

Honorary Commanders, Honorary Officers, and Honorary Members, according to the classes in the Order to which they belong.

8. It is ordained that persons already appointed to this Order who are qualified for the Military Division shall, on the recommendation of the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War or the Secretary of State for the Royal Air Force as the case may be, be transferred to the Military Division of this Order.

9. 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 Grand Master of the said Order.

10. It is ordained that this Order shall rank next to and immediately after Our Royal Victorian Order, that in all solemn Ceremonies, places and assemblies the Knights Grand Cross of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, that the Dames Grand Cross of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately before the wives of Knights Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style of Dame before their Christian or first names, that the Knights Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Knights Commanders of the Royal Victorian Order, that the Dames Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately before the wives of Knights Commanders of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and may on all occasions have, use and enjoy the appellation and style of Dame before their Christian or first names, that the men who are Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Members of the Third Class of the Royal Victorian Order and the women who are Commanders of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately before the wives of Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, that the men who are Officers of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order and the women who are Officers of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately before the wives of Members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, that the men who are Members of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Members of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order and that the women who are Members of this Order shall have place and precedence next to and immediately before the wives of Members of the Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order.

11. It is ordained that the insignia of the Sovereign of this Order shall be of the same material and fashion as are hereinafter appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, save only with those alterations which distinguish Our Royal Dignity.

12. It is ordained that the Grand Master shall wear the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross, the badge of which for the Grand Master shall be augmented in accordance with the commands of the Sovereign.

13. It is ordained that the Military and Civil Knights and Dames Grand Cross of this Most Excellent Order shall upon all great and solemn occasions wear the badge of the Order, which shall consist of a cross patonce, enamelled pearl, fimbriated or surmounted by a gold medallion with a representation of Britannia seated within a circle Gules inscribed with the motto, "For God and the Empire," in letters of gold ensigned with the Imperial Crown Or, the whole suspended from a purple riband which in the case of Knights Grand Cross shall be of the breadth of three inches and three-quarters with, for Military Knights Grand Cross, the addition of a vertical red stripe in the centre of the ribbon of the width of about five-sixteenths of an inch and in the case of Dames Grand Cross shall be of the breadth of two inches and one-quarter with, for Military Dames Grand Cross, a vertical red stripe in the centre of the ribbon of the width of about one-quarter of an inch, passing from the right shoulder to the left side, and they shall wear on the left side of their coats or outer garments an oval Star composed of eight points and charged with a medallion as above.

14. It is ordained that the Military and Civil Knights Commanders shall 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 red stripe is to be of the width of about three-sixteenths of an inch, and pendent therefrom the Badge of the Knights Commanders of the Order, which shall be of similar form and pattern to that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but of smaller size, and also that they shall wear on the left side of their coats or outer garments a silver Star composed of

four equal points and four lesser, charged with a medallion as before, and it is ordained that the Military and Civil Dames Commanders shall 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 that they shall wear a like Star.

15. It is ordained that the Military and Civil Commanders shall in the same manner wear the like riband and badge as that appointed for the Military and Civil Knights and Dames Commanders respectively, but that they shall not be entitled to wear the Star.

16. It is ordained that the Military and Civil Officers shall 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 red stripe is to be of the width of an eighth 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.

17. It is ordained that the Military and Civil Members shall wear in like manner the same ribands and badge as that appointed to the Military and Civil Officers of the Order except that the badge shall be in silver.

18. It is ordained that upon the nomination of any person to be a Knight Grand Cross, Dame Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Dame Commander of this Order, he or she shall be invested with the Insignia of his or her dignity in the Order by Us, Our heirs and successors if he or she be resident at the time in this country, but if he or she be in India by Our Viceroy of India in Our name and on Our behalf, and if he or she be in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa by Our Governors-General of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa respectively in Our name and on Our behalf; and that on the day of the Investiture the person to be invested shall be introduced into the presence of the Sovereign, the Viceroy of India, or the Governor-General of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa, as the case may be, by the Officer of the Order or other Officer deputed to be in attendance bearing the proper Insignia of the Order, when the Sovereign, Viceroy, or Governor-General having in the case of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders conferred the Honour of Knighthood upon the person so nominated if he have not previously received the said Honour, will then proceed to invest him or her with the Ensigns of the said Order in the following manner:—The Sovereign, Viceroy or Governor-General will invest the new Knight Grand Cross, Dame Grand Cross, Knight Commander or Dame Commander with the riband and badge and will deliver or place on his or her left side the Star of the said Order appertaining to his or her dignity.

19. 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 the Grand Master and sealed with the Seal of this Order to authorize some distinguished person in Our Service or other person to perform in Our name and on Our behalf the Ceremony of investing Knights Grand Cross, Dames Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, or Dames Commanders with the Insignia of their respective dignities 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, full power and authority to permit and authorize the person or persons not invested by Us to wear the Insignia and enjoy the privileges appertaining to their respective dignities in as full and ample a manner as if they had been invested by Us, Our heirs and successors.

20. It is ordained that on the promotion of a person to a higher class of this Order the Insignia of the class theretofore worn by him or her shall be returned to the Registrar of the Order for the service of the Order, and that on the resignation or decease of an Official of the Order his Badge of Office shall be restored for the service of the Order.

21. It is ordained that for the greater honour and dignity of the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this Order it shall and may be lawful for them upon all occasions to bear 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 and Dames Grand Cross of this Order as shall not otherwise be entitled thereto and it shall also be lawful for Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this Order to surround their Armorial Bearings with the circle and motto of the Order and to suspend therefrom a representation of their riband and badge and for Knights Commanders, Dames Commanders, and Commanders of this Order to surround their Armorial Bearings with their circle and motto of the Order and to suspend therefrom a representation of their riband and badge and for the Officers and Members of