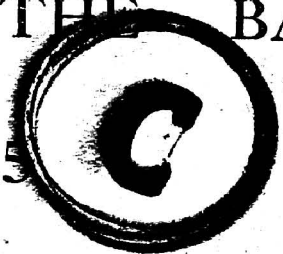
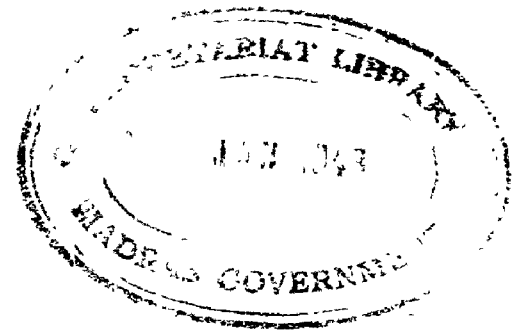


STATUTES
OF
THE MOST HONOURABLE
ORDER OF THE BATH
1925





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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, and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting !

WHEREAS Our Royal Progenitor and Predecessor King George the First by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the Eighteenth day of May in the Eleventh year of His Reign did institute, erect and constitute a Military Order of Knighthood, to be and be called for ever thereafter by the name and title of the ORDER OF THE BATH; and it was thereby provided that the said Order should be governed by Statutes and Ordinances to be from time to time made, ordained, altered and abrogated by His said late Majesty, His heirs and successors at His and their pleasure; and Whereas Our late dear Grandmother, Queen Victoria by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom bearing date the Fourteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, did ordain, direct and appoint that the said Order should be thenceforth known and described by the style and designation of the MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH, and did make certain alterations in the constitution of the said Order, and whereas Statutes and Ordinances governing the said Most

Recites Letters Patent,
18 May, 1725.

Recites Letters Patent,
14 April, 1847.

Honourable Order were enacted and issued on the Thirty-first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and at divers subsequent dates by Our Royal Predecessors and by Us, We deem it now expedient to assemble the said Statutes and to make such alterations as may appear to Us necessary for the better government of the said Order :

Repeals all former Statutes.

Now KNOW YE that in pursuance and exercise of the power vested in Us in the said Letters Patent of Our Royal Predecessor King George the First We have abrogated and annulled and do hereby abrogate and repeal all and every the said Statutes and Ordinances so far as they are repugnant to or inconsistent with the following Statutes :

And further KNOW ALL YE to whom these Presents shall come that in substitution thereof 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, namely :—

Style and Designation.

First.—It is Ordained, that this Order of Knighthood shall as heretofore be styled and designated in all acts, proceedings and pleadings as “THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH,” as in the Letters Patent of the Tenth year of the Reign of Our late dear Grandmother Queen Victoria and by no other.

Order to consist of Sovereign, Great Master, and three Classes of Members.

Second.—It is Ordained, that the said Most Honourable Order shall consist of the SOVEREIGN, a GREAT MASTER, and three several classes, viz. :—

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS,
KNIGHTS COMMANDERS, and
COMPANIONS,

as in the said last-recited Letters Patent mentioned.

Sovereign.

Third.—It is Ordained, that, as in the said last-recited Letters Patent is mentioned, We, Our heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of this United Kingdom, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, to whom doth and shall belong all power of annulling, interpreting, explaining, or augmenting these and every part of these Statutes.

Fourth.—It is Ordained, that a Prince of the Blood Royal, Great Master. being a descendant of the body of His late Majesty, King George the First, or such other exalted personage as We, Our heirs and successors, may appoint, shall hold and enjoy the dignified office of Great Master of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, and that he shall be the First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the same: and We are pleased to authorise him to enjoy all privileges, exercise all rights, and perform all His Duties. duties belonging to that high office; that to his custody shall be confided the Great Seal of the Order, which he shall affix to all Instruments, according to the regulations which are in the said recited Letters Patent of the Tenth year of the Reign of Our late dear Grandmother Queen Victoria and in the said recited Statutes, and hereinafter prescribed, touching the issue of every of the said Instruments; and it is further Ordained, that it shall be his special duty to enforce the due observance of the Statutes and Ordinances of this Order.

Fifth.—It is Ordained, that this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall contain three classes as in the said last-recited Letters Patent mentioned, styled respectively; “KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS,” “KNIGHTS COMMANDERS,” and “COMPANIONS.” And Classes divided into Military and Civil Sub-divisions, composed of Ordinary Additional and Honorary Members. it is further Ordained, that each and every of these three classes shall likewise contain two sub-divisions, whereof the first shall be styled “MILITARY” and the second “CIVIL,” each of which sub-divisions shall be composed partly of Ordinary, partly of Additional, and partly of Honorary Members.

Sixth.—It is Ordained, that the numbers to which the Princes of the Blood Royal Descendants of George I to be extra. several classes and the several divisions of this Order are limited, shall not restrict Us, Our heirs and successors, from appointing at Our pleasure any Prince of the Blood Royal, being a descendant of His late Majesty King George the First.

Seventh.—It is Ordained, that such members of the Household of Us, Our heirs and successors as may be admitted into the second or third classes of this Order shall not be included within the numbers of the Ordinary Members allotted to such Members of the Royal Household in the second and third classes to be Additional Members.

classes, and it is Ordained, that the Additional Members so appointed shall have rank and precedence among the Ordinary Members of their respective classes according to the dates of their respective appointments.

58 Knights
Grand Cross
(Military).

Qualifications.

Eighth.—It is Ordained, that the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed fifty-eight in number ; and that no person shall be appointed to this division who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a commission in Our Navy or in the Naval Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas, of or above the rank of Rear-Admiral, a commission in Our Royal Marines of or above the rank of Major-General, a commission in Our Army, or in Our Indian Military Forces, or in the Military Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas, of or above the rank of Major-General; or a commission in Our Air Force or in the Air Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas of or above the rank of Air Vice-Marshal.

28 Knights
Grand Cross.
(Civil).

Qualifications.

Ninth.—It is Ordained, that the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed twenty-eight in number ; and that no persons shall be nominated thereto, who shall not by their personal services to Our Crown, or by the performance of public duties, have merited Our Royal favour.

157 Knights
Commanders
(Military).

Qualifications.

Tenth.—It is Ordained, that the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed one hundred and fifty-seven in number ; and that no person shall be appointed thereto who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a commission in Our Navy or in the Naval Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas of or above the rank of Captain, Engineer Captain, Surgeon Captain or Paymaster Captain, a commission in Our Marines of or above the rank of Colonel, a commission in Our Army or in Our Indian Military Forces, or in the Military Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas of or above a similar rank, a commission in Our Air Force or in the Air Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas of or above the rank of Group Captain, or a commission of equivalent or higher rank

in the Departments of Our Army, Indian Military Forces or Military Forces of our self-governing Dominions beyond the Sea ; and who shall not have been recommended to Us for distinguished Service in the presence of the enemy or who shall not have given good and efficient Service in Command as Flag Officer, General Officer or Air Officer or who shall not by his meritorious Service in actual war have deserved such distinction in providing for the wants of or in taking care of the sick or wounded Officers, Seamen, Soldiers and Airmen of the said Forces.

Eleventh.—It is Ordained, that the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed one hundred and sixteen in number, and that no person shall be appointed thereto who shall not by personal services to the Crown or by the performance of public duties have merited Our Royal favour, or by a lengthened service as an Officer of Our Royal Naval Reserve or of Our Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve or as an Officer in a Regiment of Our Militia or Auxiliary Forces, or in Our Supplementary Reserve of Officers, or in Our Reserve or Auxiliary Air Forces, have contributed in a marked degree to the efficiency of such Regiment or Reserve.

116 Knights
Commanders
(Civil).

Twelfth.—It is Ordained, that the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, shall not, except under special and temporary exigencies, exceed seven hundred and seventeen in number ; and that no person shall be appointed thereto who doth not, at the time of his nomination, actually hold a commission in Our Navy or in the Naval Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas of or above the rank of Lieutenant Commander, Engineer Lieutenant Commander, Surgeon Lieutenant Commander or Paymaster Lieutenant Commander, a commission in Our Marines of or above the rank of Major, a commission in Our Army, or in Our Indian Military Forces, or in the Military Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas, of or above a similar rank, a commission in Our Air Force, or in the Air Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas, of or above the rank of Squadron-Leader, or a commission of equivalent

717 Companions
(Military).

Qualifications.

or higher rank in the Departments of Our Army, Indian Military Forces, Military Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas; nor shall any person be admitted into this division unless his services have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches, as having distinguished himself by his valour and conduct in action against the enemy, in the command of a ship of war, or of Our troops, or of Our Air Force, or at the head of a military department, or as having, by some active service under his immediate conduct and direction, contributed to the success of any such action: Provided, nevertheless, and We hereby declare, that this last-mentioned regulation shall not be applicable to Engineer, Medical or Accountant Officers in Our Navy or in the Naval Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas, or Officers of the Departments of Our Army, Indian Military Forces, Military Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the Seas, or Branches of Our Air Force, other than the General Duties Branch, and instead thereof, We further declare that no Officer of the said Departments or Branches shall be competent to be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class of the said Order unless it shall appear to Us that by his meritorious services in actual war in providing for the exigencies or wants of, or in taking care of the sick or wounded Officers, Seamen, Soldiers and Airmen of the said Forces, he has deserved such distinction.

353 Companions
(Civil).

Qualifications.

Thirteenth.—It is Ordained, that the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions, shall not exceed three hundred and fifty-three in number, and such additional number as may be necessary to carry out the following Statute; and that no person shall be appointed thereto who would not, according to the provisions hereinbefore contained, be qualified for being nominated to be of the Civil Division of the Second Class or Knights Commanders of the said Order.

10 Companions
(Civil) may be
appointed
annually from
Navy and
Marines.

Fourteenth.—It is Ordained, that a number not exceeding ten of the Officers of Our Royal Navy and Royal Marines holding at the time of nomination commissions in Our Royal Navy of or above the rank of Commander, or commissions

in Our Royal Marines of or above the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, may be appointed annually to the Civil Division of the Third Class, provided nevertheless that the total number of Officers in Our Royal Navy and Royal Marines, both in the Military and Civil Divisions of the said Class, shall not exceed the number of one hundred and thirty.

Fifteenth.—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 Military and Civil Divisions of the several Classes of this 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.

Honorary Members to be Foreigners.

Sixteenth.—It is Ordained, that native Princes and Chiefs of India and subjects of native States of India may be admitted into the Military and Civil Divisions of the First, Second and Third Classes of Our said MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, provided nevertheless that in the appointments made under this Statute the number of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders shall not exceed one in each Class and that the number of Companions shall not exceed two.

Native Princes and Chiefs of India may be admitted to the Order.

Seventeenth.—It is Ordained, that although We have deemed it expedient in the foregoing Statutes to prescribe and limit the numbers which shall constitute each class and each division of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, nevertheless, inasmuch as we are pleased to regard not merely the present but the future exigencies of this Our Realm, so We have thought fit to provide for distant contingencies ; therefore, in the event of any future wars or of any actions or services, civil or military, meriting peculiar honour and reward, it shall be lawful for Us, Our heirs and successors, in virtue of the powers to Us and Them reserved in and by the said recited Letters Patent of the Tenth year of the Reign of Our late dear Grandmother Queen Victoria, to increase the numbers in any of the said classes, and in any of the said divisions and to assign a place in any such divisions to any of Our Officers, Naval and

Sovereign can increase number of Members, and dispense with qualifications.

Military, whose rank in Our Service would not qualify him for holding a place therein, according to the provisions hereinbefore in that behalf made.

Recites certain former Statutes appointing additional Members.

Eighteenth.—It is Ordained, (I) that the persons whom Our late dear Grandmother Queen Victoria thought fit to admit into this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER on account of services rendered in connection with the exhibition of the Products, Manufactures and Arts of Our Colonial Dominions and Indian Empire held in London during the Fiftieth year of Her Reign, (II) those members admitted into this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER in commemoration of the celebration of the Fiftieth and Sixtieth years of Her Reign, (III) those members admitted in recognition of their services to Our said late dear Grandmother Queen Victoria and to the Empire in connection with the conduct of Military operations in South Africa, (IV) those persons whom Our late dear Father King Edward the Seventh thought fit to admit into the said MOST HONOURABLE ORDER in commemoration of His Coronation, (V) those whom We thought fit to admit into the said MOST HONOURABLE ORDER in commemoration of Our Coronation, (VI) those members admitted in recognition of their services to Us and to Our Empire in the war between Us and the German Emperor, the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, and the Sultan of Turkey and any of Our enemies allied with them against Us, (VII) those admitted specially during the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three in recognition of certain meritorious services to Us and to Our Empire, and (VIII) an extra member admitted by Us into the Civil Division of the First Class shall be Additional Members of the said Classes and shall not be included within the numbers of the Ordinary Members allotted to such Classes, and it is Ordained that the Additional Members so appointed shall have rank and precedence among the Ordinary Members of their respective Classes according to the dates of their respective appointments and that the Statutes of Our said Order shall in all matters and things apply in the same manner to the said Additional Members of Our said MOST HONOURABLE ORDER.

Nineteenth.—It is Ordained, that, on the day appointed Investitures.
for the investiture of a Knight Grand Cross or Knight
Commander of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, the Sovereign,
wearing the robes and insignia of the Order, shall be attended
by such Knights Grand Cross as can be conveniently assembled,
and by the Officers of the Order, habited in their respective
mantles and insignia; and the person to be invested shall
then be introduced into the Royal Presence (in the case of a
Knight Grand Cross, between the two Junior Knights Grand
Cross in attendance), preceded by Bath King of Arms, bearing
the proper insignia upon a cushion, and by the Gentleman Usher
of the Scarlet Rod, when the honour of Knighthood shall be
conferred upon the person so nominated a Knight Grand Cross,
or Knight Commander, unless he shall have previously received
that honour; and he shall then be invested with the insignia
of the Order, in form and manner following, that is to say, the
new Knight kneeling near the Sovereign, and the Sovereign,
assisted by the Great Master, or in his absence, by the Senior
Knight Grand Cross present, shall proceed to invest him with
the Riband and Badge, and shall then deliver to him the
Star of the Order.

Twentieth.—It is Ordained, that if any person, nominated Sovereign can
dispense with
Investiture.
and appointed a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander
of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, shall, at the time of such
nomination and appointment, as aforesaid, be absent on Our
Service, or for other good cause be unable to be present,
it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors,
to dispense with the Ceremony of his Investiture, or to authorise
some distinguished Officer in Our Service, or other person, to
perform, in Our name and on Our behalf, the ceremony of
investiture, by the transmission to the said distinguished
Officer, or other person, of the proper insignia, accompanied
by a Warrant, authorising the said investiture; and the said
Warrant shall be prepared by direction of the Great Master,
and shall receive the Royal Sign Manual, and shall be counter-
signed by the aforesaid Great Master, who shall affix thereto
the Seal of this Order; and the said Warrant shall notify, that
We have been pleased, either wholly to dispense with the cere-

mony of investiture, or to authorise its performance as aforesaid, according as the case may be ; and the said Warrant shall fully permit and authorise the person so nominated to wear the insignia, and enjoy the privileges appertaining to the class into which he has been so admitted, as in full and ample a manner as if he had been invested by Us, Our heirs or successors ; and We do hereby admit such Knight Grand Cross, or Knight Commander, to the rights, privileges, and precedency belonging to either of the said classes, including, among such rights and privileges, the use and enjoyment of the distinctive appellation of a Knight Bachelor of these Realms, until it shall be convenient for the Sovereign to confer personally that honour, or to grant it by Letters Patent under the Great Seal : Provided, nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed or interpreted to authorise the assumption of the distinctive appellation appertaining to a Knight Bachelor of these Realms, by a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, until either after he has been invested by the Sovereign, or otherwise, according to the foregoing provisions of this present Statute.

Allocation of
Stalls to
Knights Grand
Cross in the
Chapel of the
Order.

Twenty-first.—It is Ordained, that the ceremony of Installation of certain Knights Grand Cross of the MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall be performed in the Chapel of King Henry the Seventh in the Abbey Church of Westminster, and on the occasion of a vacancy in the Stalls of the said Chapel assigned to the Military Division of Knights Grand Cross of the said Order the Registrar and Secretary shall communicate with the Knight Grand Cross of the said Division next in seniority and shall inform him that the stall so vacated will be assigned to him if he so desires, and in the case of such Knight Grand Cross not so desiring the Registrar and Secretary shall communicate in the same manner with the Knights Grand Cross of the said Division in seniority, and on the occasion of a vacancy in the stalls assigned to the Civil Division of Knights Grand Cross the Registrar and Secretary shall communicate in like manner with the Knights Grand Cross in the Civil Division in seniority ; It is further Ordained that a Banner of his Arms shall be placed over the stall of each Knight Grand Cross and shall be

Banner, Crest,
Helmet and
Sword of
Knights Grand
Cross.

two yards in length and two yards in breadth, fringed about with heraldic colours of the Arms, that the Crest, Helmet, and Sword and an escutcheon of his Arms (which shall be enamelled within a circle Gules, having thereon the motto of the Order in letters of gold under which the name and title of the Knight with the date of his nomination, shall be inscribed) shall be affixed to the stall of the Knight Grand Cross, and it is Ordained that the said Banner, Crest and escutcheon shall be prepared under the direction of the Genealogist of Our said Order who shall communicate with each Knight Grand Cross upon his nomination and shall make such preparations as are necessary and that the said Banner and Crest shall be removed on the death of the Knight Grand Cross and given to the legal representative of the deceased Knight ; It is further Ordained that each Knight Grand Cross shall defray the expense of the manufacture of his Banner and Crest and it is Ordained that a fee of One Pound shall be paid to the Dean of Westminster by a Knight on Installation and a similar fee by a deceased Knight's legal representative when such Knight's Banner is removed from the Chapel.

Expense to be defrayed by Knights Grand Cross.

Twenty-second.—It is Ordained, that in all solemn ceremonies, and in all other places and assemblies whatsoever, the Knights Grand Cross of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after Baronets, and that the Knights Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Grand Cross of OUR MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, and that the Companions of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately before Companions of OUR MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA ; nevertheless, We are pleased to declare, that nothing contained in this Statute shall be taken or construed to diminish the privileges or precedence reserved in the eighteenth Statute to the Members of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER nominated or appointed previously to the date of these presents. And that (with the exception of the Great Master of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, and of the Members of the Royal

Precedence of Members.

Family) the Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders and Companions of this Order, shall take rank among each other according to the dates of their respective appointments in the Classes of this Order to which they severally belong.

Robes of
Sovereign.

Twenty-third.—It is Ordained, that Our habits and robes, as Sovereign of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, shall be of the same material and fashion as heretofore, and as are hereinafter appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, save only with those alterations which may befit and distinguish Our Royal Dignity; that the said Knights Grand Cross shall at investitures of the Order, and upon all great and solemn occasions appointed by the Sovereign, wear mantles of crimson satin, lined with white taffeta, and tied with a cordon of white silk, with two tassels of crimson silk and gold attached thereto; and that on the left side of the said mantle, below a white silk lace, shall be embroidered a representation of the Star of a Knight Grand Cross of this Order, which Star shall in the case of every Military Knight Grand Cross, be as follows, that is to say, composed of rays of silver, charged with a Maltese cross Or, in the centre whereof, on a ground Argent, shall be three imperial crowns, one and two Or, the said three imperial Crowns within a circle Gules, inscribed with the motto of the Order, viz., “TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO,” in letters gold, and the said circle, encompassed by two branches of laurel, in proper colours, issuant from an escrol Azure whereon shall be inscribed “ICH DIEN,” also in letters gold, in form and arrangement as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes; and the Star which shall be represented upon the mantles of Civil Knights Grand Cross, shall be in every case as follows, that is to say, composed of rays of silver, issuing from a centre, and charged with three imperial crowns, one and two Or, within a circle Gules, whereon shall be inscribed, “TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO,” in letters gold, in form and arrangement as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes. Further, We are pleased to Ordain, that on all other occasions whatsoever, the Knights Grand Cross shall wear the Star appointed for their respective division, Military or Civil, as the case may be, upon the left side of their

Mantles of
Knights Grand
Cross.

coats or outer garments. We are pleased further to Ordain, that at all investitures and other solemn ceremonials, as well as upon all days usually termed "Collar Days," a collar of gold, weighing thirty ounces troy weight, and composed of nine imperial crowns Or, eight roses, thistles, and shamrocks, issuing from a gold sceptre, and enamelled in their proper colours, linked together with seventeen knots, enamelled Argent, shall be worn by the Knights Grand Cross of this Order, other than Honorary Knights Grand Cross not being Reigning Sovereigns, Princes of the Blood Royal, Presidents or Heads of Foreign States, or Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to Our Court. Further, it is Ordained, that to the aforesaid collar shall be suspended the Badge of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, which Badge shall, in the case of Military Knights Grand Cross, be a gold Maltese cross, of eight points, enamelled Argent, edged gold, and terminating with small gold balls, having in each of the four angles a lion passant, guardant Or, and in the centre, on a ground Argent, the rose, thistle, and shamrock, issuing from a sceptre, between three imperial crowns, all Or, within a circle Gules, inscribed with the motto, "TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO," in letters gold, and encompassed by two laurel branches, in proper colours, issuant from an escrol Azure, whereon shall be inscribed, "ICH DIEN," also in letters gold, the whole in form and arrangement as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes. And it is Ordained, that the Badge, in case of a Civil Knight Grand Cross, shall be of an oval shape, composed of a rose, thistle, and shamrock, issuing from a sceptre between three imperial crowns, the whole pierced and surrounded by the motto, "TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO," all gold, as is represented in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes; and the said Collar and Badge appendant shall be delivered to every Knight Grand Cross after his investiture, which Collar and Badge, it is hereby Ordained, shall, on the decease of each and every Knight Grand Cross of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, be returned to the Registrar and Secretary of the said Order and be by him deposited with the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood; and the Registrar and Secretary is hereby

Collar.

Badge
appendant.

Collar and
Badge to be
delivered up on
death.

Badge to be worn
with Riband
when Collar is
not worn.

Insignia of the
Great Master.

Insignia of
Knights
Commanders.

authorised, empowered, and required to ask, demand, and receive from the heirs, executors, and administrators, of each and every Knight Grand Cross already deceased or that hereafter may decease, the Collar and Badge appendant thereto, which he or they may have already received, or hereafter may receive from the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood. Further, it is ordained, that upon all other occasions whatsoever, the Military and Civil Knights Grand Cross shall wear their respective Badges, suspended by a crimson riband, and of the width of four inches, and passing from the right shoulder obliquely to the left side. The Great Master, as Principal Knight Grand Cross, shall wear the insignia and habits of the Military Division of that Class, the Badge of which for the Great Master shall have added thereto an imperial crown.

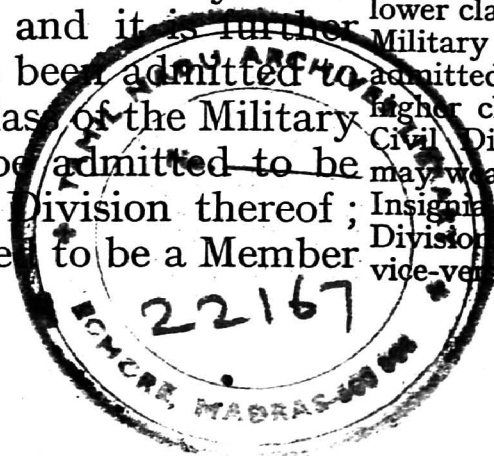
Twenty-fourth.—It is Ordained, that the Knights Commanders of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall wear around their necks a riband of the same colour as that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but measuring in breadth two inches, and pendant therefrom a Badge, which, for the Military and Civil Knights Commanders, shall be the same respectively as the Badges appointed for the Military and Civil Knights Grand Cross, but of smaller size; and that the said Knights Commanders shall wear upon the upper part and left side of their coats or outer garments, the Stars hereinafter described, that is to say, every Military Knight Commander shall wear a Star composed of four rays of silver, between each of which shall issue a smaller ray, also of silver, in the centre shall be, on a ground Argent, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, within a circle Gules, inscribed with the motto, “TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO,” in letters gold, and encompassed by two branches of laurel, in proper colours, issuant from an escrol Azure, inscribed “ICH DIEN,” also in letters gold, the whole in form and arrangement as in the representation thereof annexed to these our Statutes; and the Civil Knights Commanders shall wear a Star composed of four rays of silver, between each of which shall issue a smaller ray, also of silver, in the centre, on a ground Argent, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, within a circle

Gules, inscribed with the motto, "TRIA JUNCTA IN UNO," in letters gold, as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes.

Twenty-fifth.—It is Ordained, that the Military and Civil Companions shall each wear around their necks a riband of the same colour and form as that appointed for the Knights Commanders Military and Civil respectively, but measuring one inch and a half in breadth, and pendant therefrom a Badge of the same form as that appointed for the Knights Commanders Military and Civil respectively but of smaller size, as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes. Insignia of Companions.

Twenty-sixth.—It is Ordained, that the Miniature Badges worn by the members of the Military and Civil Divisions of the several Classes of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall be half the size of the badges of the members of the Military and Civil Divisions of the Third Class or Companions of the said Order and that Sealed Patterns of the said Miniature Badges shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood. Miniature Badges.

Twenty-seventh.—It is Ordained, that on the promotion of a Member of the Second or Third Classes of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, to a higher class of the same division of the said Order to which he has been already admitted, the insignia of such lower class theretofore worn by him shall be returned to the Registrar and Secretary of the Order, and be by him deposited with the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood; and the Registrar and Secretary of this Order, for the time being, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to ask, demand and receive from such Members as have already been promoted, or that hereafter may be promoted, as aforesaid, the Insignia of the Order theretofore worn by such promoted Member: Provided, nevertheless, and it is further Ordained, that if any person who shall have been admitted to be a Member of the Second or of the Third Class of the Military Division of this Order, shall subsequently be admitted to be a Member of the higher class of the Civil Division thereof; or if any person who shall have been admitted to be a Member Insignia of promoted Members to be returned.
Members of lower classes of Military Division admitted to higher classes of Civil Division may wear Insignia of both Divisions and vice-versa.



of the Second or of the Third Class of the Civil Division of this Order, shall subsequently be admitted to be a Member of a higher class of the Military Division thereof, such person shall be entitled to retain and wear the insignia of such inferior class in addition to the insignia of such higher class, and to be considered an additional Member of such lower class.

Knights Grand Cross may use supporters to their arms.

Armorial Ensigns for Knights Grand Cross.

Armorial Ensigns for Knights Commanders.

Armorial Ensigns for Companions.

Seal of the Order.

Twenty-eighth.—It is Ordained, that for the greater splendour and dignity of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, it shall be lawful for the Knights Grand Cross, in conformity with the ancient usage, upon all occasions to bear and use supporters to their arms ; and We do by these presents direct and command our Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being to grant supporters to such Knights Grand Cross as shall not be entitled otherwise thereto ; it shall likewise be lawful for all Knights Grand Cross to surround their armorial ensigns with a representation of the collar, circle, and motto of this Order, with the Badge pendant thereto, and for all Knights Commanders to surround their armorial ensigns with the circle and motto of this Order, and with a representation of the Badge suspended thereto ; moreover, such Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders as belong to the Military Divisions of their respective classes, shall encompass the circle and motto hereinbefore mentioned with two laurel branches, in proper colours, issuant from an escrol Azure, inscribed “ ICH DIEN ” ; and We are further pleased to ordain that it shall be lawful for the Companions of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER upon all occasions to surround their Armorial Bearings with the circle and motto of the Order and to suspend therefrom a representation of their Riband and Badge.

Twenty-ninth.—It is Ordained, that the Seal of this Order shall, as heretofore, consist of the arms following, to be engraven thereon, viz., Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, impaling Our Royal Arms with this circumscription, “ SIGILLUM HONORATISSIMI ORDINIS DE BALNEO.” And Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, that the said Seal shall for ever hereafter be the Seal of the said Order of the Bath ; and that the Statutes, to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said

Order, shall be established and sealed by and with the same Seal ; and We do hereby for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare and Ordain, that the said Statutes so to be given by Us, Our heirs and successors, to which the said Seal shall be affixed, shall be of the same force and validity as if the same Statutes had been verbatim recited in Our said Letters Patent of the Tenth year of the Reign of Our late dear Grandmother Queen Victoria, and had been passed under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom.

Thirtieth.—It is Ordained, that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors by an Ordinance signed by the Sovereign and sealed with the Seal of the Order and on the recommendation to that effect of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State whose Department the matter doth properly concern, to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to this Order and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased ; But that it shall be competent for the Sovereign to restore to the Order any person whose appointment may have been so cancelled and annulled when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

Cancellation of
appointment
to the Order.

Thirty-first.—It is Ordained, that there shall be the following Officers attached to this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, that is to say, a Dean, a King of Arms, a Registrar and Secretary, a Genealogist, a Gentleman Usher, and a Deputy Secretary ; and We are pleased to declare and command, that the present holders of the said offices shall continue to fill them in conformity with the provisions of these Statutes ; and that the said Officers, collectively and individually, shall exercise and enjoy all the rights and privileges, which they have heretofore possessed, and We do further hereby direct and command, that such mantles and insignia as in these Statutes they are directed to wear, shall be prepared at the charge of the Sovereign, and be furnished by the Central Chancery of our Orders of Knighthood, upon receipt of a mandate issued for that purpose by the Great Master of this Order ; moreover, the King of Arms, the Registrar and Secretary, the Genealogist, the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod, and the Deputy Secretary, who attend

Officers of the
Order.

Precedence of Officers of the Order.

within Our Royal Palace for the service of the Order, shall continually remain under the protection of the Sovereign, and are hereby declared to be servants of Our Royal Household. Further, We are pleased to declare and command, that the Officers of this Order shall take rank and precedence among themselves as follows :—

1. The Dean ;
2. The King of Arms ;
3. The Registrar and Secretary ;
4. The Genealogist ;
5. The Gentleman Usher ; and
6. The Deputy Secretary.

Dean of the Order.

Thirty-second.—It is Ordained, that the Dean of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, for the time being, shall be the Dean of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER for ever hereafter, and that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in the like mantle and insignia, as have been appointed for Civil Knights Grand Cross ; he shall wear around his neck, pendant to a riband, similar to that which is assigned to the Knights Grand Cross, a badge like that which is appointed for the Civil Knights Grand Cross, save and except upon “ Collar Days,” investitures, and other public solemnities, at which he shall wear the badge suspended from a chain of gold ; moreover, it shall be lawful for the Dean to wear his own armorial ensigns, impaled with those of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, and surrounded with the circle and motto of this Order.

His Mantle and Insignia.

Bath King of Arms.

Thirty-third.—It is Ordained, that the King of Arms shall be nominated by Us, Our heirs and successors, and shall be designated Bath King of Arms ; that he shall sedulously attend the service of this Order. And, further, it is Ordained, that in all ceremonies of the Order, he shall be habited in a mantle of white satin lined with crimson silk, and tied with a cordon of white silk, with two tassels of crimson silk and gold attached thereto, having on the right shoulder an escutcheon

His Mantle and Insignia.

Azure, charged with three imperial crowns, one and two Or, and wear around his neck, pendant to a gold chain, an escutcheon of gold, enamelled on a field Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, impaling the Arms of the Sovereign, surrounded with the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown ; that he shall carry the White Rod of this Order, which shall have on the two greater squares the arms of the Order, Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, impaled with those of the Sovereign, and on the lesser squares the arms of the Order, the whole surmounted by an imperial crown ; and that at all coronations he shall precede the Knights Grand Cross, and shall carry and wear a crown, as Our other Kings of Arms are accustomed to do ; which chain, badge, rod, and crown shall all be of the same materials with those used and borne by Our Garter Principal King of Arms ; and that in all other ceremonials and assemblies he shall have place and precedence among Our Kings of Arms next to and immediately after Norroy King of Arms, and before the King of Arms of OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER of Saint Michael and Saint George. His precedence.

Thirty-fourth.—It is Ordained, that the Registrar and Secretary shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors, that he shall carefully record all proceedings connected with this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, in a register to be appropriated for that purpose ; and shall, under the directions of the Great Master, prepare all Warrants and other Instruments to be passed under the Seal of the Order, and engross the same ; that he shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, a copy of these Statutes to every Knight Grand Cross and Knight Commander, at or immediately after his investiture, if he be invested, or with the Insignia and Warrant of Dispensation, if that ceremony be dispensed with ; and shall likewise deliver, or cause to be delivered, a copy of these Statutes to every Companion of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER, immediately after his nomination ; that he shall summon the Knights Grand Cross to attend the Sovereign at all investitures of this Order ; that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that Registrar and Secretary.
His Duties.
His Mantle and Insignia.

assigned to the King of Arms of this Order, and shall wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escutcheon of gold, enamelled on a field Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, having in the centre a representation of a book bound Gules, the leaves thereof Or, surmounted by two pens saltier-wise Argent, the whole surrounded by the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown.

Genealogist.

Thirty-fifth.—It is Ordained, that the Genealogist of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors; that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that appointed for Bath King of Arms, and wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escutcheon of gold enamelled on a field Azure three imperial crowns, one and two Or, having in the centre the Cypher or letters



His Mantle and Insignia.

Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod.

Thirty-sixth.—It is Ordained, that the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors; that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that appointed for the Registrar and Secretary, and wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escutcheon of gold enamelled on a field Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, surrounded with the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown; and that he shall carry the Scarlet Rod of this Order, having at the top an escrol, thereon the motto of the Order, surmounted by three imperial crowns, all gold.

His Mantle and Insignia.

Deputy Secretary.

Thirty-seventh.—It is Ordained, that the Deputy Secretary of this MOST HONOURABLE ORDER shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors, that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that appointed for the Registrar and Secretary, and wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escutcheon of gold enamelled on a field Azure, three imperial crowns, one and two Or, having in the centre a representation of a book bound Gules, the leaves

His Mantle and Insignia.

thereof Or, surmounted by a pen in bend sinister Argent the whole surrounded by the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown.

Thirty-eighth.—It is Ordained, that all and every of the Officers of this Order, shall, over and above the duties more specifically imposed by the foregoing Statutes, execute diligently whatsoever the Sovereign or Great Master may be pleased to command, touching the interests of the said Order; and it is hereby declared, that the said Offices of King of Arms, Registrar and Secretary, Genealogist, Gentleman Usher, and Deputy Secretary, shall be holden during good behaviour. And they are hereby authorised to wear the Badges appropriated to them respectively by these Statutes pendant to ribands of the same colour and width as have been appointed for the Companions, save and except upon “Collar Days,” investitures of the Order, and other public solemnities, when they shall be worn from gold chains.

Officers of the Order to execute orders of Sovereign and Great Master.

Thirty-ninth.—It is Ordained, that when We, Our heirs or successors, shall be pleased to nominate and appoint any person to this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual sealed with the Seal of this Order and countersigned by the Great Master of the said Order.

Appointment to the Order to be made by Warrant.

Fortieth, and lastly.—We do hereby command and enjoin that these Statutes, and every article thereof, shall be inviolably kept and observed within Our said Order, reserving to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, the power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with the same, or any portion thereof, by a notification sealed with the Seal of the Order; which alterations, abrogations, augmentations, interpretations, or dispensations, shall be taken and received as part and parcel of these Statutes.

Sovereign reserves power to alter, etc., any Statute.

GIVEN under the Seal of the said Order, at Our Court at Saint James's this Eleventh day of July, 1925, in the Sixteenth year of Our Reign.

By the Sovereign's Command.

ARTHUR,
Great Master.

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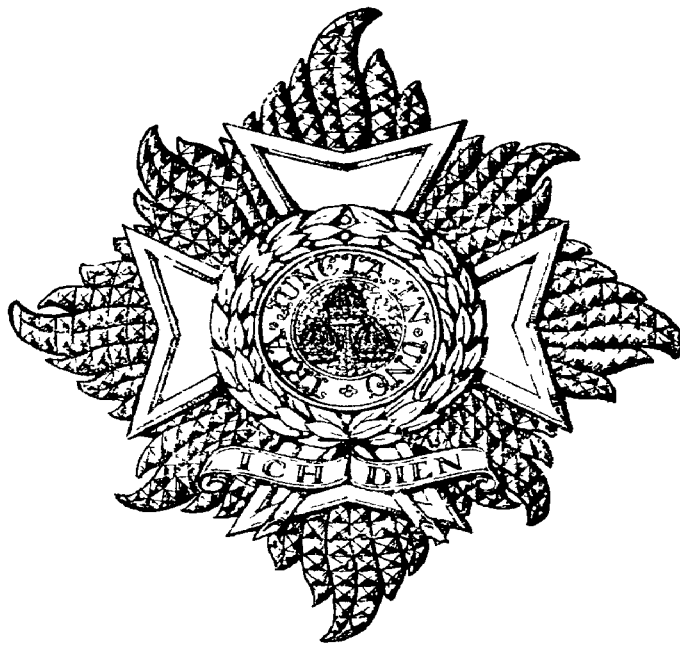
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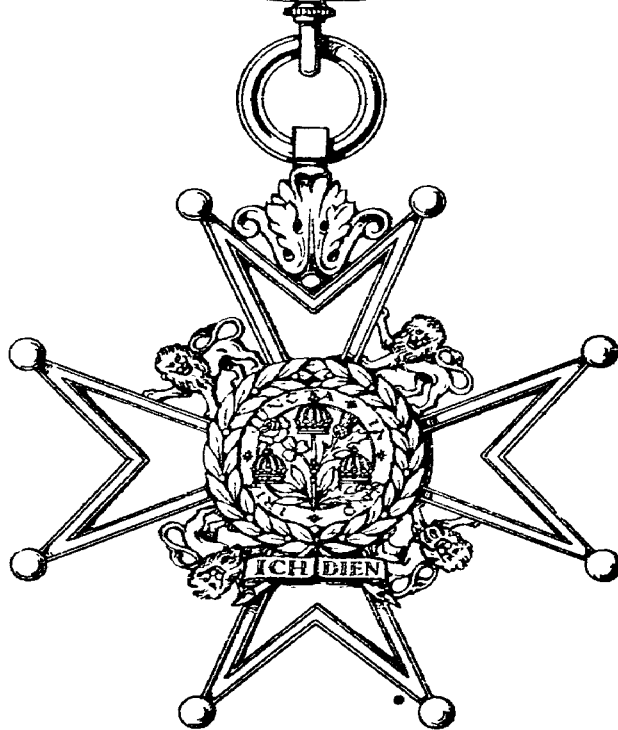
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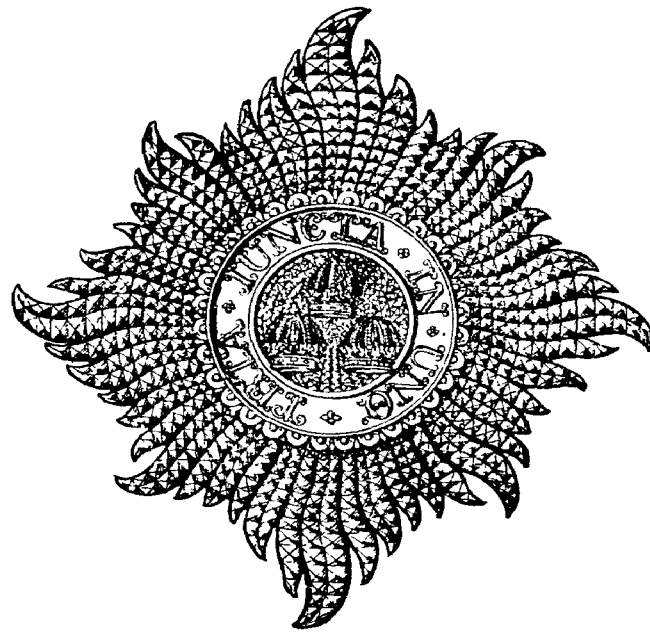
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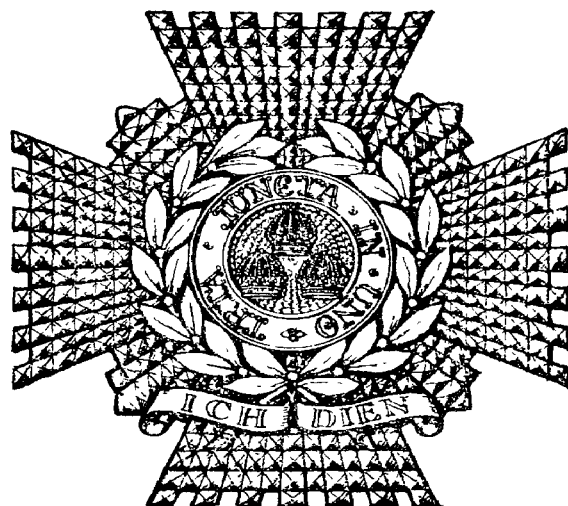
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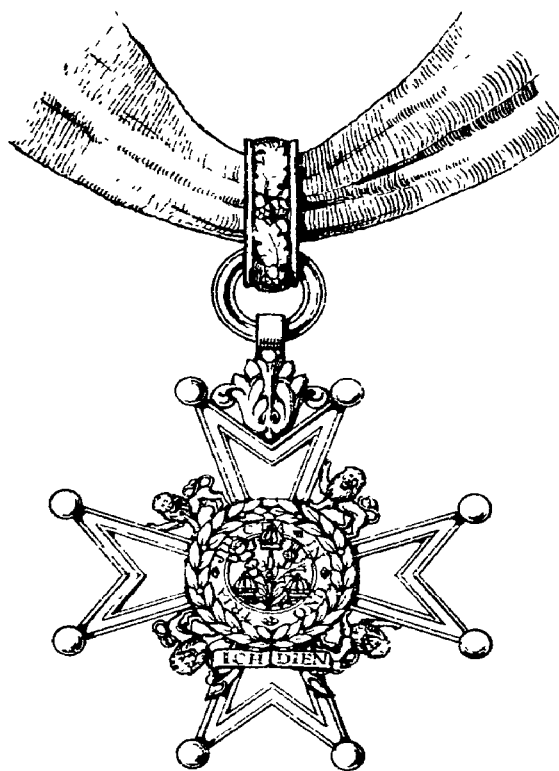
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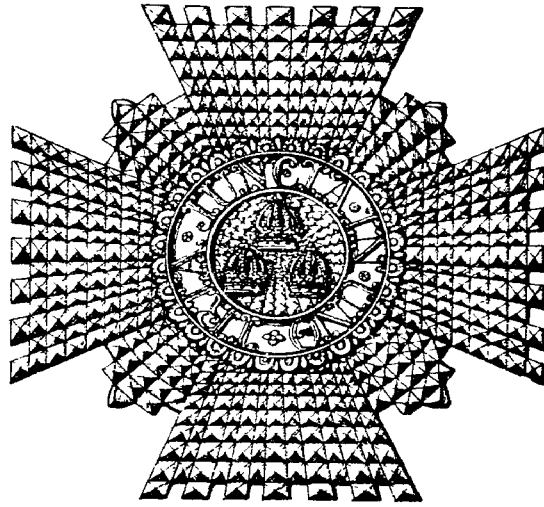
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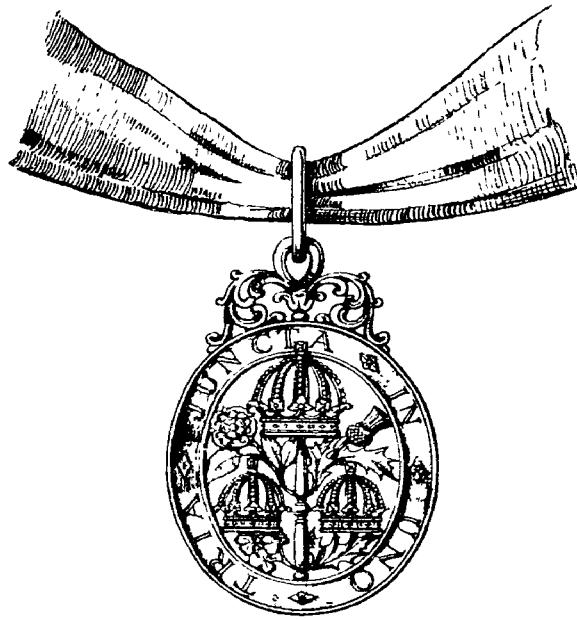
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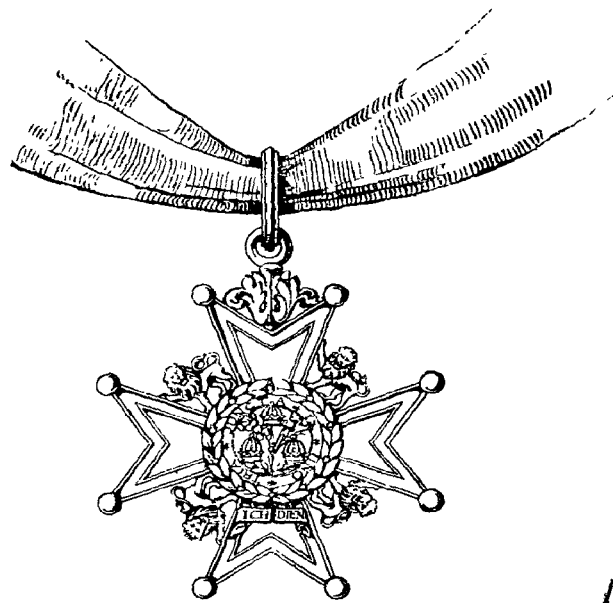
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