

the Order to suspend a representation of their riband and respective badges from the bottom of the escocheon containing their Armorial Bearings.

22. It is ordained that the Seal of the Order shall have engraved thereon as follows (that is to say) a representation of Britannia surrounded by a circle containing the motto of the Order "For God and the Empire," and that the Statutes of the Order shall be sealed by and with the same.

23. 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 to cancel and annul the appointment of any person to this Order, and thereupon his or her 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 circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

24. It is ordained that a Military and Civil Medal of this Order shall be awarded to persons, not being Members of or eligible for appointment to the five classes of Our said Order, whose services to Our Empire would warrant such mark of Our Royal appreciation and that persons subordinate to those who are eligible for the Military Divisions of the various classes of this Order shall be eligible for the said Military Medal.

25. It is ordained that the Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for men and for women shall consist of a circular medal in silver, having on the obverse a representation of Britannia within the circle and motto of the Order and on the reverse Our Royal and Imperial Cypher, and shall be worn on the left side suspended by a ring to a purple riband of one inch and one-sixteenth of an inch in width, with the addition in the case of recipients of the Military Medal of the Order of a vertical red stripe in the centre of the riband of about one-tenth of an inch.

26. It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our heirs and successors by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual to cancel and annul the award of any Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and that thereupon the name of the recipient in the Register shall be erased, but it shall be competent for the Sovereign to restore the medal to any person whose name may have been so erased when circumstances render it just and expedient so to do.

27. It is ordained that the twenty-fourth day of May every year shall henceforth be taken and deemed to be the anniversary of the institution of this Order.

28. It is ordained that the following officials shall be appointed to this Order, that is to say, a

Prelate,
King of Arms,
Registrar,
Secretary,

Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod.

29. It is ordained that the Prelate of this Order shall wear around his neck pendent to a riband similar to that which is assigned to the Knights Commanders an escocheon of gold enamelled on a field purpure the badge within the circle and motto of the Order, the whole surmounted by an Imperial Crown. Moreover, it shall be lawful for the Prelate to surround his Armorial Bearings with the circle and motto of this Order.

30. It is ordained that the King of Arms of this Order shall be nominated by Us, Our heirs and successors, and that he shall seduously attend the Service of the Order. And further it is ordained that he shall wear around his neck pendent to a purple riband an escocheon of gold enamelled on a field purpure a representation of Britannia 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 Rod of this Order, which shall have on the two greater squares the Arms of the Order 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 badge, rod and crown shall all be of the same materials with those used and borne by Our Garter Principal King of Arms.

31. It is ordained that the Registrar of this Order shall be the person for the time being holding the Office of Registrar and Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, that he shall record all proceedings connected with the Most Excellent Order in a register to be appropriated for that purpose and shall, under the directions of the Grand Master, prepare all Warrants and other Instruments to be passed under the Seal of the Order and engross the same, that he shall summon the Knights Grand Cross to attend the Sovereign at all investitures of this Order, that he shall wear around his neck pendent to a purple riband an escocheon of gold enamelled on a field purpure the Cross of the Order surmounted by a representation of a closed book Gules, clasps

Or, within the circle and motto of the Order, the whole surmounted by an Imperial Crown.

32. It is ordained that the Secretary of this Order shall be the person holding for the time being the office of Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department or such other member of the staff of the Home Department as may be nominated by Us, that he shall collect and tabulate the names of those persons who are to be submitted to Us for admission to this Order or to be awarded the Medal of this Order, that he shall wear around his neck pendent to a purple riband an escocheon of gold enamelled on a field purpure the badge of the Order with two pens saltirewise between the angles in pearl enamel within the circle and motto of the Order, the whole surmounted by an Imperial Crown.

33. It is ordained that the Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod of this Most Excellent Order shall be appointed by Us, Our heirs and successors, shall wear around his neck pendent to a purple riband an escocheon of gold enamelled on a field purpure a representation of Britannia surrounded by the circle and motto of the Order and surmounted by an Imperial Crown, and that he shall carry the Purple Rod of the Order, having at the top an escrol thereon the motto of the Order surmounted by a representation of Britannia.

34. It is ordained that all and every of the officials of this Order shall over and above the duties more specially imposed by the foregoing Statutes execute diligently whatever the Sovereign or Grand Master may be pleased to command touching the interests of the said Order, and that the said Offices of Prelate, King of Arms, Registrar, Secretary, and Gentleman Usher shall be holden during good behaviour.

35. We do hereby command and enjoin that these Statutes shall be of such and that same force, virtue and effect in every respect as if they had been duly made and the said acts, deeds, matters and things had been duly done on the fourth day of June, 1917.

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 at Our Court at Saint James's, the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, in the ninth year of Our Reign.

BY HIS MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

EDWARD SHORTT.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W. 1, 5th September, 1919.

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

NOTICE is hereby given that no individual may concurrently hold appointments to both the Military and Civil Divisions of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

(1.) In any case in which an individual holding an appointment in one of the Classes of a Division is promoted to a higher Class in the other Division, such promotion is to be regarded as a transfer, and the original appointment consequently lapses; but the date of such original appointment is recorded in the Chancery of the Order. In such a case, in accordance with the Statutes of the Order, the Insignia of the lower Class from which transfer has been made on promotion shall be returned to the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

(2.) In any case in which an individual holding an appointment in one of the Classes of a Division is appointed to the same Class of the other Division, such appointment shall be regarded as a transfer from one Division to the other, the date of the transfer being recorded in the Chancery of the Order, but without affecting the date of the original appointment to the Order. In such a case the individual so transferred should have the ribbon of his Insignia altered, the cost of which will be met free of charge to the following extent:—

	s. d.
Knights Grand Cross	4 0
Dames Grand Cross	3 6
Knights Commanders, Dames Commanders, and Commanders	2 0
Officers and Members	1 6

The Registrar and Secretary of the Central Chancery is prepared to receive bills from jewellers up to the above amounts for alterations they have made. These bills must bear the signed authority of the person for whom the alteration is made.

(3.) No transfer from the Civil to the Military Division is permissible unless the individual to be transferred is eligible for appointment to the Military Division under Clause 5 of the Statutes of the Order.

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