- (iv) Members of Foreign Royal Families;

whether they be Members or Associate Members of the Order.

(b) Save as above, all Associate Members shall rank as junior to Members in their respective Grades.

(c) The precedence of a Knight Commander of a Commandery outside the territorial limits of his Commandery shall be determined by his seniority within his Grade.

(d) A Knight or Dame of Grace who is re-classified as a Knight or Dame of Justice shall rank for seniority according to his or her date of original appointment as a Knight or Dame.

33. Foundation Dues and Oblations

The Order is devoted to works of Charity and Humanity and it is a fundamental rule that those who belong to the Order should contribute to its Charities such Foundation Dues and Oblations according to their position in the Order as are more particularly prescribed in Appendix I of these Statutes.

34. Termination of membership

(1) A Member or Associate Member desiring to resign from the Order shall signify such desire in writing to the Secretary-General but in the case of a person who is resident within the territorial area of a Priory or Commandery, the resignation shall be transmitted through that Priory or Commandery. When the resignation is accepted, the person concerned shall thereupon cease to be a Member or Associate Member of the Order, as the case may be.

(2) Any person three years in arrear with his or her Foundation Due or Annual Oblations shall subject to paragraph B(5) of Appendix I *ipso facto* cease to be a Member or Associate Member of the Order as the case may be, but if all

arrears are subsequently paid such person may be re-admitted if the Grand Prior thinks fit.

(3) The Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and where appropriate also of the Priory Chapter concerned and with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may terminate the Membership or Associate Membership of any person and on the like recommendation and with the like sanction may re-admit such person.

(4) As from the date that any person ceases to be a Member or Associate Member of the Order, he or she shall cease to be liable to pay any future Annual Oblations and shall lose any right to wear or use the Insignia, Augmentation of Arms and any other distinction or privilege of the Order.

PART FOUR—ARMS, INSIGNIA, ETC.

35. Arms of the Order

The Arms of the Order shall be: Gules a cross argent, in the first quarter a representation of the Sovereign's Crest as illustrated in Appendix II.

36. Badge of the Order

The Badge of the Order shall be a white eight-pointed cross embellished in the four principal angles alternately with a lion passant guardant and a unicorn passant, as illustrated in Appendix II.

37. Great Banner of the Order

The Great Banner of the Order shall bear the Arms of the Order as defined in Statute 35. It shall be flown as determined by Appendix II.

38. Seal of the Order

(1) The Seal of the Order shall have engraved thereon the Badge of the Order, as laid down in Statute 36, surmounted by an Escutcheon of the Arms of the Order, as laid down in Statute 35, the whole surrounded by the legend: "SIGILLUM

MAGNI PRIORATUS ORDINIS HOSPITALIS SANCTI IOHANNIS HIERUSALEM". This may be abbreviated to "SIG: MAG: PR: ORD: HOSP: S. IOHIS: HIER.".

(2) The Grand Prior shall make Regulations providing for the custody and use of the Seal of the Order.

39. Seals of Priories and Commanderies

(1) A Priory or Commandery seal shall bear the head of St. John Baptist surrounded by the same words similarly abbreviated as appear on the seal of the Order with the substitution of the name of the Establishment in place of the words "MAGNI PRIORATUS". But nothing in these Statutes shall affect the right of the Priory of Scotland to bear on its seal and otherwise the Arms of the Priory of Scotland as recorded under the Law of Arms of Scotland.

(2) The Prior of each Priory and the Knight Commander of each Commandery, on the recommendation of his Priory or Commandery Chapter, shall provide for the custody and use of the Priory or Commandery Seal, as the case may be.

40. Armorial Bearings

Members of the Order in the following Grades shall be permitted to display their Arms, and to bear the augmentations of Arms, as hereinafter laid down, provided that their right to Arms is duly established and recorded in the Offices of Arms in England or Scotland:

(a) Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross may bear and use supporters to their Arms, and Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being is hereby authorised to grant supporters to such Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross as shall not otherwise be entitled thereto, and the Lord Lyon King of Arms for the time being is likewise authorised to grant supporters to those of them whose arms are Scottish.

(b) Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross may bear their Arms with those of the Order in chief. They may further display their Arms on the Badge of the Order, as defined in Appendix II.

(c) Knights and Dames, whether "of Justice" or of "Grace", and Chaplains may display their Arms on the Badge of the Order.

(d) Members of any Grade of the Order may suspend from their Armorial Bearings the riband and badge of their Grade.

41. Insignia and Robes

The Insignia and robes of the Order shall be such as are specified in Appendix III and shall be used and worn as therein provided.

42. Uniform of the St. John Ambulance Brigade

Members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade both male and female shall when on duty wear uniform as laid down in the appropriate Regulations of the Brigade.

43. Medals

(1) The Order may award Medals, Certificates of Honour, and Votes of Thanks as defined in Appendix IV to these Statutes.

(2) The award of medals shall be made, in the name of the Sovereign Head, by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and where appropriate of a Priory Chapter, save that in the case of the Life Saving Medal an immediate award may, where the circumstances so justify, be made by the Grand Prior on the advice of the Lord Prior.

(3) If any person to whom a medal has been awarded shall be deemed by his or her subsequent conduct to have become unworthy of it, his or her name may be erased by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and where appropriate of a Priory Chapter from the Register of those upon whom the medal of the Order has been conferred, and he or she shall thereupon cease to be entitled to wear it.

44. Alterations prohibited

No addition to, nor alteration nor modification of the Arms, Badge, Banner, Insignia or Robes of the Order, nor of any other item in these Statutes, may be made by any Priory or Commandery, except that in the case of a Banner to be used by an Establishment, the Grand Prior may authorize the addition of a suitable distinctive emblem.

PART FIVE—TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

45. Interpretation of Part V

In this Part of these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires—

"appointed day" means the date on which the Royal Charter to which these Statutes are annexed comes into operation;

"1955 Statutes" means the Statutes annexed to the Royal Charter of 1955 as amended and in force immediately prior to the appointed day.

46. Continuity of offices and appointments

Any person who immediately before the appointed day holds or is acting in any office or appointment in or connected with the Order under the 1955 Statutes shall as from that day continue to hold or act in that office or appointment under the corresponding provisions of these Statutes save that on and after the appointed day all Associates of the Order shall be designated Associate Members of the Order.

47. Powers and Constitution of Chapter-General

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Statutes, Statute 12 shall not come into operation until St. John Baptist Day, 1974, and prior to that date the powers and constitution of the Chapter-General shall be governed by Statute 10 of the 1955 Statutes.

48. Existing Establishments of the Order

It is hereby declared that with effect from the appointed day, the following are the existing Establishments of the Order which shall be deemed to be duly and effectively constituted by their existing Instruments and Regulations under the provisions of Statutes 15, 16 and 17 hereof, that is to say:

(a) The Priory of Scotland, the Priory for Wales, the Priory for South Africa, the Priory in New Zealand, the Priory of Canada, and the Priory in Australia; and

(b) The Commandery in Western Australia (dependent on the Priory in Australia), the Commandery of Ards in Northern Ireland and the Commandery in Central Africa (both the last two named being directly dependent on the Grand Priory).

49. Instruments of Allocation

It is hereby declared that any instrument having legal force immediately prior to the appointed day by virtue of which any property of the Order is allocated to any Establishment under the provisions of Statute 20 of the 1955 Statutes shall continue to have full force and effect on and after the appointed day as if such instrument had been made under the provisions of Statute 22 hereof until such time as it is varied or revoked thereunder.

50. Foundations

It is hereby declared that with effect from the appointed day, there shall cease to be three Foundations of the Order as provided by Statute 17(b) of the 1955 Statutes and in lieu thereof there shall be two Foundations, namely:

(a) The St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem; and

(b) The St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade having the objects and purposes expressed in paragraph (f) of Statute 4 hereof which is hereby constituted by amalgamating the two Foundations hitherto known as the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade:

Provided always that until the necessary administrative changes to give effect to such amalgamation are made in any area of the world, the work of the Order in that area may continue to be operated by two separate Foundations having the objects expressed in paragraph (f) and (g) of Statute 3 of the 1955 Statutes.

51. Regulations and Rules

Where under powers conferred by any provisions of the 1955 Statutes, any Regulations were made and were in force immediately prior to the appointed day, such Regulations shall be deemed to be duly made under the corresponding provisions of these Statutes and any such Regulations shall be read and construed as Rules if the corresponding provisions of these Statutes provide for the making of Rules for corresponding purposes instead of Regulations.

52. Seals

The seals prescribed for the Grand Priory and for the Priories and Commanderies by Statute 45 and 46 of the 1955 Statutes may continue to be used after the appointed day notwithstanding the provisions of Statutes 38 and 39 hereof until such time as new seals can be brought into use.

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APPENDIX I

FOUNDATION DUES AND OBLATIONS

(Statute 33)

A. Foundation Dues

On admission to or promotion in the Order on or after 1st January, 1974, Members and Associate Members shall pay Foundation Dues (to include the cost of the appropriate insignia) in accordance with their Grade as set out in the table at the end of this paragraph. Any Foundation Due paid in a lower Grade shall be credited against the amount shown in the table and only the balance shall be paid as the Foundation Due on promotion.

Personal Esquire	...	...	...	Nil
Serving Brother or Serving Sister	...	...	...	Nil
Officer (Brother or Sister)	...	...	...	£10
Commander (Brother or Sister)	...	...	...	£40
Chaplain	...	...	...	£40
Knight or Dame (whether of Grace or of Justice)	...	...	...	£70
Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross	...	...	...	£90

B. Annual Oblations

(1) On and after 1st January, 1974, Members shall pay Annual Oblations according to the amount shown as applicable to their Grade in the table at the end of this paragraph. Associate Members shall not pay Annual Oblations. Members of the Order at the date of the coming into force of this Appendix shall continue to pay the same Annual Oblation (if any) they were paying before these Statutes came into force. If, however, any such Member is promoted to another Grade he shall pay the Annual Oblation in accordance with the following table:

Personal Esquire	...	...	...	£3
Serving Brother or Serving Sister	...	...	...	Nil
Officer (Brother or Sister)	...	...	...	£3
Commander (Brother or Sister)	...	...	...	£5
Chaplain	...	...	...	£5
Knight or Dame (whether of Grace or of Justice)	...	...	...	£10
Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross	...	...	...	£15

(2) A Member desiring to commute his Annual Oblation shall be entitled to do so at any time after the payment of the Oblation for the year of first admission to the Order by making one payment which shall be calculated upon the age of the Member concerned on the following scale:

Age at time of Commutation

Years' Purchase

Under 25	...	...	...	...	...	13½
25 to 29	...	...	...	...	...	13
30 to 34	...	...	...	...	...	12½
35 to 39	...	...	...	...	...	12
40 to 44	...	...	...	...	...	11½
45 to 49	...	...	...	...	...	11
50 to 54	...	...	...	...	...	10½
55 to 59	...	...	...	...	...	9½
60 to 64	...	...	...	...	...	8½
65 to 69	...	...	...	...	...	7½
70 to 79	...	...	...	...	...	5½
80 or over	...	...	...	...	...	4

(3) A Member who has commuted his Oblations and is subsequently promoted to a higher Grade shall be given credit for the amount of the Annual Oblation of his commuted lower Grade. After the first payment of his new Oblation so determined such a Member may commute further payment of this new Oblation in accordance with the table in the previous paragraph.

(4) Annual Oblations payable by those Members who do not commute shall be due annually and in advance on 1st January. When a Member pays his Foundation Due on admission or promotion, he shall at the same time pay the first year's Oblation according to his Grade. Members admitted or promoted in the Order before St. John Baptist Day in any year shall pay the full year's Oblation. Members admitted or promoted on or after St. John Baptist Day, but before 1st October, shall pay half the year's Oblation. Members admitted or promoted on or after 1st October in any year shall pay one year's Oblation at the time of admission or promotion and such payment shall cover the whole of the next calendar year.

(5) If a Member who has commuted his Annual Oblation is promoted to a higher Grade and thereafter falls three years in arrears with his Oblations for that higher Grade, he shall revert to the Grade for which the Oblation had previously been commuted.

(6) If a Member has not paid his Oblation for the current year by 30th June he shall cease to be eligible to attend Chapter-General or Priory Chapters, Commandery Chapters or any Council or Committee of the Order or its Foundations until the whole of the outstanding arrears have been paid.

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C. General

(1) Foundation dues (less the current cost of the insignia), and Oblations and commutations thereof paid by Members and Associate Members on the Roll of a Priory or Commandery shall be credited to the Establishment concerned.

(2) Chapter-General or where appropriate a Priory or Commandery Chapter may, if it thinks fit in the case of any individual, dispense with the payment of any Foundation Due (excluding the cost of the insignia) or Annual Oblation.

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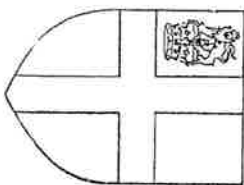
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ARMS, BADGE AND GREAT BANNER OF THE ORDER

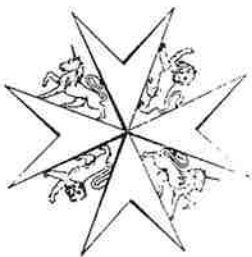
(Statutes 35, 36 and 37)

1. (i) *Arms of the Order.*—The following illustrates the ARMS of the Order as laid down in Statute 35, viz. Gules, a Cross Argent, in the first quarter a representation of Her Majesty's Crest.



(ii) *How Used.*—The Arms of the Order as defined in Statute 35 shall be used as laid down in Statute 37 (Great Banner of the Order) and Statute 40 (Armorial Bearings). They may also be used on any property, flag, parchment, paper, publication, or other article belonging to, used by, or issued by the Headquarters of the Order or Headquarters of Establishments of the Order, or otherwise as authorized by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General. Any other use of the Arms of the Order is prohibited.

2. (i) *Badge of the Order.*—The following illustrates the BADGE of the Order as laid down in Statute 36, viz. a white eight-pointed cross embellished in the four principal angles alternately with a lion passant guardant and a unicorn passant. The eight points of the cross are equidistant from each other and lie on the circumference of a circle. The re-entrant angle in the end of each of the four arms of the cross is bounded by lines drawn, crossing one another, from each point of that arm to the point of the cross distant from it three-eighths of the circumference of the above circle. The diameter of the circle enclosing the lions and unicorns must not be less than one-half, nor more than two-thirds, of the diameter of the circle passing through the eight points of the cross.



(ii) *How used.*—

(a) As the Insignia of the Order and on the Robes of the Order as prescribed in Appendix III.

(b) On the Seal of the Order as prescribed in Statute 38.

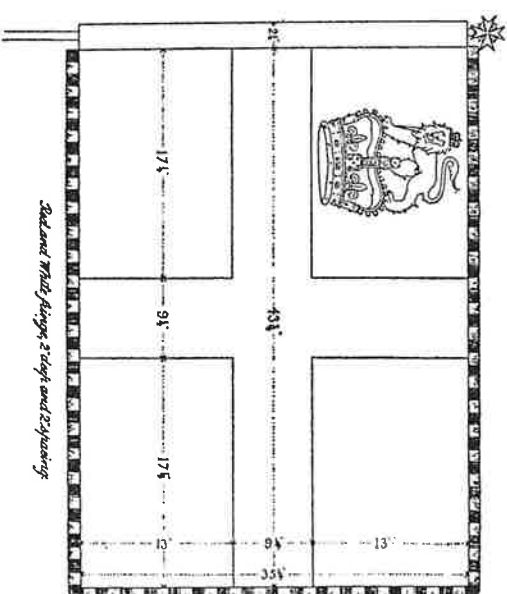
(c) In connection with Armorial Bearings as prescribed in Statute 40.

(d) On any property, flag, parchment, paper, publication, or other articles belonging to, used or issued by the Headquarters of the Order or the Headquarters of Establishments of the Order, or otherwise as authorised by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General.

(e) It may also be used either by itself or surmounted by an escutcheon of the Arms of the Order. The escutcheon when thus used should be so drawn as completely to cover the embellishment of the Badge.

(f) Any other use of the Badge of the Order is prohibited.

3. (i) *Great Banner of the Order.*—The Great Banner of the Order as prescribed by Statute 37 shall be 35½ inches in height, 43½ inches in width with a 2 inch fringe of alternate white and red sections 2 inches wide bordering the Banner on three sides. The limbs of the cross thereon shall be 9½ inches wide and the representation of the Royal Crest in the first quarter shall be depicted as large as may conveniently be placed in that quarter. The Great Banner of the Order shall be flown from a staff on the top of which shall be a representation of the Badge of the Order as prescribed in Statute 36.



(ii) *How Used.*—The Great Banner of the Order shall be flown at all times at St. John's Gate, at the St. John Hospital at Jerusalem, and over the Headquarters of all Priories and Commanderies. It may be flown on other appropriate places on St. John's Day, on the 8th September the anniversary of the relief of Malta in 1565, and on such other occasions as may be appointed by Regulations. It may be flown by the Grand Prior, and by the Lord Prior whenever and wherever they may think fit, but by no other member of the Order. It may be carried or flown by the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, the Chapter-General, or Priory or Commandery Chapters when in procession or in session.

Its use by any other assemblies of the Order, or by any of its Foundations or Establishments is strictly forbidden without the express consent of the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General.

On days of National Mourning, on the days between the death and interment of a Bailiff Grand Cross, and on such other occasions as the Grand Prior may direct, the Great Banner of the Order at St. John's Gate shall be flown at Half Mast.

4. *Banners of the Grand Prior and of the Lord Prior.*—The Banners of the Grand Prior and of the Lord Prior display their Arms with the Arms of the Order in chief. The Banner of the Grand Prior, in addition to the Great Banner of the Order, shall be flown at St. John's Gate on those days on which it is the intention of the Grand Prior to visit St. John's Gate. On days other than those the Banner of the Lord Prior shall be flown at St. John's Gate whenever he is in London. The Banner of the Lord Prior shall be flown at Half Mast on days of National Mourning and on other occasions as directed by him.



APPENDIX III

INSIGNIA AND ROBES

(Statute 41)

1. Every reference in this Appendix to a Member shall include an Associate Member and every reference to a Member in a particular Grade shall include an Associate Member in that Grade.

2. *Insignia.*—The Insignia of the Order are the Badge and the Star of the Order as illustrated below. They may be worn in the manner and form prescribed herein on all customary occasions, whether connected with the ceremonies of the Order or otherwise, by Members other than Esquires so long as their names are in the Roll of the Order. Esquires may wear the button as specified in paragraph 6.

3. *Badges and Ribands.*—The Badge of the Order is worn by all Members other than Esquires suspended from a black watered silk riband. This riband shall be worn over the right shoulder by Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross; round the neck by Knights, Chaplains and Commanders (Brothers); and on the left breast by all other Grades. Sisters of the Order (except Dames Grand Cross) shall suspend their Badge from a riband tied in a bow three inches in length: provided that Sisters of the Order when in uniform shall wear their Insignia in the same manner as is laid down for Brothers of the Order of comparable Grade.

4. (1) The following table gives details of the size, material and embellishment of the Badge and the breadth of its riband for each Grade.

Grade	Badge Size	Badge Material	Badge Embellish- ment	Riband Breadth
Bailiff Grand Cross	3½ in.	Enamel	Gold	4 in.
Dame Grand Cross	3½ in.	Enamel	Gold	2½ in.
Knight of Justice	2½ in.	Enamel	Gold	2 in.
Dame of Justice	1½ in.	Enamel	Gold	1½ in.
Knight of Grace	2½ in.	Enamel	Silver	2 in.
Dame of Grace	1½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.
Chaplain	2½ in.	Enamel	Gold	2 in.
Commander (Brother)	2½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.
Commander (Sister)	1½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.
Officer (Brother)	1½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.
Officer (Sister)	1½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.
Serving Brother	1½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.
Serving Sister	1½ in.	Enamel	Silver	1½ in.

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(ii) The Badge, Ribband, and Star of the Sovereign Head are those of a Bailiff Grand Cross except that Her Badge shall be surmounted by a representation of the Imperial Crown in brilliants.

(iii) The Grand Prior shall have his Badge as Bailiff Grand Cross surmounted by a representation of the Imperial Crown in gold.

(iv) The Lord Prior shall have his Badge as Bailiff Grand Cross surmounted by a representation in gold of the coronet of H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, the first Grand Prior of the Order under the Royal Charter of Queen Victoria.

(v) The Prelate shall have his Badge as Bailiff Grand Cross surmounted by a representation of a Mitre in gold.

(vi) A Bailiff Grand Cross on an occasion when he has to wear a Badge round the neck shall suspend his Badge on a ribband of miniature with (five-eighths of an inch). In order to avoid the necessity of removing his Badge as Grand Cross from his sash, he may on these occasions use the Badge formerly worn by him as a Knight of Justice or of Grace. In the latter case the silver embellishments shall be gilded.

(vii) The Ribband of the Order when worn without Insignia shall bear a small silver cross in the centre.

5. Stars.—

(i) Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross and Knights and Dames whether of Justice or of Grace wear the Star of the Order on the left breast.

(ii) Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross shall wear as their Star a plain eight pointed Cross of white enamel three and five-eighths inches in diameter set in gold without embellishment; see illustration III.

(iii) Knights and Dames of Justice shall wear as their Star a plain eight pointed Cross of white enamel, three inches in diameter set in gold without embellishment; see illustration III.

(iv) Knights and Dames of Grace shall wear as their Star an eight pointed Cross of white enamel three inches in diameter set in silver and embellished in silver in the four principal angles alternately with a lion passant guardant and a unicorn passant; see illustration IV.

(v) Chaplains who have been appointed to be Sub-Prelates of the Order wear a Star identical with that of a Knight of Grace save that the embellishments shall be gilded.

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6. Miniature Badges, Rosettes and Buttons.—

(i) Miniature Badges: A Miniature of their Badge is worn by Members on the left breast on all occasions when Miniatures of other Orders are worn, and on such other occasions as may be directed.

Details of Miniature Badges are given in this Appendix.

(ii) Rosettes may be worn by the Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross and by Knights, Dames, and Chaplains of the Order at all meetings of the Order and its Foundations including Council and Committee Meetings, and on such other occasions when it is desirable for the individual to be identified as a Member of the Order.

(iii) The Button of the Order may be worn by all Members who are not entitled to wear a rosette on the same occasions as the Rosette may be worn.

(iv) Rosettes and Buttons are worn in the button-hole of the left lapel of the coat or in the case of ladies in the form of a brooch.

(v) Rosettes and Buttons should not be worn when Insignia or Miniature Badges are worn.

Details of Rosettes and Buttons are given in this Appendix.

(vi) The current cost of Miniature Badges, Rosettes and Buttons may be obtained from the Secretary-General, or from Prioxy or Commandery Secretaries.

INSIGNIA

Illustrations and Descriptions of the Badges, Stars, Miniature Badges,

Rosettes and Button of the Order

7. (a) Illustrations and Descriptions of BADGES:

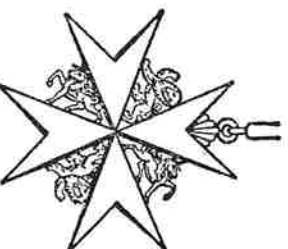


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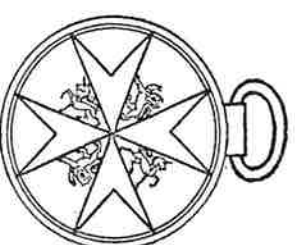
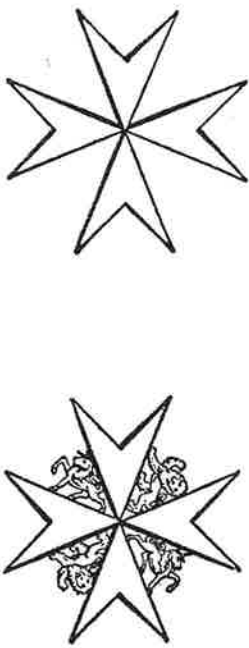


Illustration II.

Illustration I shows the design of the BADGE for all Grades, except those of Personal Esquire, Serving Brother and Serving Sister. The Badge of each Grade differs in size, material and metal of embellishments. The Badge has attached to the centre of the upper arm an ornamental piece of metal and metal link, by which to suspend the Badge from its riband.

Illustration II shows the design of the Badge for Serving Brothers and Serving Sisters. It is an enamel disc showing on a black background the Badge of the Order in white set in a silver rim $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter with, at the top, a silver link by which to suspend the Badge from its riband.

(b) Illustrations of STARS:



Illustrations III and IV.

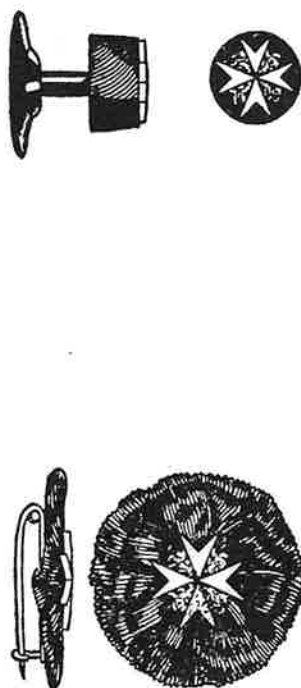
Illustration III shows the design of the Stars worn by Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross ($3\frac{3}{8}$ inches) and Knights and Dames of Justice (3 inches).

Illustration IV shows the design of the Star worn by Knights and Dames of Grace.

(c) Description of the MINIATURE BADGES:

Miniature Badges are reduced reproductions of the full size Badge made to the same size for all Grades except Grade VI, namely one inch maximum diameter. They are worn on the left breast suspended from a riband, five-eighths of an inch broad.

(d) Illustrations and Descriptions of ROSETTES:



Illustrations V and VI.

Illustrations VII and VIII.

Illustrations V and VI show the design of the Rosette for Bailiffs Grand Cross and Knights of the Order; V, as seen from the front when in the button-hole on left lapel of coat; VI, as seen from the side when not in the coat. It is of circular box pattern, seven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, covered with black silk, and having in the centre a representation of the Badge of their Grade three-eighths of an inch in diameter. The Rosette has behind it a shank and button with which to fix it into the button-hole on the left lapel of the coat. The Rosette worn by ladies is similar save that it is fitted for wearing as a brooch.

Illustrations VII and VIII show similarly the design of the Rosette for Chaplains of the Order. It has, on a brooch pin, a flat round rosette of black riband having on the centre a representation of the Badge of their Grade three-eighths of an inch in diameter.

(e) Illustration and Description of BUTTON:



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A metal button bearing the Badge of the Order in enamel on an enamelled black background. It is worn on the left lapel of the coat by Brothers and in the form of a Brooch on the left breast by Sisters of the Order.

(f) Description of DONAT'S BADGE (Statute 31):

The Donat's Badge is the Badge of the Order without the upper arm. Its size is 1½ inches in the case of men and 1¼ inches in the case of women. It shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a black watered silk riband down the centre of which is a white stripe one-twelfth of its width. The width of the riband for men is 1½ inches and for women 1¼ inches; the women's riband is worn as a bow 3 inches long.

The Badge may be awarded in gold, silver or bronze.

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8. The Robes of the Order are the Mantle and the Sopra-vest. Approved patterns of the Mantle and Sopra-vest are kept in the Chancery of the Order. Members of the Order are entitled to wear them as hereinafter prescribed.

9. Mantle.—

(i) The Mantle of the Order shall be black according to ancient use, with the Badge of the Order on the left front.

(ii) The Mantle of the Sovereign Head has a train and is of velvet lined with white silk. The Badge, twelve inches in diameter, is of white silk, embellished in gold, and is surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

(iii) The Mantle of the Grand Prior is similar to that of the Sovereign Head, but it has no train, and the Badge is not surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

(iv) The Mantles of Grades I and II are of black merino faced with black silk. The Badge, 12 inches in diameter, is of white linen, and is embellished for Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross and Knights and Dames of Justice in gold coloured silk and for Knights and Dames of Grace in white silk.

(v) The Mantles of those Commanders and Officers who are appointed members of the Chapter-General or of Priory or Commandery Chapters are of black merino faced with black silk. The Badge, its diameter for Commanders 9 inches and for Officers 6 inches, is of white linen, embellished in white silk.

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(vi) The Mantle of the Secretary of the Order and of the Priory Secretaries is similar to that of an Officer who is appointed a member of the Chapter-General, but this Badge, 6 inches in diameter embellished in white silk, is placed on two goosequill pens embroidered saltire-wise in white silk.

(vii) A Mantle of special pattern may be worn by the Medical Officers of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem.

(viii) A Dame Grand Cross shall wear under her Mantle over the right shoulder the sash with the Badge of the Order. A Dame or Commander (Sister) shall wear her Badge on a bow on the left side of her garment under the Mantle.

10. Sopra-vest.—

(i) The Sopra-vest of the Order is a long coat of thin black cloth buttoning close round the neck and down one side and falling to the ankles. It is worn instead of the morning coat and is so cut as entirely to cover the tie, shirt, waistcoat and trousers. Women do not wear the Sopra-vest.

(ii) On the centre of the breast of the Sopra-vest worn by a Bailiff Grand Cross is sewn a plain eight pointed Cross of white cloth 12 inches in diameter.

(iii) Over the centre of the breast of the plain black Sopra-vest worn by a Knight or Commander (Brother), the Badge is suspended from its riband so that the Badge hangs about 6 inches below the collar of the Sopra-vest.

11. Robes: Provisions regarding.—

(i) The wearing of the Robes is a privilege reserved for members of Grades I and II of the Order; for members of the Chapter-General and for such members of Priory or Commandery Chapters as are not below the Grade of Officer.

(ii) Robes shall be worn when attending meetings of the Chapter-General and of Priory or Commandery Chapters and may be worn on such other occasions as may be prescribed by Regulations, or particularly authorized by the Secretary-General or by Priory or Commandery Secretaries.

12. Head-dress.—On all occasions when Mantles and Sopra-vests are worn black velvet hats of Tudor shape may also be worn. The approved pattern for these velvet hats is kept in the Chancery of the Order.

13. *Ministers of Religion: Dress when Officiating.—*

(i) The Prelate, or in his absence the Sub-Prelate acting for him at services in the Grand Priory Church may wear the Cope of the Order.

(ii) Clerical Brethren, when conducting Divine Service in connection with the Order, its Establishments, or its Foundations, or when reading prayers at the Chapter-General or Chapter, may wear if belonging to the Church of England a cassock and surplice, or if belonging to other Christian Churches the dress usually worn at Divine Service in that Church. They shall wear thereon the Insignia of their Grade. They may wear over their surplice a tippet of black stuff with red lining and edging and with red buttons; the tippet shall have the Badge of the Order, three inches in diameter, on the left breast. Over the tippet the Chaplain's Badge is worn suspended round the neck. The head-dress is a square black velvet cap with red edging and buttons, the pattern of which is kept in the Chancery of the Order.

(Subject to the foregoing, the manner in which and the occasions on which the Insignia and Medals of the Order may be worn shall be in accordance with the terms of the Queen's Dress Regulations and Instructions issued from time to time by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.)

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APPENDIX IV

**MEDALS, CERTIFICATES OF HONOUR AND VOTES OF THANKS
OF THE ORDER
(Statute 43)**

1. (1) The Medals at present awarded by the Order are:

The Life-Saving Medal
The Service Medal

Other medals for services not qualifying for either of these two medals may be awarded as may be decided by the Order from time to time.

(2) *The Life-Saving Medal*

The Life-Saving Medal may be bestowed on those who, in a conspicuous act of gallantry, have endangered their own lives in saving, or attempting to save, life.

The Life-Saving Medal is depicted with its riband in this Appendix. It may be awarded either in gold, silver, or bronze, as may be determined in each case by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General. It is worn on the right breast suspended from a watered silk riband with 1 inch black centre and one-twelfth inch white and two-twelfth inch scarlet stripes at each end. A bar to the Medal may be awarded in each of the three categories.

(3) *The Service Medal*

(A) The Service Medal of the Order may be awarded to:

(i) The Great Officers of the Order: the Executive Officers, Deputy and Assistant Executive Officers of the Order and its Establishments.

(ii) Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers of St. John Councils.

(iii) Members of the Staff of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem.

(iv) The following Officers and Members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade at home and overseas:

(a) Senior Headquarters Officers appointed by the Grand Prior.

(b) Commanders St. John Ambulance.

(c) Association County, Deputy and Assistant County Directors.

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(d) Chairmen of Association Centres, and Association Secretaries and Treasurers.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph the word "Centre" shall include such other sections of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade as shall be recognised by the Chapter-General and where appropriate by a Priory or Commandery Chapter as performing the functions of an Association Centre in the United Kingdom.

(e) Officers and Members of the Brigade.

(B) The period of service qualifying for the award of the Medal shall be fifteen years satisfactory service, except that

- (i) In respect of service performed within the Priories of South Africa, New Zealand, Canada and Australia the qualifying period of service shall be twelve years; and
- (ii) In respect of service elsewhere overseas the qualifying period of service shall be ten years.

(C) Bars to the Medal may be awarded for each additional five years of satisfactory service.

(D) Service in one qualifying capacity may be added to service in any other qualifying capacity, provided they are not simultaneous, to make up the total period qualifying for the award of the Medal or Bar.

(E) Recommendations for the award of the Medal accompanied by a full statement of the service qualifying therefor shall be made by the appropriate Executive Officer or Priory or Commandery Chapter to the Secretary-General for the approval of the Grand Prior.

(F) The Medal is worn on the left breast suspended from a black and white silk riband with three black and two white stripes, each stripe 5/16 inch wide. The Medal is depicted with its riband in this Appendix.

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2. A Certificate of Honour signed by the Lord Prior, the Chancellor, and the Secretary-General, may be awarded by the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, to those who in a conspicuous act of gallantry have saved or attempted to save life in cases where the circumstances are not deemed to have merited the award of the Life-Saving Medal.

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VOTES OF THANKS

3. A Vote of Thanks engrossed on parchment may be awarded by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General to those who have rendered conspicuous services to the Order or any of its Foundations. Such Vote will bear the signatures of the Lord Prior, the Chancellor, and the Secretary-General.

THE GRAND PRIOR'S BADGE

4. The Grand Prior's Badge may be awarded to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in accordance with the terms laid down by the Grand Prior. Application for the Badge, in the case of the Priories overseas, shall be made by the Priory Commissioner, through the Prior, to the Secretary-General. The application must be accompanied by the necessary number of counterfoils of Cadet Proficiency Certificates as laid down in Brigade Regulations. The Secretary-General will arrange for the issue of the Badge if approved.

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Illustrations of the Medals of the Order and of their Ribands

Illustration of the LIFE-SAVING MEDAL and its Riband



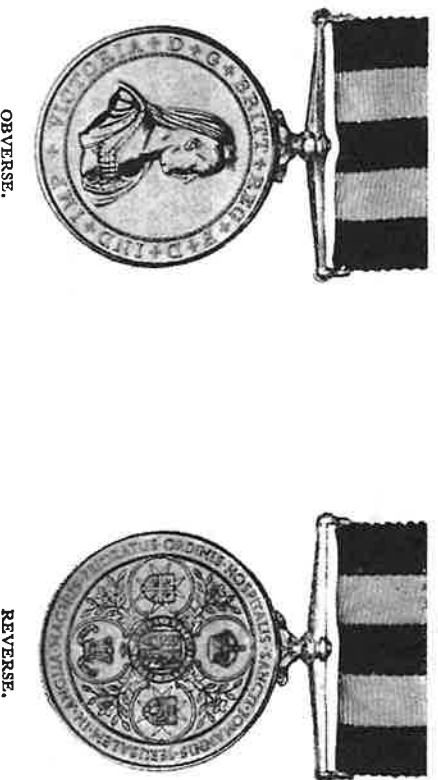
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Illustration of the SERVICE MEDAL and its Riband



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(Subject to the foregoing, the manner in which and the occasions on which the Insignia and Medals of the Order may be worn shall be in accordance with the terms of the Queen's Dress Regulations and Instructions issued from time to time by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.)

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Regulations of the Grand Priory

1. Short title and date of commencement

These Regulations may be cited as "The St. John (Grand Priory) Regulations, 1974" and shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1974 in substitution for all Regulations relating to the Grand Priory previously in force under the 1955 Charter.

PART ONE—DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE AND OTHER OFFICERS

2. The Secretary-General

(1) The Secretary-General is the principal administrative officer of the Order and as the head of the Chancery has overall responsibility for all salaried staff of the Order and its Foundations attached to the Headquarters of the Grand Priory.

(2) All communications relating to the Order requiring the consideration of the Sovereign Head, the Grand Prior, the Lord Prior, the Council or the Chapter-General shall be submitted through the Secretary-General.

(3) An Annual Report of the work of the Order shall be compiled by the Secretary-General and submitted to the Chapter-General and the General Assembly.

(4) The Secretary-General shall be a member *ex officio* of every committee established by these Regulations.

3. The Receiver-General

(1) The Receiver-General is the principal financial adviser to the Order and the head of the Treasury. In the exercise of his duties, the Receiver-General shall be assisted and advised by the Finance Committee over which he shall preside and which shall comprise such members as may be appointed by the Council after consultation with the Receiver-General. The advice of the Receiver-General shall be sought on all matters having financial implications for the Order before they are submitted for consideration to the Council or the Chapter-General.

(2) As head of the Treasury, the Receiver-General shall receive and disburse all moneys receivable or payable at the Headquarters of the Grand Priory but he shall not make any disbursements other than those of a routine nature without the authority of the Chapter-General or the Council.

(3) The financial year for the accounts of the Headquarters of the Grand Priory shall commence on the first day of January or such other date as the Receiver-General may appoint with the prior approval of the Chapter-General. Before the beginning of each financial year, the Receiver-General shall prepare and submit to the Chapter-General for approval, budget estimates of income and expenditure of the Headquarters accounts of the Grand Priory for the ensuing year. Executive Officers are responsible that no expenditure is incurred in excess of the amount allocated to them from the approved budgetary provision. Any request to incur supplementary expenditure shall be submitted in writing to the Receiver-General who shall place it before the Council with his recommendation and the Council shall have power to approve the same with or without modification or to refuse it.

(4) Such salaried staff shall be employed in the Treasury as the Receiver-General, after consultation with the Secretary-General, may deem necessary. The Receiver-General may delegate to the salaried staff such responsibilities for the day to day administration of the Treasury as he may think fit.

(5) The annual accounts of the Headquarters of the Grand Priory shall be audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants appointed from time to time by the Chapter-General. The Receiver-General shall present such audited accounts together with his report thereon to the Chapter-General and thereafter such accounts and report shall be incorporated in the Annual Report of the work of the Order.

(6) For the purposes of these Regulations, the accounts of the Headquarters of the Grand Priory shall include those of the Chancery, the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, the Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Foundation, and any other accounts for which the Receiver-General may hereafter become responsible with the approval of the Chapter-General.

4. The Chief Commander

(1) In the areas which are directly administered by the Grand Priory, the Chief Commander is responsible to the Chapter-General, through the Council, for the overall direction, organisation and administration of the St. John Ambulance Foundation. In other areas where any part of the work of the St. John Ambulance is carried on, he may exercise such general supervision thereof as may be appropriate.

(2) In the exercise of his duties, the Chief Commander shall be assisted and advised by the St. John Ambulance Headquarters Board over which he shall preside and which shall comprise such Executive and other officers at Headquarters of the Grand Priory as may be appointed from time to time by the Council after consultation with the Chief Commander. In matters relating to the St. John Ambulance overseas, the Chief Commander shall be assisted and advised by the Overseas Committee.

(3) The responsibilities of the Director-General and the Commissioner-in-Chief shall be as follows:

(a) *The Director-General* shall be responsible to the Chief Commander for all aspects of the Association activities of the Foundation. In the exercise of his duties, the Director-General shall be assisted and advised by regular conferences of County Directors and by the Association Committee over which he shall preside and which shall comprise such members as he may appoint subject to the approval of the Chief Commander provided always that the membership of the Committee shall include representatives of Government Departments, Nationalised Industries, other Industrial undertakings, persons actively engaged in Association work in the Counties of England and the Commissioner-in-Chief.

(b) *The Commissioner-in-Chief* shall be responsible to the Chief Commander for all aspects of the Brigade activities of the Foundation. In the exercise of his duties, the Commissioner-in-Chief shall be assisted and advised by the Brigade Committee over which he shall preside and which shall comprise such members as he may appoint subject to the approval of the Chief Commander provided always that the membership of the Committee shall include one Commissioner from each St. John Ambulance Region in England.

three County Superintendents from the Women's Advisory Committee, two members of the Cadet Advisory Committee (one of whom shall be a woman) and the Director-General.

(4) The Director-General and the Commissioner-in-Chief have authority to take decisions affecting their respective responsibilities which are not inconsistent with the Charter or Statutes of the Order or any Regulations of the Grand Prior for the time being in force.

(5) The St. John Ambulance in those areas which are directly administered by the Grand Priory shall conform to any directives, standing orders or the like issued from time to time by the Chief Commander or, in the case of the Association, by the Director-General, or, in the case of the Brigade, by the Commissioner-in-Chief.

(6) Such salaried staff shall be employed at the Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Foundation as the Chief Commander, after consultation with the Secretary-General, may deem necessary. The Chief Commander and the Director-General and the Commissioner-in-Chief may within their respective limits of authority delegate to the salaried staff such responsibilities for the day to day administration of the Foundation at its Headquarters as they may think fit.

5. The Hospitaller

(1) The Hospitaller is responsible to the Chapter-General, through the Council, for the general direction, organisation and technical administration of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem Foundation and all its associated activities.

(2) In the exercise of his duties, the Hospitaller shall be assisted and advised by the Hospital Committee over which he shall preside and which shall comprise such members as may be appointed by the Council after consultation with the Hospitaller.

(3) Such salaried staff shall be employed at the Headquarters of the Hospital Foundation and at the Hospital in Jerusalem as the Hospitaller, after consultation with the Secretary-General, may deem necessary. The Hospitaller may delegate

to the salaried staff such responsibilities for the administration of the Headquarters of the Foundation and the Hospital as he may think fit.

6. The Almoner

(1) The Almoner shall have such duties as may be assigned to him by the Grand Prior from time to time.

(2) The Almoner shall report to the Chapter-General.

7. The Librarian

(1) The Librarian shall be in charge of the Library and Museum at St. John's Gate and their contents together with any other works of art and objects of historical interest belonging to the Grand Priory.

(2) The Librarian is the technical adviser to the Order on all matters that concern the history, customs and traditions of the Order and advises thereon and reports to the Chapter-General.

(3) Such salaried staff shall be employed in the Library and Museum as the Librarian, after consultation with the Secretary-General, may deem necessary. The Librarian may delegate to the salaried staff such responsibilities for the day to day administration of the Library and Museum as he may think fit.

8. The Registrar

(1) The Registrar shall supervise the due recording of the names, addresses, distinctions and services of Members, Associate Members and Donats and the genealogies and armorial bearings of Bailiffs, Knights and Dames of the Order. Brothers and Sisters of the Order shall be borne on the Roll of the Order on separate lists of equal rank within each Grade.

(2) The Registrar shall prepare for publication at such times and in such manner as the Chapter-General may direct the printed Roll of Members, Associate Members and Donats of the Order.

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9. The Genealogist

(1) The Genealogist is the technical adviser of the Chapter-General on all matters genealogical and heraldic. All such matters should be referred to him for his opinion and advice whenever they arise.

(2) It shall be part of the duty of the Genealogist to investigate and report upon the armorial and genealogical proofs of such Members and Associate Members as may be referred to him by the Secretary-General.

10. The Director of Ceremonies

The Director of Ceremonies shall prescribe and regulate the arrangements for all ceremonies of the Order in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Prior.

11. The Secretary of the Order

The Secretary of the Order is a salaried Officer responsible to the Secretary-General who defines his duties which shall include attendance at meetings of Chapter-General, the Council or any Committee as the Secretary-General may direct for the purpose of recording minutes.

12. Period, etc., of Appointments

Save in the case of salaried Officers whose tenure depends on their terms of service and except as may otherwise be provided in the Statutes or Regulations, all appointments to executive or administrative offices (including those mentioned in Statutes 9, 10, 12(2)(b) and 14(2)(b)) shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) appointments shall be subject to the Grand Prior's pleasure and shall be made at intervals of three years, the first such triennial period, for the purposes of these Regulations, to commence at midnight on the eve of St. John Baptist's Day 1975;

(b) appointments shall normally be for three years or, in the case of appointments to fill offices created or becoming vacant during a triennial period, shall be for the unexpired term thereof;

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(c) those whose appointments expire at the end of a triennial period shall be eligible for re-appointment;

(d) appointments which are vacant may be left unfilled or may be filled at any time when considered desirable.

PART TWO—PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS

13. Procedure at the General Assembly and Commemoration Service

(1) Holy Communion shall be celebrated in the Grand Priory Church on the morning of the day on which the General Assembly is held.

(2) The presiding officer at the General Assembly shall be the Grand Prior, or in his absence the Lord Prior, or in their absence the Chancellor, or in the absence of all three, the Bailiff Grand Cross present with the highest precedence as laid down in Statute 32 who is willing to act.

(3) Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Grand Prior shall determine the business to be placed before any meeting of the General Assembly.

(4) All Members and Associate Members attending the General Assembly or the Commemoration Service shall wear the Badge or Button of their Grade and members of Chapter-General shall be habited in the robes of their respective Grades.

14. Procedure in the Chapter-General

(1) The quorum of the Chapter-General shall be fifteen of whom not less than twelve shall be members of Grades I or II of the Order.

(2) The presiding officer shall be the Grand Prior, or in his absence the Lord Prior, or in their absence the Chancellor. In the absence of all three, the Bailiff Grand Cross present with the highest precedence as laid down in Statute 32 shall preside.

(3) Except as provided by Regulation 22(4) and (5), all voting in Chapter-General shall be by show of hands and, in the event of an equality of votes on any matter, the presiding officer shall have and may exercise a second and casting vote, but if he does not exercise that power the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

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(4) The Chapter-General by resolution, or a Great Officer in his discretion, may invite any person who is not a member of Chapter-General to attend any meeting thereof. The presence of such person shall not entitle him to speak or vote on any matter but he may nevertheless be invited by the presiding officer to address the Chapter-General.

(5) Members of Chapter-General when present at any meeting thereof shall wear the robes of their Grade as prescribed by the Statutes.

15. Procedure in Council

(1) The Council shall normally be summoned by the Lord Prior to meet once in every month save in the months of August and September upon not less than seven days' previous notice. The Council shall meet at other times if the Lord Prior, or in his absence, the Chancellor, so directs after the usual notice unless there is a matter of urgency to be discussed in which case three days' notice shall suffice.

(2) Six members of the Council shall form a quorum.

(3) The presiding officer shall be the Lord Prior, or in his absence, the Chancellor, or in the absence of both, the Bailiff of Egle or in the absence of all three, the Vice-Chancellor.

(4) Voting in the Council shall be by show of hands and in the event of an equality of votes on any matter the presiding officer shall have and may exercise a second or casting vote, but if he does not exercise that power the motion shall be deemed to be lost.

16. Standing Committees

(1) The principal committees of the Grand Priory which are termed "Standing Committees" are as follows:

- (i) The Investigation Committee;
- (ii) The Finance Committee;
- (iii) The Hospital Committee;
- (iv) The St. John Ambulance Headquarters Board;
- (v) The Overseas Committee;
- (vi) The St. John Supplies Board of Management.

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(2) In so far as provision is not otherwise made under these Regulations for the composition and duties of the Standing Committees, the membership and terms of reference of the Committees shall be determined by the Council.

(3) Standing Committees may regulate their own procedure and shall report to and be subject to the general directions of the Council.

PART THREE—PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ORDER

17. The Hospital Foundation

The Hospital Foundation is the organisation duly constituted under Statute 20(1) as a Foundation of the Order to further the objects and purposes of the Order described in the paragraph (e) of Statute 4. The Head of the Foundation is the Hospitalier to whom the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Chapter-General, delegates from time to time power to maintain and develop the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem and its associated activities.

18. The St. John Ambulance Foundation

(1) The St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade Foundation (known shortly as "the St. John Ambulance Foundation") is the organisation duly constituted under Statute 20(1) as a Foundation of the Order to further the objects and purposes of the Order as described in paragraph (f) of Statute 4. The Head of the Foundation is the Chief Commander who directs and co-ordinates the two main activities of the Foundation as under:

(a) *The Association which undertakes the Foundation's responsibilities for teaching and concomitant work.*

(b) *The Brigade which provides within the ambit of the objects of the Foundation a voluntary practical service to the public by means of disciplined Ambulance or Nursing units of men, women or cadets in uniform who hold certificates of or approved by the Association together with duly qualified members of the medical and nursing professions.*

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(2) In those areas which are directly administered by the Grand Priory, Officers of the Foundation shall be appointed by or with the authority of the Director-General or the Commissioner-in-Chief as the case may be. Provided always that the Grand Prior may in his sole discretion designate from time to time certain offices within the Foundation as senior offices to which persons shall be appointed only by the Grand Prior acting upon the recommendation of Chapter-General.

(3) Nothing in this regulation contained shall affect:

(a) any power delegated to Priors, Knights Commander or National St. John Councils by the Grand Prior to make appointments or otherwise administer any parts of the St. John Ambulance Foundation operating within their geographical limits of jurisdiction; or

(b) the continued control and operation of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations previously in force as separate Foundations of the Order in any area of the world where administrative arrangements have not been made for the amalgamation of the two Foundations into one Foundation.

19. Traditional links between the Order and its Foundations

To assist in maintaining the traditional links between the Order and its Foundations the Grand Prior may, subject to the provisions of the Statutes, from time to time prescribe for the guidance of those concerned the executive or administrative offices within each Foundation which, subject to the availability of suitable and experienced personnel, should be held by Members or Associate Members of the Order of such Grade as the Grand Prior may specify in each case provided always that no person shall be deemed to be disqualified for appointment to any such office by reason only that he is not a Member or Associate Member or, being a Member or Associate Member, is not of the Grade specified.

PART FOUR—PROVISIONS RELATING TO HONOURS AND AWARDS

20. Submission of recommendations

(1) Recommendations for admission or attachment to or promotion in the Order or for the award of Life-Saving Medals,

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Certificates of Honour or Votes of Thanks may be submitted as hereinafter prescribed over the signature of any of the following:

(a) any Member of Grade I or II of the Order;

(b) any Member of the Chapter-General;

(c) any President or Chairman of a St. John Council.

(2) All such recommendations shall be submitted in writing with a clear statement of the qualifications of the person recommended based on the personal knowledge of the signatory or on relevant information available to him which he has good reason to believe is reliable and accurate.

(3) Subject to any directions as to procedure which the Secretary-General may issue from time to time, all recommendations to which this Regulation relates shall be submitted under confidential cover to the Secretary-General except that:

(a) in the case of a recommendation relating to a person ordinarily resident within the geographical limits of a Priory or Commandery, the recommendation shall first be submitted to the Priory or Commandery concerned and if supported by the Chapter thereof shall then be sent to the Secretary-General direct or, in the case of a Commandery dependent on a Priory, to that Priory for consideration by the Priory Chapter.

(b) in the case of a recommendation based wholly or in part on work for the St. John Ambulance Foundation in an area directly administered by the Grand Priory, the recommendation shall be submitted to the Chief Commander who shall issue such directives as he may think fit prescribing the procedure to be followed in any such area for the initiation, investigation or transmission of any such recommendation. The Chief Commander shall decide whether or not to support such recommendation but he shall not be bound to forward it to the Secretary-General unless the citation discloses service to other spheres of the Order's work.

(4) If the Secretary-General receives a recommendation in respect of a person who he has reason to believe has rendered other service to the Order not mentioned in the citation, he

shall refer the recommendation to the Executive Officer at Headquarters concerned with that other service for his observations.

21. Investigation Committee

(1) The Secretary-General shall submit:

(a) all recommendations from whatever source for the award of any Life-Saving Medal; and

(b) all recommendations for appointment or attachment to or promotion in the Order or for awards other than the Life-Saving Medals which have not been investigated and recommended by a Priory Chapter,

with all relevant information thereon to the Investigation Committee and thence to the Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Regulation.

(2) Recommendations received by the Secretary-General which have been investigated and approved by Priory Chapters for appointment or attachment to or promotion in the Order or for the award of Certificates of Honour or Votes of Thanks shall be submitted direct to the Chapter-General in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 22.

(3) The Investigation Committee shall comprise the Lord Prior, the Secretary-General and three other Members of the Order appointed by the Grand Prior and its duty shall be to investigate any recommendation received from the Secretary-General in pursuance of the foregoing provisions and to report the results to the Council which shall have the responsibility of deciding whether or not to approve the submission of the recommendation to the Chapter-General.

22. Consideration of recommendations by Chapter-General

(1) Any recommendation for the award of a Life-Saving Medal, Certificate of Honour or Vote of Thanks which may properly be submitted to the Chapter-General in accordance with these Regulations, shall be placed before the Chapter-General by the Secretary-General without undue delay and the Chapter-General shall take its decision thereon by vote on a resolution duly proposed and seconded.

(2) In the case of recommendations for appointment or attachment to or promotion in the Order which have been approved for submission to the Chapter-General either by the Council or a Priory Chapter in pursuance of these Regulations the Secretary-General, having first satisfied himself that those concerned have signified their acceptance of all the obligations to the Order thereby entailed, shall submit the list of those recommended to the next convenient meeting of the Chapter-General for the consideration thereof.

(3) If any member of the Chapter-General has reason to believe that further investigation ought to be made into the qualifications of any person on a list of recommendations to be considered at a meeting of the Chapter-General he should state his reasons in confidence before the meeting to the Lord Prior or the presiding officer who will then decide whether he should direct that the name in question should be withdrawn from the list and submitted to the Investigation Committee for further consideration.

(4) The decision of Chapter-General on any list of recommendations submitted to it under the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation shall be taken by ballot which shall be conducted as follows. In the first instance, a ballot shall be taken for the whole list as submitted to the Chapter-General and unless one or more dissentient votes are recorded, the list shall be deemed to be passed for submission to the Grand Prior.

(5) If one or more dissentient votes are recorded the Lord Prior or other presiding officer shall at once announce that fact and invite each member who has cast a dissentient vote to meet with him privately after the meeting. When any member meets accordingly with the Lord Prior or other officer, the member shall state the name of any person in the list to whom he takes objection and give his reasons for the objection. If after discussion any objecting member wishes to maintain his objection to any name in the list, the Lord Prior or other officer shall direct that the name in question should be withdrawn from the list and submitted to the Investigation Committee for further consideration. The list shall then be deemed to be passed for submission to the Grand Prior without the name or names that have been withdrawn. If no member meets with the Lord Prior or other officer or, as the case may be, if no objecting member wishes so to maintain his objection, the list shall be deemed to be passed unaltered for submission to the Grand Prior.

(6) When the Investigation Committee has considered any name that has been withdrawn from the list in accordance with the provision of paragraph (3) or paragraph (5) of this Regulation, a report of the Committee stating that name, the grounds of objection (but not the name of the objecting member) and the findings of the Committee shall be considered at the next convenient meeting of Chapter-General. A separate ballot shall be taken in respect of that name and unless three or more dissentient votes are recorded, the recommendation in respect of that name shall be deemed to be passed for submission to the Grand Prior.

23. Submissions to the Grand Prior

(1) The Secretary-General shall report to the Grand Prior the recommendations of the Chapter-General in relation to awards of Life-Saving Medals, Certificates of Honour or Votes of Thanks and on receiving his approval shall arrange for the awards to be made.

(2) Where the Chapter-General has made recommendations for admission or attachment to or promotion in the Order, the Secretary-General shall ascertain the pleasure of the Grand Prior and make submissions to Her Majesty the Sovereign Head as he may be directed by the Grand Prior.

24. Procedure after sanction of the Sovereign Head

As soon as the decision of the Sovereign Head in regard to any list of recommendations for appointment or attachment to or promotion in the Order is received by the Secretary-General, he shall call upon those concerned to remit whatever Foundation Due and first Annual oblation is payable. After receiving any payment which is due, the Secretary-General shall arrange where practicable for those concerned to be invested on some appropriate occasion with their insignia and as soon as practicable for those newly admitted or attached to sign the Homage Roll as provided by Statute 29(7); provided always that any person being admitted or attached to Grade I or II of the Order shall be received and invested by the Grand Prior or his representative in accordance with the recognised ceremonial of the Order unless the Sovereign Head personally performs the ceremony.

PART FIVE—MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

25. Seal: Custody of

The Secretary-General is responsible for the safe custody of the Seal of the Order, which shall be secured by two locks.

26. Seal: Use of

The Seal of the Order shall be used only for such purposes as may be prescribed by the Statutes or as may be authorised by the Chapter-General and every instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed by two Executive Officers. The sealing of documents shall be reported to the Chapter-General.

27. Armorial Bearings

No Member shall be permitted to exercise the privileges conferred by Statute 40 until he has given proof to the satisfaction of the Genealogist, that the provisions of that Statute have been complied with, and until he has received from the Order, through the Secretary-General, a licence to exercise the privilege, or privileges, applicable to his case.

28. Diplomas

The Diplomas of Members and of Associate Members shall be in the forms approved by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Chapter-General and may be obtained from the Heraldic Artist of the Order on payment.

29. Addresses of Members and Associates

Every Member and Associate Member shall notify the Secretary-General of the Order from time to time of the address to which notices of meetings or other communications should be sent. Such communications will ordinarily be sent to the address last notified.

REGULATIONS

30. Publication of certain matters connected with the Order prohibited

No Member or Associate Member of the Order shall print or publish any proceedings, decision or resolution of the Chapter-General, Council or Committees of the Order without the permission previously obtained of the Secretary-General.

31. Memorials to deceased Members

(1) Memorials may be erected if space is available in the crypt of the Grand Priory Church of St. John, Clerkenwell, to any deceased Member of the Order who has rendered it distinguished service, if the representatives of the deceased should so request and if the Chapter-General shall by special resolution so recommend. The cost shall be defrayed by the representatives of the deceased.

(2) Memorial Tablets may be placed in the Council Chamber of St. John's Gate to commemorate the following, if the Chapter-General by special resolution so recommend:

Sovereign Heads and their Consorts; Great Officers of the Order; other Members who have either held Executive Office for not less than ten years, or have rendered to the Order services which the Chapter-General consider so distinguished as to merit this special honour.

32. Saving Clause

(1) In case of any inconsistency between any Regulations and any provision of the Royal Charters or Statutes, the Charter or Statute as the case may be shall prevail.

(2) If any question arises as to the interpretation of any Regulations, the matter shall be referred to the Grand Prior whose decision shall be final.

Made on the recommendation of the Chapter-General under my hand this first day of June, 1974.

HENRY

Grand Prior.

Form of Prayer at Chapter-General

At the Opening of the Chapter

For the Queen and all Christian Kings, Princes and Governors

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would bless and preserve all Christian Kings, Princes and Governors, and especially our most Gracious Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH, the Sovereign Head of our Order, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed. Amen.

For all the Royal Family

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would bless and preserve ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER, PHILIP DUKE OF EDINBURGH, CHARLES PRINCE OF WALES, our GRAND PRIOR, and all the ROYAL FAMILY. Amen.

For Peace

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would grant peace, rest and concord to all faithful Christians; that He would put down wars and seditions, give strength to those who fight against evil, and direct the paths of all men into the way of everlasting salvation. Amen.

For the Fruits of the Earth

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may share and enjoy them. Amen.

For the Sick and Wounded and all Prisoners and Captives

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would grant health to all who are sick or wounded and have pity upon all prisoners and captives, that they, being delivered from their sickness and captivity, may come to give Him thanks in His Holy Church. Amen.

For our Benefactors

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would give to the Benefactors of our Order a full reward for their pious works, and would grant them everlasting life after death. Amen.

**For the members of the Order*

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would vouchsafe to preserve all our members and enlighten their minds, that they may study to maintain the honour and usefulness of our Order. Amen.

** At Investitures of new members this prayer will be read after they have been invested*

At the Closing of the Chapter

The Lord preserve us in the number of the Faithful; the Lord grant us means and opportunity to do good, resolution to persevere, and grace to attain happily to the blessed inheritance of Eternal Life; that like as charity hath united us on earth, so the Divine mercy, which is the help and support of love, may vouchsafe to unite us with His faithful ones in Heaven, through the good gift of Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Peace

O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The Power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

(These Prayers are, with certain variations, translations of those specified to be used in Chapter according to the ancient statutes of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. They may, however, be used on other occasions when suitable.)

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