

custody shall be confided the Great Seal of the Order, which he shall affix to all Statutes, Ordinances, and Instruments according to the Regulations 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, and that he shall likewise direct the issue of all letters of Summons whenever the Sovereign shall be pleased to command an Investiture of the said MOST EXCELLENT ORDER.

Duty of the Grand Master.

V. It is Ordained that all commissioned and warrant and subordinate Officers subject to the Naval Discipline Act or employed under the Order of the Admiralty, and all commissioned and warrant Officers recommended by any Commander-in-Chief in the field or elsewhere, or employed under the War Office or Air Ministry, and all Members of the Naval, Army and Air Force Nursing Services, and such officials of the Women's Auxiliary Services as are under contract with, or employed by, the Admiralty, War Office, or Air Ministry, and all commissioned and warrant and subordinate Officers of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of India, Burma, Our Dominions and Colonies, the States or Territories under Our protection, and Mandated Territories, including those serving under Administrative Headquarters, and members of the Nursing Services of such Forces and officials of the Women's Auxiliary Services of such Forces, shall be eligible for appointment to the Military Division of this Order.

Persons eligible for appointment to the Military Division of the Order.

VI. It is Ordained that the persons to be admitted to the Civil Division of the said Order shall be such persons, male or female, as have rendered, or shall hereafter render, important services to our Empire.

Persons eligible for appointment to the Civil Division of the Order.

VII. It is Ordained that foreign persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the honour of being received into this Order shall be deemed to be, and described as, HONORARY KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS or HONORARY DAMES GRAND CROSS, HONORARY KNIGHTS COMMANDERS or HONORARY DAMES COMMANDERS, HONORARY COMMANDERS, HONORARY OFFICERS, and HONORARY MEMBERS, according to the classes in the order to which they belong, and it is further Ordained that the name of every foreign person to be received into this Order shall be laid before Us, Our heirs and successors, by Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and that the number of such foreign persons shall not be limited as is hereinafter provided in the case of ordinary members.

Honorary Members.

VIII. It is Ordained that the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights and Dames Grand Cross, shall not exceed nine, of which number two may be appointed on the recommendation of Our First Lord of the Admiralty (not more than one to be so appointed in a period of two years), two on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for War (not more than one to be so appointed in a period of two years), two on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Air (not more than one to be so appointed in a period of two years), and three on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs or Our Secretary of State for the Colonies (not more than one to be so appointed in one year); but that any vacancy arising by the death of a Knight or Dame Grand Cross so nominated shall be filled only on the recommendation of the Department by which the deceased Knight or Dame Grand Cross was recommended.

Members of the First Class of the Military Division not to exceed 9 in number.

IX. It is Ordained that the Civil Division of the First Class, or Knights and Dames Grand Cross, shall not exceed seventy-five, of which number fifty shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, our United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands (not more than three to be so appointed in one year), and twenty-five shall be persons who have rendered meritorious service within, or connected with, any other part or parts of Our Dominions, including India, Burma, or Countries under Our protection or Mandated Territories, or who have rendered services in relation to the Foreign Affairs of Our Empire (not more than four to be so appointed in one year, of which number one may be appointed on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, one on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for India, and two on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs or Our Secretary of State for the Colonies).

Members of the First Class of the Civil Division not to exceed 75 in number.