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THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.*

(Including O.M., R.V.C., C.H., V.A., C.I.)

THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE GARTER.

Instituted by King Edward III about August, 1348.

(K.G.)



HABIT AND INSIGNIA

THE GARTER of dark-blue velvet, edged with gold, bearing the motto in golden letters with buckle and pendant of gold richly chased. The garter is worn on the left leg below the knee.

THE MANTLE of blue velvet, lined with white taffeta; on the left breast the star embroidered.

THE HOOD of crimson velvet.

* Throughout this Section no attempt has been made to depict all the Collars, Ribands, Stars and Badges of the various Orders of Knighthood. Those shown are intended to be representative.

NOTE.—The illustrations of the various degrees of the Order of the British Empire as shown in the 1939 Edition of BURKE'S *Peerage* required alteration. As the alterations could not be carried out in time for this Edition the illustrations have therefore been omitted.

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THE SURCOAT likewise of crimson velvet, lined with white taffeta.

THE HAT of black velvet, lined with white taffeta; a plume of white ostrich feathers, in the centre of which a tuft of black heron's feathers, all fastened to the hat by a band of diamonds.

THE COLLAR, gold, consisting of twenty-six pieces, each in form of a garter, enamelled azure and appended thereto,

THE GEORGE, or figure of St. George on horseback, encountering the dragon. The George is worn appended to the collar; and the lesser George, pendent to a broad dark-blue ribbon over the left shoulder.

THE STAR of eight points, silver, upon the centre of which the Cross of St. George, gules, encircled with the garter.

By a statute passed on the 28 June, 1831, the Order is to consist of the Sovereign, and twenty-five Knights-Companions, together with such lineal descendants of KING GEORGE the First as may be elected always excepting the Prince of Wales, who is a constituent part of the original institution. Special statutes have since, at different times, been promulgated for the admission of Sovereigns and Extra Knights, the latter of whom have, however, always become part of the twenty-five Companions on the occurrence of vacancies.

MOTTO—*HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE.*

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE KING.

LADIES OF THE ORDER,

H.M. THE QUEEN.

H.M. QUEEN MARY.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH, DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.

KNIGHTS,

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, 31 MARCH, 1921.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, 23 JUNE, 1910 (when Prince of Wales).

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, 19 NOVEMBER, 1947.

King of Sweden, 14 June, 1905.
King of Norway, 13 Nov. 1906.
King of the Belgians, 2 Dec. 1935.

King Carol II, 15 Nov. 1938.
Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, 19 June, 1939.

Princess Wilhelmina of The Netherlands, 24 Sept. 1944 (when Queen of The Netherlands.)

Marquess of Londonderry, 9 Dec. 1919.
Earl of Athlone, 17 April, 1928.
Duke of Abercorn, 17 April, 1928.
Earl of Halifax, 5 May, 1931.
Earl Stanhope, 1 Jan. 1934.
Earl of Clarendon, 24 April, 1937.
Duke of Norfolk, 11 May, 1937.
Marquess of Exeter, 11 May, 1937.
Duke of Beaufort, 11 May, 1937.

Duke of Devonshire, 1 Jan. 1941.
Marquess of Zetland, 11 June, 1942.
Marquess of Linlithgow, 29 Oct. 1943.
Viscount Addison, 3 Dec. 1946.
Marquess of Salisbury, 3 Dec. 1946.
Rear-Adm. Earl Mountbatten of Burma, 3 Dec. 1946.
Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, 3 Dec. 1946.

Marshal of R.A.F. Viscount Portal of Hungerford, 3 Dec. 1946.
Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis, 3 Dec. 1946.
Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 3 Dec. 1946.
Duke of Portland, 12 March, 1948.
The Lord Harlech, 12 March, 1948.
Earl of Scarbrough, 12 March, 1948.
The Lord Cranworth, 12 March, 1948.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

Prelate—The Bishop of Winchester.

Chancellor—The Earl of Halifax, K.G., O.M., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.

Registrar—The Dean of Windsor.

Garter King of Arms—Sir Algar Henry Stafford Howard, K.C.V.O., C.B., M.C.

Usher of the Black Rod—Vice-Adm. Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O.

Secretary—Sir Frank Herbert Mitchell, K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

THE MOST ANCIENT AND MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE THISTLE.

Said to have been instituted in Scotland in the eighth century. Revived by King James II in 1687. Enlarged by Queen Anne, 31 December, 1703, and by King George IV in 1827.

(K.T.)



THE STAR of this Order, which is worn on the left side of the coat or cloak, consists of a St. Andrew's cross of silver embroidery, with rays emanating from between the points of the cross, in the centre of which is a Thistle of green, heightened with gold, upon a field of gold, surrounded by a circle of green, bearing the motto of the Order in golden characters.

THE JEWEL is worn at a Green Riband over the left shoulder, and has on one side the image of St. Andrew with his cross before enamelled and enriched with precious stones round it, on the back of which shall be enamelled a Thistle gold and green the flower reddish with the motto round it. The ground upon which the Thistle is to be done is enamelled green.

THE BADGE, worn pendant to the collar, consists of a figure of St.

Andrew, of gold enamelled, with his gown green and the surcoat purple, bearing before him the cross, enamelled white, the whole surrounded by rays of gold in the form of a glory; the cross and feet resting upon the ground, of enamelled green.

THE COLLAR is of Thistle, intermingled with sprigs of rue.

THE MANTLE, or Robe, is of green velvet lined with taffeta and tied with cords and tassels of green and gold. On the left side is the figure of St. Andrew bearing the cross, in silver embroidery on a green ground, within a circle of gold inscribed "Nemo me impune laceffit." On the lower part of the circle is a thistle in green and gold, the flower of a reddish colour.

By a statute passed in May, 1827, the Order is to consist of the Sovereign and sixteen Knights.

MOTTO—NEMO ME IMPUNE LACESSIT.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE KING.

LADY OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE QUEEN.

KNIGHTS.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, 3 JUNE, 1933.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, 23 JUNE, 1922 (when Prince of Wales)

Baron Hamilton of Dalzell, 18 Oct. 1909.

Earl of Mar and Kellie, 28 June, 1911.

Baron Elphinstone of Elphinstone, 9 Aug. 1927.

Marquess of Linlithgow, 4 June, 1928.

Duke of Sutherland, 11 June, 1929.

Sir John Maxwell Stirling-Maxwell of Pollok, Bt., 11 June, 1929.

Earl of Home, 28 March, 1930.

Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, 3 June, 1933.

Col. Sir Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel, 4 June, 1934.

Earl of Stair, 11 May, 1937.

Sir Archibald Henry MacDonald Sinclair of Ulbster, Bt., 12 June, 1941.

Major the Earl of Airlie, 11 June, 1942.

Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope, 1 Jan. 1945.

The Duke of Montrose, 17 June, 1947.

Earl of Rosebery, 17 June, 1947.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

Chancellor—Earl of Mar and Kellie, K.T.

Dean—Very Rev. Charles Laing Warr, C.V.O., D.D.

Lyon King of Arms and Secretary—Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, K.C.V.O.

Usher of the Green Rod—Lt.-Col. North Victor Cecil Dalrymple-Hamilton of Bargany, C.V.O.

Chancery—Lyon Office, H.M. Register House, Edinburgh.

RIBBON OF THE ORDER—Green.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF ST. PATRICK.

Instituted by King George III, 5 February, 1783. Statutes revised 29 July, 1905.
(K.P.)

Consisting of the Sovereigns, and twenty-two Knights.



THE STAR—The Star of the Order of Saint Patrick consists of the Cross of Saint Patrick, gules, on a field argent, charged with a trefoil as on the Badge, surrounded by a sky-blue enamelled circle, containing the motto and date, and is encircled by four greater and four lesser rays of silver.

THE COLLAR—"The Collar of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick," say the statutes, "shall be gold, composed of Roses and Harps alternately, tied together with knots of gold, and the said Roses shall be enamelled alternately white leaves within red, and red leaves within white; and in the centre of the said Collar shall be an Imperial jewelled Crown, surmounting a Harp of Gold, from which shall hang.

THE BADGE of the Order, which shall be composed of gold as follows, the cross of St. Patrick gules, on a field argent, surmounted by a trefoil slipped vert, each leaf charged with an Imperial crown or; all within a circle of sky-blue enamel with the Motto of Our said Order *QUIS SEPARABIT*, MDCCLXXXIII thereon in Letters of Gold, the whole enclosed by a wreath of trefoils vert on a gold ground and enamelled in their proper colours."

THE MANTLE is of sky-blue satin, or poplin, lined with white silk, having on the right shoulder a hood of the same material, lined also with white silk, and tied with a cordon of blue silk and gold.

MOTTO—*QUIS SEPARABIT.*

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE KING.

KNIGHTS.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, 29 JUNE, 1934.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, 3 JUNE, 1927 (when Prince of Wales).

Earl of Arran, 13 Dec. 1909.

Earl of Shaftesbury, 10 July, 1911. | Duke of Abercorn, 21 Dec. 1922.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

Norroy and Ulster King of Arms—Sir Gerald Woods | *Cork Herald*—Capt. Richard Alexander Lyonal Keith.
Wollaston, K.C.B., K.C.V.O.

RIBBON OF THE ORDER—Sky-blue.

THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH.

Instituted 1399. Revised 1725. Enlarged 1815 and 1847. Revised 11 July, 1925. Revised 2 April, 1936.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER,
H.M. THE KING.

GREAT MASTER AND FIRST OR PRINCIPAL KNIGHT GRAND CROSS,
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, 27 FEB. 1942.

EXTRA KNIGHT GRAND CROSS,
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, 12 DEC. 1936.

On the 2nd of Jan., 1815, it was declared that, "for the purpose of commemorating the auspicious termination of the long and arduous contest in which this empire has been engaged," the order should be composed of three classes, and on the 14th April, 1847, it was further extended by the addition of civil knights commanders and companions, on which occasion new Statutes were promulgated for the government of the Order. The numbers of the ordinary members declared by subsequent statutes are as follows, viz.,

1st Class—to consist of knights grand cross; number not to exceed, for the military service, fifty-one exclusive of the Sovereign and princes of the blood royal, and such distinguished foreigners as may be nominated honorary knights grand cross; and twenty-seven for the civil service. The badge is worn by Knights Grand Cross pendent from a red ribbon across the right shoulder.

2nd Class—Knights commanders, numbers not to exceed for the military service, one hundred and sixty-five and for the civil service one hundred and thirteen, exclusive of foreign officers, who may be admitted as honorary knights commanders. In the event of actions of signal distinction, or of future wars, the numbers may be increased of this as well as of the third class. The members of the second class are entitled to the distinctive appellation of knighthood, after having been invested with the Insignia; to take precedence of Knights Bachelors; to wear the badge, &c., pendent by a red ribbon round the neck, the star embroidered on the left side.

3rd Class—Companions of the Order, to consist, for military service, of six hundred and forty-five and for the civil service of four hundred and thirty-six; they are to take precedence of esquires, but are not entitled to the appellation, style, etc., of knights bachelor. The Badge of the third class (originally worn pendent by a narrow red ribbon from the left breast) is now worn suspended on a ribbon round the neck.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS have been appointed to the Order with the same rights and privileges as belong to ordinary members.

THE BADGE for the MILITARY CLASSES of the Order is a gold Maltese cross, of eight points enamelled, argent; in the four angles, a lion passant-guardant, or; in the centre, the rose, thistle and shamrock, issuant from a sceptre between three imperial crowns, or, within a circle, gules; thereon the motto of the Order, surrounded by two branches of laurel, proper, issuing from an escrol, azure, inscribed *ICH DIEN* (I serve), in letters of gold.

THE COLLAR is of gold (weight, thirty ounces Troy weight), and is composed of nine imperial crowns and eight roses, thistle, and shamrock, issuing from a sceptre, enamelled in their proper colours, tied or linked together with seventeen gold knots, enamelled white, having the badge of the Order pendent therefrom.

THE STAR of the MILITARY GRAND CROSS is formed of rays or flames of silver, thereon a gold Maltese cross, and in the centre, within the motto, branches of laurel, issuant as in the badge.

THE CIVIL KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS retain the old badge and star of the Order. The Star is of silver formed with eight points or rays, charged with three imperial crowns, proper, upon a glory of silver rays, surrounded with a red circle, upon which is the motto of the Order. Their badge is of gold, composed of a rose, thistle, and shamrock, issuing from a sceptre between three imperial crowns, encircled by the motto.

THE STAR of the KNIGHTS COMMANDERS is in the form of a cross-patée of silver, having the same centre as the knights grand cross, but without a gold Maltese cross thereon. The star of the civil knights commanders is of the same form and size, only omitting the laurel wreath round the circle containing the motto and the escrol with the words "*Ich dien*" underneath.

MOTTO—*TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO.*

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

Dean—The Dean of Westminster.

King of Arms—Adm. Sir Max Kennedy Horton, G.C.B., D.S.O.

Registrar and Secretary—Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Alexander Holcombe Longcroft, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C.

Genealogist—Sir Algar Henry Stafford Howard, K.C.V.O., C.B., M.C., T.D., Garter Principal King of Arms.

Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod—Major-Gen. Douglas Neil Wimberley, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.

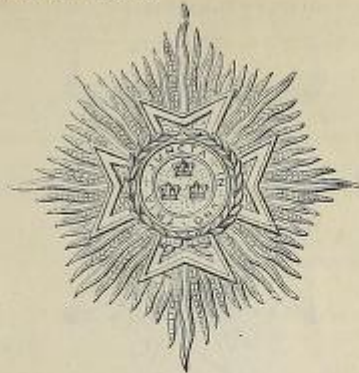
Deputy Secretary—Major Sir Harry Stockley, K.C.V.O., O.B.E.

Chancery—Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

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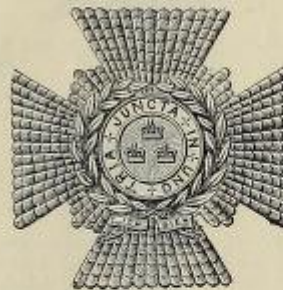
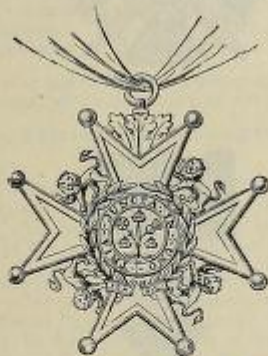
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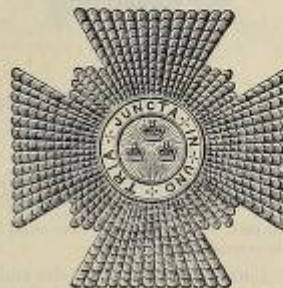
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SECOND CLASS.
MILITARY KNIGHTS COMMANDERS. (K.C.B.)



CIVIL KNIGHTS COMMANDERS. (K.C.B.)



THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

THIRD CLASS.

MILITARY COMPANIONS. (C.B.)

CIVIL COMPANIONS. (C.B.)

BADGES OF
COMPANIONS.

THE ORDER OF MERIT.

MILITARY MEMBERS.



CIVIL MEMBERS.

*This Order was instituted by Letters-Patent 23 June, 1902.*

STATUTES.

I. It is ordained and enjoined that this Order shall be styled and designated in all Acts, proceedings, and pleadings, "The Order of Merit," as in Our said Letters directed, and by no other designation.

II. It is ordained that the said Order shall consist of the Sovereign and one class of Members, as in Our said Letters-Patent is provided.

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

IV. It is ordained that the Ordinary Members of the Order shall not exceed the number of twenty-four.

V. It is ordained that the persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Order shall be such persons, being subjects of Our Crown, as may have rendered exceptionally meritorious service in our Navy and Our Army, or who may have rendered exceptionally meritorious service towards the advancement of Art, Literature, and Science.

VI. It is ordained that the Honorary Members of the Order shall consist of Foreign persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the honour of being received into the Order, and that the number of such Honorary Members may consist of as many Foreign persons as We, Our heirs and successors, shall think fit to appoint.

VII. It is ordained that when We, Our heirs and successors, shall be pleased to nominate and appoint any person to be a Member of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, and sealed with the Seal of the Order.

VIII. It is ordained that the Insignia of the Sovereign of the said Order shall be of the same material and fashion as are hereinafter appointed for the Members of the Order, save only with those alterations which distinguish Our Royal Dignity.

IX. It is ordained that the Members of this Order shall wear around their necks the Badge of the Order, which shall consist of a Cross of red and blue enamel of eight points, having, within a laurel wreath upon a centre of blue enamel, the motto of the Order, that is to say: "For Merit," in letters of gold; on the reverse, within a laurel wreath, upon a centre of blue enamel, our Royal and Imperial cypher in gold (with the addition of two silver swords with gold hilts, placed saltirewise between the angles of the Cross; to be worn by such Members as may be appointed for distinguished and meritorious services in Our Navy and Our Army), the whole being surmounted by Our Imperial Crown enamelled in proper colours, and suspended by a parti-coloured riband of garter blue and crimson of the breadth of two inches.

X. It is ordained that upon the nomination of any person to be a Member of this Order, he shall be invested with the Insignia of his dignity in the Order by Us, Our heirs and successors, and that on the day of the investiture the person to be invested shall be introduced into the presence of the Sovereign by the Officer of the Order in attendance bearing the proper Insignia of the Order, when the Sovereign shall proceed to invest him with the Ensigns of the Order with the Riband and Badge.

XI. It is further ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors, by a Warrant or Warrants under Our Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and sealed with the Seal of this Order, in any case to authorize some distinguished Officer in Our Service, or other person, to perform in Our name, and on Our behalf, the ceremony of investing Members with the Insignia of their dignity or to permit the ceremony of investiture to be dispensed with. And We reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, by Our or Their Warrant or Warrants, as aforesaid, to permit and authorize the person or persons not invested by Us to wear the Insignia, and enjoy the privileges appertaining to their dignity.

XII. It is ordained that for the greater honour and dignity of the Members of this Order, it shall be lawful for the Members of this Order to suspend a representation of their Riband and Badge from the bottom of the escutcheon containing their armorial bearings.

XIII. It is ordained that the Seal of this Order shall have engraved thereon as follows, that is to say: upon a white field, a representation of the Badge of the Order proper, impaled with Our Royal Arms, with the following circumscription, "The Seal of the Order of Merit," and that the Statutes of the said Order shall be sealed by and with the same.

XIV. It is ordained that the Twenty-sixth day of June every year shall henceforth be taken and deemed to be the anniversary of the institution of this Order.

XV. It is ordained that the following Officer shall be appointed to this Order, that is to say a Secretary and Registrar.

XVI. It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of the said Order, shall be appointed from time to time by a Warrant under the Sign Manual of Us, Our heirs and successors, and shall hold the said Office during Our pleasure, and shall wear around his neck pendent to a chain of gold a like Badge to that appointed for Members of the Order, with the addition of two silver pens, saltirewise between the angles of the Cross.

To his custody shall be confided the Seal of the said Order, which he shall affix, or cause to be affixed, to all Statutes and other documents or instruments connected therewith. He shall, moreover, perform such duties as may be directed by the Sovereign or by these Statutes. He shall write all letters connected with the service of the Order; he shall keep full lists of the Members of the Order. He shall carefully record all proceedings relative to the said Order that may take place, and he shall faithfully enter such proceedings in the Register of the Order, as well as all documents which may be transmitted to him for that purpose. We are further pleased to ordain that the Chancery of the said Order, wherein a record of all proceedings connected therewith shall be deposited and preserved, shall be in the Office of the Lord Chamberlain of Our Household.

Lastly, We reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these Statutes and Regulations, or any part thereof, by a Notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE KING.

Secretary and Registrar—Col. Sir Arthur Edward Erskine, G.C.V.O., D.S.O.

Chancery—Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St. James's Palace, S.W.

THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

Instituted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, February 23, 1861, enlarged March 28, 1866, again June 10, 1897, October 21, 1902, October 28, 1911, 1915, and 1920.

The Order consists of the Sovereign and such Members as the Sovereign, his heirs and successors, shall from time to time appoint. Ordinary Members are divided into three Classes: The first Class styled Knights Grand Commanders (ex-Viceroy's are additional); the second Class styled Knights Commanders; the third Class styled Companions, and of such Honorary Members as the Sovereign thinks fit to appoint to the Order.

The statutes enable the Sovereign to confer the dignity of Knight Grand Commander of the Order upon such Princes and Chiefs of India as shall have entitled themselves to His Majesty's favour, and upon such of His Majesty's British subjects as have, by important and loyal services rendered by them to the Indian Empire, merited the Royal favour; and the second and third Classes upon persons who, by their conduct or services in the Indian Empire, or after not less than thirty years' service in the department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, have merited the Royal favour.



THE STAR.—Rays of gold issuing from centre, having thereon a star in diamonds, resting upon a light blue enamelled circular riband, tied at the ends, inscribed with the motto of the Order, viz.:—"HEAVEN'S LIGHT OUR GUIDE," also in diamonds.

THE COLLAR.—Composed of the lotus of India, of palm branches, tied together, in saltire, and of the united Red and White Rose. In the centre is an imperial crown; all richly enamelled on gold, in their proper colours.

THE BADGE.—An onyx cameo of Her Majesty Queen Victoria's effigy, set in a perforated and ornamented oval, containing the motto of the Order, "HEAVEN'S LIGHT OUR GUIDE," surmounted by a star all in diamonds. The Ribbon of the Order is sky-blue, having a narrow white stripe towards either edge, and is worn from the right shoulder to the left side.

THE MANTLE.—Light blue satin, lined with white, and fastened with a cordon of white silk, with blue and silver tassels, on the left side a representation of the Star of the Order.

The Knights Commanders wear around their necks a riband of the same colours and pattern as that of the First Class, but two inches in width, hanging therefrom the Badge of a smaller size than that appointed for the Knights Grand Commanders except the star, which surmounts it, is of silver; on their left breast a star composed of rays of silver issuing from a gold centre, having thereon a silver star resting upon a blue enamelled circular riband, tied at the ends, inscribed with the motto of the Order.

The Companions wear a Badge of the same form as appointed for the Knights Commanders, but of a smaller size (originally worn pendent by a ribbon from the left breast), suspended on a ribbon of light blue with a narrow white stripe round the neck.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER
H.M. THE KING.
KNIGHTS COMMANDERS.
(K.C.S.I.)



(C.S.I.)



BADGE OF

COMPANIONS.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

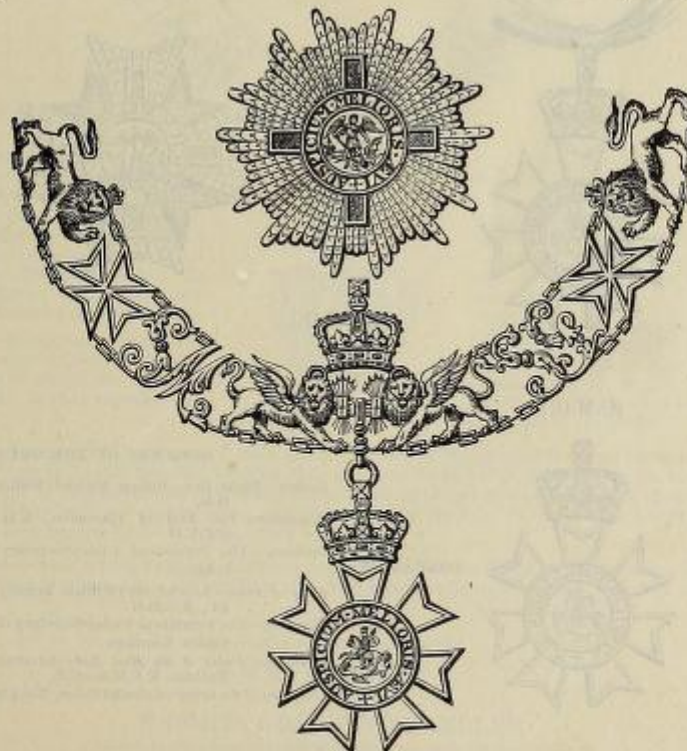
Registrar—The Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood for the time being (Brigadier Ivau De La Bere, C.B.E.).

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

Instituted 27 April, 1818, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and enlarged and extended 4 Dec. 1868, 30 May, 1877, 30 Oct. 1902, and 21 Dec. 1927, for the natural born subjects of the Crown of the United Kingdom as may have held or shall hold high and confidential offices within His Majesty's colonial possessions, and in reward for services to the Crown in relation to the foreign affairs of the Empire, etc.

The Order is to consist of not more than one hundred Knights Grand Cross, exclusive of Extra and Honorary Members, three hundred Knights Commanders, and eight hundred Companions.

The members of the Order enjoy rank and precedence immediately after the corresponding classes of the Order of the Star of India: that is to say, the Knights Grand Cross after Knights Grand Commanders of the Star of India; the Knights Commanders after the Knights Commanders of the Star of India; and the Companions after the Companions of the Star of India. The Grand Master is the First and Principal Knight Grand Cross.



The Knights Grand Cross are entitled to bear supporters, and to encircle their arms with the collar, ribbon, and motto of the Order. The Knights Commanders and Companions also encircle their arms with the ribbon and motto and suspend the badge of the Order to their arms.

THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

HABIT AND INSIGNIA.

THE STAR of a Knight Grand Cross is composed of seven rays of silver, having a small ray of gold between each of them, and over all the cross of St. George, gules. In the centre is a representation of the Archangel St. Michael encountering Satan, within a blue circle, inscribed with the motto, *AUSPICUM MELIORIS ÆVI*.

THE COLLAR is formed alternately of lions of England, Royally crowned, of Maltese crosses, and of the ciphers S M and S G, having in the centre the imperial crown, over two winged lions, passant-guardant, each holding a book, and seven arrows. At the opposite end of the collar are two similar lions. The whole is of gold except the crosses, which are of white enamel, and it is linked together by small gold chains.

THE BADGE is a gold cross of fourteen points of white enamel, edged with gold, having in the centre, on one side, the Archangel St. Michael encountering Satan, and on the other, St. George on horseback, encountering a dragon, within a blue circle, on which the motto of the Order is inscribed. The Cross is surmounted by the Imperial crown, and is worn by the Knights Grand Cross to the Collar, or to a wide Saxon-blue ribbon, with a scarlet stripe from the right shoulder to the left side.

THE MANTLE is of Saxon-blue satin, lined with scarlet silk, tied with a cordon of blue and scarlet silk and gold, having two tassels of the same colour attached, and has on the left side the star of a Knight Grand Cross.

THE KNIGHTS COMMANDERS wear the badge suspended to a narrower ribbon from the neck, and have on their left side a star composed of four rays, with a small cross of eight points, in saltire, of silver, surmounted by the cross of St. George, gules, and having the same centre as the Star of the Grand Crosses.

THE COMPANIONS wear the Badge of the third Class (originally worn pendent by a narrow red ribbon from the left breast) suspended on a ribbon round the neck.

MOTTO—*AUSPICUM MELIORIS ÆVI*.

THE SOVEREIGN AND CHIEF OF THE ORDER.

H.M. THE KING.
GRAND MASTER.
THE EARL OF ATHLONE, K.G.

EXTRA KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS. (G.C.M.G.)

H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester.
H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor (when Prince of Wales).

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS.



(K.C.M.G.)



(C.M.G.)

BADGE OF



COMPANIONS.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

Prelate—Right Rev. Bishop Michael Bolton Furse, K.C.M.G., D.D.
Chancellor—The Earl of Clarendon, K.G., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.
Secretary—The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.
King of Arms—Lt.-Col. Sir (William Ernest) Archibald Weigall, Bt., K.C.M.G.
Registrar—The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.
Gentleman Usher of the Blue Rod—Admiral Sir Alan Geoffrey Hotham, K.C.M.G., C.B.
Chancery of the Order—Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1.

THE MOST EMINENT ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE.

Instituted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, 31 December, 1877, enlarged 10 June, 1897, 21 Oct. 1902, 1 Jan. 1909, 28 Oct. 1911, 1915 and 1920.

THIS Order was instituted to reward services rendered to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and Her Indian Empire and to commemorate the Proclamation of Her Style and Title of Empress of India. It consists of the Sovereign, and such members as the Sovereign, his heirs and successors shall from time to time appoint. The members comprise three classes styled respectively Knights Grand Commanders, Knights Commanders, and Companions.

The Members are such persons who by their services, official or other, to the Empire of India, have merited the Royal Favour, and such distinguished Representatives of Eastern Potentates upon whom the Sovereign may think fit to confer the honour of being received into the Order.

The Members of the several grades of the Order have place and precedence next to and immediately after the corresponding classes of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and rank among themselves according to the date of their respective nominations.



THE STAR.—Composed of five rays of silver having a smaller ray of gold between each of them, the whole alternately plain and sealed issuing from a gold centre, having thereon Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Royal Effigy, within a purple circle inscribed with the motto of the Order, "IMPERATRICES AUSPICHS," the circle surmounted by the Imperial crown also gold.

THE COLLAR.—Composed of elephants, lotus flowers, peacocks in their pride, and Indian roses, in the centre the Imperial crown, the whole linked together by chains all gold.

THE BADGE.—A rose enamelled gules, barbed and seeded vert, having in the centre Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Royal Effigy within a purple circlelet inscribed with the motto of the Order, "IMPERATRICES AUSPICHS," in letters of gold, surmounted by an Imperial crown also gold.

THE MANTLE.—Imperial purple satin, lined with and fastened by a cordon of white silk, with purple silk and gold tassels attached, on the left side of the mantle a representation of the star of the first class of the Order.

The Knights Commanders wear around their necks a riband of the same colour and pattern as that of the first class, but of two inches in breadth, hanging therefrom the badge of a smaller size; on their left breast a silver star composed of rays alternately bright and chipped, issuing from a gold centre having thereon Her Majesty Queen Victoria's Effigy within a purple circle, inscribed with the motto, "IMPERATRICES AUSPICHS," in letters of gold, the circle surmounted by an Imperial crown also gold.

The Companions wear a badge of the same form as appointed for the Knights Commanders, but of a smaller size (originally worn pendent by a ribbon from the left breast) suspended round the neck on a ribbon of Imperial purple.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE KING

KNIGHTS GRAND COMMANDERS.

(G.C.I.E.)

EXTRA KNIGHT GRAND COMMANDER.

H.B.H. The Duke of Windsor, 10 Oct. 1921 (when Prince of Wales).

THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS. (K.C.I.E.)



(C.I.E.)



BADGE OF



COMPANIONS.

Registrar—The Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood (Brigadier Ivan De La Bere, C.B.E.).

THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER.

Instituted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, 21 April, 1896, Revised 19 October, 1918, 1 Nov. 1923, and 29 May, 1936.

THE Order consists of the Sovereign, a Grand Master, Ordinary Members, and such Honorary Members as the Sovereign, shall from time to time appoint; the Members being divided into five classes, and designated respectively :—I, Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross, II, Knights Commanders and Dames Commanders, III, Commanders, IV, Members of the Fourth Class, and V, Members of the Fifth Class. The persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Order shall be such persons, being subjects of the British Crown, as may have rendered extraordinary, or important, or personal services to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, or who have merited His Majesty's Royal Favour; and the Honorary Members of the several classes shall consist of those Foreign Princes, Princesses and persons upon whom His Majesty may think fit to confer the honour of being received into the Order.

The Order ranks after the Order of the Indian Empire and before the Order of the British Empire. The number of Members is not limited, and the Anniversary of the Order is the Twentieth day of June of every year, being the day of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's Accession to the Throne.

THE BADGE of Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross consists of a white enamelled Maltese cross, of eight points on an oval centre of crimson enamel the Royal and Imperial Monogram in gold within a blue enamelled circle, thereon the motto of the Order, namely, "VICTORIA," in letters of gold, the circle being surmounted by an Imperial crown enamelled in proper colours, the whole suspended from a dark blue riband with a narrow edge on either side of three stripes, red, white, and red, of the breadth of three inches and three-quarters, passing from the right shoulder to the left side.

THE STAR of Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross consists of a silver chipped star of eight points; in the centre, a representation of the Badge of the First Class of the Order.

THE MANTLE of Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross is of dark blue silk, edged with red satin, lined with white silk, fastened by a cordon of dark blue silk and gold, having two dark blue silk and gold tassels attached thereto. Their COLLAR is of gold composed of octagonal pieces and oblong perforated and ornamental frames alternately linked together with gold; the said pieces are edged and ornamented with gold, and each contains upon a blue enamelled ground a gold rose jewelled with a carbuncle; the said frames are of gold, and each contains a portion of the inscription "Victoria Britt. Reg. Def. Fid. Ind. Imp." in letters of white enamel; in the centre of the said collar within a perforated and ornamental frame of gold is an octagonal piece enamelled blue, edged with red, and charged with a white saltire, thereon being a gold medallion of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's effigy, from which hangs the Badge of the Order. The habits and robes of the Sovereign are of the same material and fashion as those of Knights Grand Cross with the exception of those alterations befitting the Royal Dignity.

The Knights Commanders wear around their necks a riband of the same colours and pattern as that of the Knights Grand Cross, of the breadth of one inch and three-quarters, and pendent therefrom the Badge which is of the same pattern as, but of smaller size than, that of a Knight Grand Cross. The Star is composed of a Maltese cross, in silver, with smaller rays issuing from the centre, between the angles of the cross; in the centre, the badge of the Order as before described, with the cross in frosted silver instead of white enamel. The Dames Commanders wear a similar Badge attached to a similar riband tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder: they also wear the Star.

The Commanders wear the like riband and badge as that appointed for the Knights and Dames Commanders, but are not entitled to wear the Star.

The Members of the Fourth Class wear a badge of the same form and appearance as that appointed for the Commanders, but of smaller size, pendent to a riband of the same colours, of the breadth of one inch and a quarter attached to the left side of their coats by men and tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder by women.

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The Members of the Fifth Class wear the same riband and badge as that appointed for the Fourth Class, with the exception that the cross is of frosted silver instead of white enamel.

THE MEDAL, designated "The Royal Victorian Medal," is a circular medal of silver-gilt, silver or bronze, having on the obverse the Royal Effigy, and on the reverse the Royal and Imperial Cypher upon an ornamental shield within a wreath of laurel; in base is a scroll, thereon the words "Royal Victorian Medal." The medal is worn by men on the left breast pendent to a riband like that appointed for Members of the Order, and by women from a similar riband tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder.

Any person already in possession of the bronze medal on whom a silver medal is conferred, is entitled to wear both medals, and the silver-gilt medal in addition if such be conferred upon him. It is ordained that any service which is worthy of recognition by the award of the bronze, silver or silver-gilt medal, but is rendered by one upon whom that decoration has already been conferred, may be recorded by a clasp attached to the riband by which the medal is suspended; and such clasp shall consist of a bar inscribed with the year in which it is awarded and surmounted by the Royal Cypher. It is also ordained that any member of the said Royal Victorian Order upon whom the Royal Victorian Medal has been, or may be conferred, shall be entitled to wear the said medal in the manner provided as aforesaid in addition to the Insignia of the Order.

THE SEAL of the Order is azure, a representation of the badge of the Order impaled with the Royal Arms with the circumscription "The Seal of the Royal Victorian Order."

THE APPOINTMENTS are made by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, sealed with the seal of the Order. The Sovereign may cancel and annul appointments and restore members.

THE INVESTITURE of Knights and Dames Grand Cross, Knights and Dames Commanders, and Commanders is performed by the Sovereign, who may delegate his powers, or dispense with investiture.

The Insignia of the Order are returned on promotion to a higher class in the Order. The collars of Knights Grand Cross and Honorary Knights Grand Cross are returned on promotion to an Order of higher rank or upon decease.

Knights and Dames Grand Cross may bear supporters to their arms and surround their arms with the circle and motto of the Order and suspend therefrom a representation of the riband and badge.

Knights and Dames Commanders and Commanders may surround their armorial bearings with the circle and motto of the Order and suspend therefrom a representation of the riband and badge.

Members of the Order may suspend a representation of the riband and badge from the bottom of the escutcheon bearing their arms.

The Officers of the Order are the Chancellor (the Chamberlain of the Household), who shall keep the Seal, the Secretary (the Keeper of the Privy Purse), and a Registrar (The Secretary of The Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood), who shall keep the Register of the Royal Order.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

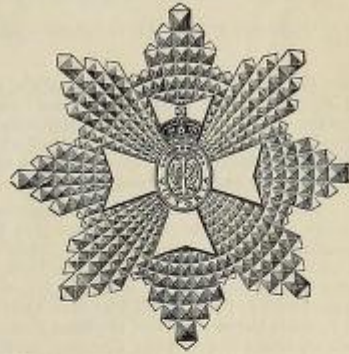
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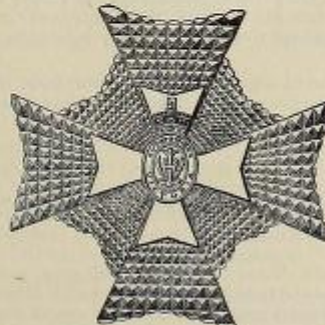
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KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS.
(G.C.V.O.)



KNIGHTS COMMANDERS.



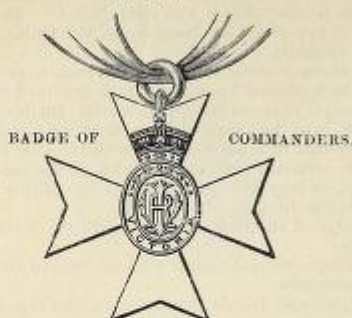
KNIGHTS COMMANDERS. (K.C.V.O.)

THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

DAMES COMMANDERS.

(D.C.V.O.)

(C.V.O.)



(M.V.O.)



OFFICERS OF THE ORDER.

Chancellor—The Lord Chamberlain for the time being.
Registrar—The Secretary, Central Chancery of the Orders of
 Knighthood, for the time being.

Secretary—The Keeper of His Majesty's Privy Purse for the
 time being.

THE ROYAL VICTORIAN CHAIN.

(Not part of the Royal Victorian Order.)

H.M. The King, 27 June, 1927.
 H.M. The Queen, 11 May, 1937.
 H.M. Queen Mary, 11 May, 1937.
 H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor, 23 June, 1921 (when Prince of
 Wales).
 H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, 3 June, 1932.

Earl of Athlone, 1 Jan. 1935.
 Earl of Cromer, 3 June, 1935.
 Lord Wigram, 11 May, 1937.
 Duke of Abercorn, 18 July, 1945.
 H.E.H. The Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar, 1 Jan. 1946.
 The Archbishop of Canterbury, 1 Jan. 1949.

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

*Instituted 4 June, 1917. Statutes revised 12 April, 1918, 28 March, 1919, and further amended 29 Dec.
 1922, and 9 March, 1937.*

THIS Order of Knighthood consists of the Sovereign and a Grand Master, and five classes designated respectively: (i) Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross; (ii) Knights Commanders and Dames Commanders; (iii) Commanders; (iv) Officers; (v) Members; and each Class contains two sub-divisions the first of which is styled Military and the second Civil, each of which divisions is composed partly of Ordinary and partly of Honorary Members. The King and his successors shall for ever be Sovereigns of the Order, and a Prince of the Blood Royal or such other exalted personage as the Sovereign may appoint shall be Grand Master.

The Order ranks next to and immediately after the Royal Victorian Order, and the members of the various Classes have precedence as follows: The Knights Grand Cross next to and immediately after the Knights Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; the Dames Grand Cross next to and immediately before the wives of Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and they may on all occasions use the appellation of Dame before their Christian or first names; the Knights Commanders next to and immediately after the Knights Commanders of the Royal Victorian Order; the Dames Commanders next to and immediately before the wives of Knights Commanders of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and they may on all occasions use the appellation of Dame before their Christian or first names; the men Commanders next to and immediately after the Members of the Third Class of the Royal Victorian Order, and the women Commanders next to and immediately before the wives of Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; the men who are Officers next to and immediately after the Members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, and the women who are Officers next to and immediately before the wives of Members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order; the men who are Members next to and immediately after the Members of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, and the women who are Members next to and immediately before the wives of Members of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order.

THE STAR of Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross is composed of chipped silver rays of eight points, with a gold medallion in the centre bearing the crowned effigies of His late Majesty King George V and Her Majesty Queen Mary combined within a circle gules, inscribed with the motto "FOR GOD AND THE EMPIRE" in letters of gold.

THE COLLAR is of silver gilt, composed of six medallions of the Royal Arms and six medallions of the Royal and Imperial Cypher of His late Majesty King George V alternately, linked together with cables. In the centre is the Imperial Crown between two sea-lions, from which is suspended the Badge of the Order.

THE BADGE of the Military and Civil Knights and Dames Grand Cross consists of a cross pattée, enamelled pearl, fimbriated or surmounted by a gold medallion as in the Star of the Order, ensigned with the Imperial Crown or, the whole suspended from a rose pink riband edged with pearl grey, passing from the right shoulder to the left side, and which in the case of Knights Grand Cross is of the breadth of four inches, with, for Military Knights Grand Cross, the addition of a vertical pearl grey stripe in the centre of the ribbon of the width of about one-quarter of an inch and in the case of Dames Grand Cross is of the breadth of two inches and one-quarter, but without the addition, for Military Dames Grand Cross, of a vertical pearl grey stripe in the centre of the riband.

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THE MANTLE of Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross is of rose-pink satin, lined with pearl grey silk, and fastened with a cordon of pearl grey silk, with two rose-pink and silver tassels attached; on the left side of the mantle being a representation of the Star of the First Class of the Order.

The Military and Civil Knights Commanders wear around their necks a riband of the same colour and pattern as that of the Military and Civil Knights Grand Cross of the breadth of one inch and three-quarters, but, in the case of Military Knights Commanders the vertical pearl grey stripe is of the width of about one-sixteenth of an inch, and pendent therefrom the Badge of the Knights Commanders of the Order, which is of similar form and pattern to that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but of smaller size, and also they wear on the left side of their coats or outer garments a chipped silver star composed of four greater points and four lesser, charged with a medallion as before. The Military and Civil Dames Commanders wear a badge of similar form and pattern as that appointed for Knights Commanders attached to a riband also similar to that worn by Military and Civil Knights Commanders, but tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder, and they wear a like star.

The Military and Civil Commanders wear the like riband and badge as that appointed for the Military and Civil Knights and Dames Commanders respectively, but they are not entitled to wear the Star.

The Military and Civil Officers wear a badge of similar form and pattern as that appointed for the Military and Civil Commanders of the Order, but of a smaller size and silver gilt, attached to a riband of the same colour and pattern of the breadth of one inch and a half, but in the case of Military Officers the vertical pearl grey stripe is of the width of one-sixteenth of an inch, attached to the left breast of their coats or outer garments by men, and tied in a bow on the left shoulder by women.

The Military and Civil Members wear the same ribands and badge as that appointed to the Military and Civil Officers of the Order except that the badge is in silver.

Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross are entitled to bear supporters to their Arms, and Knights Grand Cross, Dames Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, Dames Commanders and Commanders are entitled to surround their Armorial Bearings with the circle and motto of the Order and to suspend therefrom a representation of their riband and badge. Officers and Members may also suspend a representation of their riband and badge from the bottom of the escutcheon containing their Armorial Bearings.

The Officers of the Order are the Prelate, King of Arms, Registrar, Secretary and Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER.

H.M. THE KING.

GRAND MASTER,

H.M. QUEEN MARY, 27 MARCH, 1936.

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS.

(G.B.E.)

(The Military Grand Cross riband has a vertical pearl grey stripe of about one-quarter of an inch in width for Knights.)

DAMES GRAND CROSS.

(G.B.E.)

(Riband, badge and star as for Knights Grand Cross.)

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS.

(K.B.E.)

(The Military Knights Commanders' riband has a vertical pearl grey stripe of about one-sixteenth of an inch in width.)

DAMES COMMANDERS.

(D.B.E.)

(The Military Dames Commanders' riband is the same as for Knights Commanders.)

(C.B.E.)

(The Military Commanders' riband is the same as for Knights Commanders.)

(O.B.E.)

(The Badge is in silver-gilt. The Military Officers' riband has a vertical pearl grey stripe of one-sixteenth of an inch in width.)

(M.B.E.)

(The Badge is in silver. The Military Members' riband is the same as the Military Officers'.)

OFFICIALS OF THE ORDER.

Prelate.—Rt. Hon. and Right Rev. The Bishop of London.

King of Arms.—Air Marshal Sir (Charles) Roderick Carr, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C., A.F.C.

Registrar.—Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood (Brigadier Ivan De La Bere, C.B.E.).

Secretary.—Permanent Secretary to the Treasury (Sir Edward Ettingdene Bridges, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., M.C.).

Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod.—Sir Frederick George Kenyon, G.B.E., K.C.B., T.D.

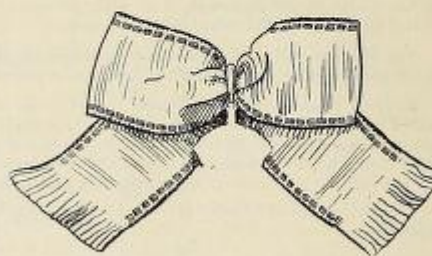
Chancery.—Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

THE ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF HONOUR.

Instituted 4 June, 1917. Amended, 15 Oct. 1919 and 17 April, 1937.



MEN.



RIBAND FOR WOMEN.

STATUTES.

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date Fourth day of June, 1917, in the Eighth year of Our Reign, We have thought fit and been pleased to institute, erect, constitute and create an Order to be called and known for ever hereafter by the name, style and designation of "The Order of the Companions of Honour" whereof We, Our heirs and successors for ever shall be Sovereigns:

And whereas in the said Letters Patent We have appointed a Seal of the said Order to be engraven, having thereon as follows:—Upon a white field, a representation of the Badge of the Order, as hereinafter described, impaled with Our Royal Arms, with this circumscription "The Seal of the Order of the Companions of Honour":

And whereas by Our aforesaid Letters Patent We did ordain that the said Order should be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, and that the Statutes to be observed within the said Order should be established by Us sealed by and with the said Seal, which Statutes so given, and in future to be given by Us, Our heirs and successors, to which the said Seal shall be affixed, shall be of the same validity, and taken and read as if the same and every Article of them had been verbatim recited in the said Letters Patent and passed under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland:

And whereas in conformity with the said Letters Patent of the Fourth day of June, 1917, We did enact and issue certain Statutes and Ordinances to be observed within the said Order, bearing the same date, wherein power was reserved to Us, Our heirs and successors, of annulling, altering, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with the said Statutes and Regulations or any part thereof by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order:

And whereas We deem it expedient that certain alterations should be made in the existing Statutes of the said Order:

Now know ye that in pursuance of the power vested in Us by the said Letters Patent We have abrogated and annulled and do hereby abrogate and repeal the said Statutes:

And further know all ye to whom these Presents shall come that We have made, ordained and established, and by these Presents sealed with the Seal of the said Order, do make, ordain and establish the following Statutes and Ordinances, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept within the said Order:—

1. It is ordained and enjoined that this Order shall be styled and designated in all Acts, proceedings, and pleadings "The Order of the Companions of Honour" as in Our said Letters directed, and by no other designation.
2. It is ordained that the said Order shall consist of the Sovereign and Members, Ordinary and Honorary.
3. It is ordained that We, Our heirs and successors, Kings or Queens Regnant of Our said United Kingdom are, and ever shall be, Sovereigns of this Order, to whom doth and shall belong all power of annulling, interpreting, explaining, or augmenting these and every part of these Statutes.
4. It is ordained that not more than fifty Ordinary Members shall be admitted to this Order.

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5. It is ordained that the persons to be admitted as Ordinary Members of this Order shall be such persons, male or female, being subjects of Our Crown, and such Native Princes and Chiefs of India and such subjects of Native States of India, as may have rendered conspicuous service of national importance, and that the persons to be admitted as Honorary Members shall be such Foreign Princes and Persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the honour of being received into this Order.

6. It is ordained that this Order shall rank next to and immediately after the First Class of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

7. It is ordained that when We, Our heirs and successors, shall be pleased to nominate and appoint any person to be a Member of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, and sealed with the Seal of the Order.

8. It is ordained that the Insignia of the Sovereign of the said Order shall be of the same material and fashion as are hereinafter appointed for the Members of the Order, save only with those alterations which distinguish Our Royal Dignity.

9. It is ordained that the Members of this Order shall, upon all great and solemn occasions, wear the oval shaped badge of the Order, which shall consist of a gold medallion with a representation of an oak tree and pendent from a branch a shield of the Royal Arms on the dexter a representation of a Knight armed and in armour mounted on a horse, the whole within a circle azure inscribed with the motto, "In action faithful and in honour clear" in letters of gold ensigned with the Imperial Crown proper, the badge in the case of men suspended from a carmine riband of the breadth of one inch and a half with a bordure interlaced gold around their necks, and in the case of women attached to a similar riband tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder.

10. It is ordained that upon the nomination of any person to be a Member of this Order, he shall be invested with the Insignia of his dignity in the Order by Us, Our heirs and successors, and that on the day of the investiture the person to be invested shall be introduced into the presence of the Sovereign by the Officer of the Order in attendance bearing the proper Insignia of the Order, when the Sovereign shall proceed to invest him with the Ensigns of the said Order with the Riband and Badge.

11. It is further ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors, by a Warrant or Warrants under Our Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and sealed with the Seal of this Order, in any case to authorize some distinguished persons to perform in Our name, and on Our behalf, the ceremony of investing Members with the Insignia of their dignity, or to permit the ceremony of investiture to be dispensed with. And we reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, by Our or their Warrant or Warrants, as aforesaid, to permit and authorize the person or persons not invested by Us to wear the Insignia and enjoy the privileges appertaining to their dignity.

12. It is ordained that for the greater honour and dignity of the Members of this Order, it shall be lawful for the Members of this Order to suspend a representation of their riband and badge from the bottom of the escocheon containing their armorial bearings.

13. It is ordained that the Seal of this Order shall have engraved thereon as follows, that is to say, upon a white field, a representation of the Badge of the Order proper, impaled with Our Royal Arms, with the following circumscription, "The Seal of the Order of the Companions of Honour," and that the Statutes of the said Order shall be sealed by and with the same.

14. It is ordained that the following Officer shall be appointed to this Order, that is to say, a Secretary and Registrar.

15. It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of the said Order shall be appointed from time to time by a Warrant under the Sign Manual of Us or Our heirs and successors and shall hold the said Office during the pleasure of Us, Our heirs and successors, and that he shall wear around his neck pendent to a riband as previously described a like Badge to that appointed for Members of the Order, with the addition of two silver pens saltire-wise between the angles of the Cross. To his custody shall be confided the Seal of the said Order, which he shall affix, or cause to be affixed, to all Statutes and other documents or instruments connected therewith. He shall, moreover, perform such duties as may be directed by the Sovereign or by these Statutes. He shall write all letters connected with the service of the Order: he shall keep full lists of the Members of the Order. He shall carefully record all proceedings relative to the said Order that may take place, and he shall faithfully enter such proceedings in the Register of the Order, as well as all documents which may be transmitted to him for that purpose. We are further pleased to ordain that the Chancery of the said Order, wherein a record of all proceedings connected therewith shall be deposited and preserved, shall be in the Office of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

Lastly.—We reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these Statutes and Regulations, or any part thereof, by a Notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

Given under the Seal of this Order at Our Court of *St. James's* this Fifteenth day of October, 1919,
in the Tenth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

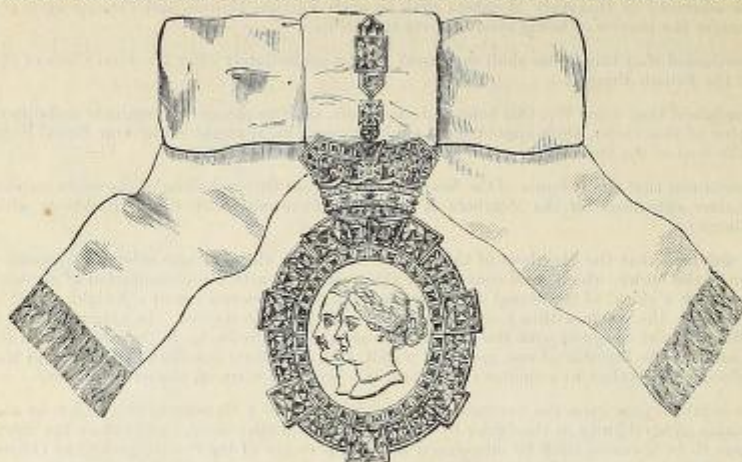
EDWARD SHORTT.

An additional Statute, promulgated 17 April, 1937, provides for the admission of additional Members to the Order, in commemoration of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI, such Members to have the same rights and privileges as belong to ordinary Members.

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ROYAL ORDER OF VICTORIA AND ALBERT.

Instituted 10 February, 1862. Enlarged 10 October, 1864, 15 November, 1865, and 15 March, 1890.



SOVEREIGN.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

FIRST CLASS.

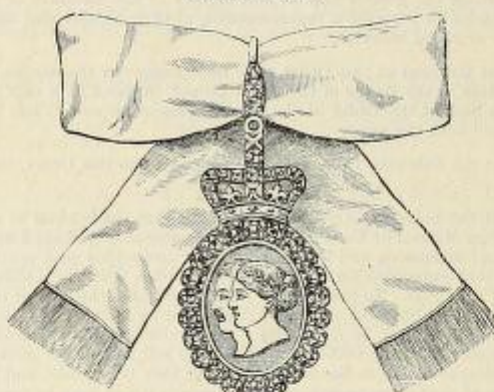
(According to Dates of Appointment.)

H. M. Queen Mary.

Victoria Alberta, Marchioness Dowager of Milford Haven.

H. R. H. Princess Wilhelmina of the Netherlands (when Queen of the Netherlands).

SECOND CLASS.



H. H. Princess Marie Louise.

H. R. H. Princess Alice (Countess of Athlone).

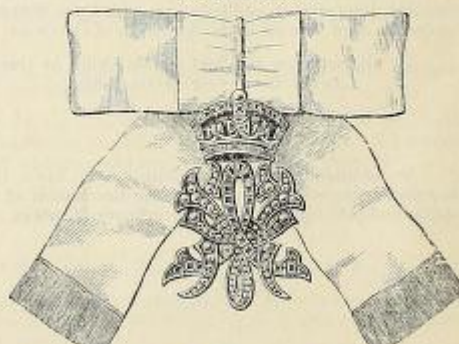
H. R. H. Princess Alphonso of Orleans.

THIRD CLASS.



The Countess Dowager of Aulim.

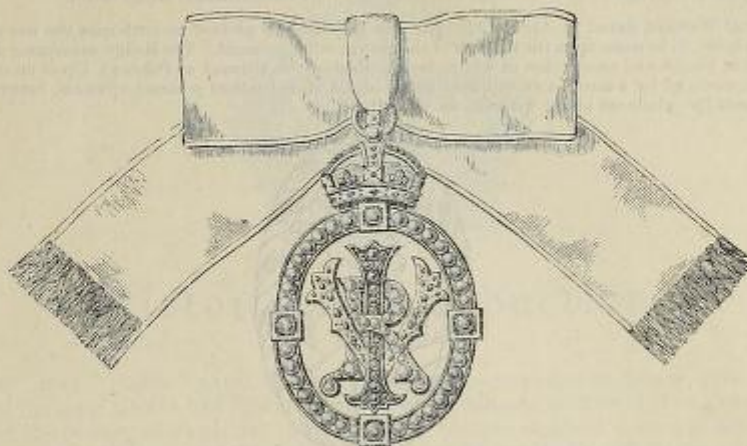
FOURTH CLASS.



Mrs. John Haughton.

THE IMPERIAL ORDER OF THE CROWN OF INDIA.

Instituted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, 1 January, 1878, enlarged 30 January, 1900.



THIS Order was instituted to commemorate the assumption of Her late Majesty's Imperial Title of Empress of India, and is to consist of the Sovereign, and of such Princesses of Her late Majesty's Royal and Imperial House, the Wives or other Female Relatives of Princes of the Indian Empire and other Indian Ladies, and of the Wives or other Female Relatives of any of the persons who have held or may hold the offices of Viceroy and Governor-General of India, Governors of Madras or Bombay, or of Principal Secretary of State for India, or of Commander-in-Chief of India, as the Sovereign may think fit.

The first day of January in every year is to be deemed the Anniversary of the Institution of the Order.

The decoration or Badge consists of Her late Majesty's Royal and Imperial Cypher, "V. R. I." in diamonds, pearls, and turquoises, encircled by a border set with pearls, surmounted by the Imperial Crown, jewelled and enamelled in proper colours, attached to a light blue watered riband, edged white, of one inch and a half in width, tied in a bow.

SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER

H.M. THE KING.

THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY OF KNIGHTS BACHELOR.

KNIGHT-PRINCIPAL.

SIR GERALD WOODS WOLLASTON, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., F.S.A.
Norroy and Ulster King of Arms.

In the Spring of 1908 an informal meeting of Knights Bachelor was held in the House of Commons, primarily with the object of taking into consideration the action of the Walker Trustees of Edinburgh, as holders of the office of Usher of the White Rod, in demanding the payment of fees to them by the recipients of honours, and it was decided to form a society of such Knights to disclaim and contest their rights in the matter.

The objects of the Society which was formally constituted on 27 April, 1908, enjoying the approval of the Central Chancery of the Order of Knighthood, St. James's Palace, and the co-operation of the College of Arms, are to continue the Registers, dating from the thirteenth century, uphold the status, maintain the rights of Precedence, and generally to protect the interests of Knights Bachelor. In 1912 His late Majesty King George V was pleased to command that the Society should be thenceforth known as "The Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor."

In the year 1902 a radical change was made in the procedure connected with promotions of Honour. The Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood (which was instituted by His late Majesty King Edward VII in that year) now controls all procedure connected with such promotion and ceremonial with certain exceptions. One of these exceptions concerns Knights Bachelor and some matters in connections with them, which remain the province of the Home Office.

The Home Secretary, however, has been pleased to give his official recognition to the Society, and, in conformity with, and in pursuance of, such recognition, sends the Society an official notification of the dubbing of all Knights Bachelor.

To many it will doubtless be a surprise to learn that from 28 December, 1902, until the formation of the Society, there was no official Roll or Record of Knights Bachelor, and it was the first work of the Society to supply this want.

In the Middle Ages, individual Heralds made occasional notes of the dubbings of Knights, but such notes are known and admitted to be most incomplete. In the seventeenth century a Register of Knighthood was instituted by King James the First. This register is preserved at the College of Arms, and extends down to the year 1902, but it is not in itself, and does not claim to be, a complete record of all Knights dubbed within this period.

There was a strong feeling among Knights Bachelor that a properly authenticated and officially recognized Roll of Knights should be brought into existence and continuously kept up to date; this duty of establishing a permanent record the Society has taken in hand. In addition to its own Roll of Knighthood, the Society has made arrangements to register at the College of Arms every duly authenticated Knighthood.

By Royal Warrant dated 21 April, 1926, His late Majesty was pleased to authorize the use of a badge by Knights Bachelor, to be worn upon the left side of the coat or outer garment. The Badge, measuring approximately three inches in length and two inches in width, is described in the warrant as follows: Upon an oval medallion of vermillion, enclosed by a scroll, a cross-hilted sword belted and sheathed pommel upwards, between two spurs, rowels upwards the whole set about with the sword-belt, all gilt.

