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THE Queen has been pleased to issue the following Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and to make the subjoined Statutes for the government of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath :

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, 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 at Westminster, on the eighteenth day of May, in the eleventh year of His reign, and in the year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, did institute, erect, constitute, and create a Military Order of Knighthood, to be and be called for ever thereafter by the name and title of the Order of the Bath, whereof His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, Kings of this realm, for ever should be Sovereigns; and it was thereby declared and provided, that the said Order should consist of a Great Master, to continue during the pleasure of His said late Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, and thirty-six

Companions, to be from time to time nominated and appointed by His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, wherein a succession should be always regularly continued; and it was thereby further 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 to the end that such Statutes might be legally established, His said late Majesty did direct and appoint, that a seal should be immediately engraven, in manner therein mentioned, and that the Statutes to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said Order should be established and sealed by and with the same seal; and His said late Majesty did thereby for Him, His Heirs and Successors, declare and ordain, that the said Statutes so to be given by His Heirs or Successors, to which the said seal should be affixed, should be of the same force and validity as if the same Statutes, and every article of them, had been verbatim recited in those Letters Patent, and had been passed under the Great Seal of the realm.

And whereas, under the authority or supposed authority of the said recited Letters Patent, divers

Statutes and Ordinances have from time to time been made and ordained by His said late Majesty, or by His Heirs and Successors, for the government of the said Order, by which Statutes, or some of them, the number of the Companions of the said Order hath been increased from thirty-six, as prescribed by the said recited Letters Patent, to a much greater number, and whereby the said Companions of the said Order have been divided into three classes, differing each from the other in rank and privileges; and whereas doubts have arisen whether such changes as aforesaid in the laws and constitution of the said Order, in so far as they contravene any of the provisions of the said recited Letters Patent, could lawfully be made by such Statutes as aforesaid, and ought not to have been made by other Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom aforesaid; and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed: and whereas it is also expedient that other changes should now be made in the constitution of the said Order, with a view to the adaptation thereof to the altered state and circumstances of society within the United Kingdom aforesaid, and Our dominions beyond the seas: now, therefore, know ye, that We, of Our mere motion, special grace, and certain knowledge, have revoked and abrogated, and do hereby revoke and abrogate, so much of the said recited Letters Patent as limits to the number of thirty-six the Companions of the said Order of the Bath, and as declares the said Order to be exclusively a Military Order of Knighthood: and We do hereby further ordain, direct, and appoint, that the said Order shall henceforth be known and described by the style and designation of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath.

And We do further ordain, direct, and appoint, that the said Order shall consist of the Sovereign and a Great Master, and of nine hundred and fifty-two Companions or Members, to be divided into three such classes as hereinafter mentioned.

And We do hereby ordain, direct, and appoint, that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom aforesaid, shall be Sovereigns of the said Order.

And We do further ordain, direct, and appoint, that a Prince of the Blood Royal, or such other exalted personage as We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall hereafter appoint, shall be Great Master of the said Order, and shall, in virtue thereof, be the First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the said Order.

And We do further ordain, direct and appoint, that the said nine hundred and fifty-two Members shall be divided into three classes, and that of the said three classes, the first or highest class shall consist of seventy-five Members, to be styled or designated Knights Grand Cross of the said Order; and that the second class shall consist of one hundred and fifty-two Members, to be styled and designated Knights Commanders of the said Order; and that the third or lowest class shall consist of seven hundred and twenty-five Members, to be styled and designated Companions of the said Order.

Provided, nevertheless, and We do further ordain, direct and appoint, that if at any time hereafter any occasion should arise, rendering expedient any increase to the number of Members comprised in all or any of the classes of the said Order, it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by any Statute or Statutes to be hereafter made, in the manner and form for that purpose prescribed in and by the said recited Letters Patent, to authorize any such increase of the number of Members of any such class or classes, any inconsistency of any such Statute or Statutes with these presents to the contrary notwithstanding.

And We do further ordain, direct, and appoint, that such persons only shall be competent to be Members of any of the said three classes, as shall possess the qualifications to be for that purpose defined in any Statute or Statutes to be hereafter made, in the manner and form for that purpose prescribed in and by the said recited Letters Patent.

Provided always, and We do further ordain, direct, and appoint, that no such Statute so to be made as aforesaid shall be of any force or authority, unless before the actual making and promulgation thereof We shall have signified to the Great Master of the said Order, by a Warrant under Our Signet and Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, Our pleasure that the same should be so made and promulgated.

And We do further direct, ordain, and appoint, that when and so often as any person shall hereafter be appointed to be a Member of the said Order, such appointment shall be made in the manner following, that is to say, that the name of every such candidate being laid before Us, or Our Heirs and Successors, by one of Our or Their Principal Secretaries of State, the pleasure of Us, or Our Heirs and Successors, respecting the appointment of any such candidate, shall by Us or Them be thereupon signified to such Secretary of State; and when and so often as We, or Our Heirs and Successors, shall so have signified Our pleasure in favour of the appointment of any such candidate, it shall be the duty of such Our or Their Secretary of State to prepare, for the approbation and signature of Us, or Our Heirs and Successors, a Warrant, addressed to the Great Master of the said Order for the time being, for the appointment of any such candidate, which Warrant, being first countersigned by the Secretary of State preparing the same, shall be the full and final authority to the said Great Master for preparing for the signature of Us, or Our Heirs and Successors, and for laying before Us or Them to be signed, and for sealing with the seal of the said Order when so signed, a grant or authority from Us, or Our Heirs and Successors, to each and every such candidate to be a Member of the said Order, and to have, exercise, and enjoy all the dignity, rank, and privileges thereunto appertaining, according to the class to which each such candidate shall so be appointed.

And for the removal of the said recited doubts, as to the validity of the Statutes which have been so made as aforesaid, for increasing the number of the Companions of the said Order, and for the division of them into three classes, differing each from the other in rank and privileges, We do further ordain, direct, and appoint, that all such Statutes as aforesaid, and especially certain Statutes made in the name and on the behalf of His late Majesty King George the Third, by His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick, then Prince of Wales, and Prince Regent of this United Kingdom, bearing date on the second day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and all acts, deeds, matters, and things hitherto done under and in pursuance of any such Statutes, and especially under and in pursuance of the said recited Statutes of the second day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, shall be of such and the same force, virtue, and effect, in every respect, as if the said Statutes had been duly made, and the said acts, deeds, matters, and things had been duly done in accordance with and under the authority of the said recited Letters Patent of the eighteenth day of May one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five. In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves, at Westminster, the fourteenth day of April, in the tenth year of Our reign.

By writ of Privy Seal.

WHEREAS by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, on the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign, We have ordained, directed, and appointed, that the Military Order of Knighthood, instituted by Our Royal Predecessor, King George the First, by Letters Patent, bearing date the eighteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, and therein designated as the Order of the Bath, shall henceforth be known and described by the style and designation of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath.

And We have thereby further ordained, directed, and appointed, that the said Order shall consist of the Sovereign and a Great Master, and of nine hundred and fifty-two Companions or Members, to be divided into three classes as hereinafter mentioned.

And We have thereby ordained, directed, and appointed, that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings or Queens Regnant of the United Kingdom aforesaid, shall be Sovereigns of the said Order.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that a Prince of the Blood Royal, or such other exalted personage as We, Our Heirs

and Successors, shall hereafter appoint, shall be Great Master of the said Order, and shall, in virtue thereof, be the First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the said Order.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that the said nine hundred and fifty-two Members shall be divided into three classes, and that of the said three classes, the first or highest class shall consist of seventy-five Members, to be styled or designated Knights Grand Cross of the said Order; and that the second class shall consist of one hundred and fifty-two Members, to be styled and designated Knights Commanders of the said Order; and that the third or lowest class, shall consist of seven hundred and twenty-five Members, to be styled and designated Companions of the said Order.

Provided, nevertheless, and We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that, if at any time hereafter any occasion should arise rendering expedient any increase to the number of the Members comprised in all or any of the classes of the said Order, it shall be competent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by any Statute or Statutes to be hereafter made, in the manner and form for that purpose prescribed in and by the said recited Letters Patent, of the tenth year of Our Reign, to authorize any such increase of the number of Members of any such class or classes, any inconsistency of any such Statute or Statutes with these presents to the contrary notwithstanding.

And We have further ordained, directed, and appointed, that such persons only shall be competent to be Members of any of the said three classes, as shall possess the qualifications to be for that purpose defined in any Statute or Statutes to be hereafter made, in the manner and form for that purpose prescribed in and by the said recited Letters Patent of the tenth year of Our reign.

And whereas, in conformity with the said Letters Patent, of the eighteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, His said Majesty did enact and issue certain Statutes and Ordinances to be observed within the said Order, bearing date the twenty-third day of the said month of May, in the eleventh year of His reign, that is to say, in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, wherein a power was reserved to His said Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, of adding thereto and of explaining any real or supposed ambiguity therein, as well as of determining all disputes which might thereafter arise concerning the interpretation of the said Statutes, provided such additions, alterations, and explanations were given under the Royal Sign Manual, and sealed with the seal of the Order.

And whereas, in the exercise of the power so reserved, Our Royal Uncle George Augustus Frederick, then Prince of Wales, and Prince Regent of this United Kingdom, acting in the

name and on behalf of Our Royal Grandfather King George the Third, Sovereign of this Most Honorable Order, was, on the second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, graciously pleased to declare, that being desirous of commemorating the triumphant termination of those protracted and arduous contests in which this Our realm had then recently been engaged, and of manifesting in an especial manner His high sense of the devotion, perseverance, and valour evinced by the officers of His Majesty's forces by sea and land, it was His Royal will and pleasure to advance the splendour and extend the limits of the said Order, by the formation therein of three classes, differing in their ranks and degrees.

And whereas, by the said recited Letters Patent of the tenth year of Our reign, certain material changes have been made in the constitution of the said Order, so as to accommodate the same to the present and future exigencies of this Our realm, and to the due distribution of appropriate rewards amongst such of our faithful subjects as are now or shall hereafter become pre-eminently distinguished by their loyalty and merit in the military or civil service of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or shall otherwise have merited Our favor.

And whereas several of the Statutes of the said Most Honorable Order enjoined certain practices, ceremonies, and observances which, being unsuitable to modern times, have been virtually suspended under the authority of successive Warrants of dispensation, the said several Statutes therefore have proved inconvenient, the said practices, ceremonies, and observances have become obsolete, and the continued issue of such Warrants of dispensation is inexpedient.

Now We, exercising the power vested in Us, as Sovereign of the said Most Honorable Order, do hereby, with certain exceptions hereinafter specified, annul, abrogate, and repeal all and every the said Statutes and Ordinances bearing date the twenty-third day of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, together with all subsequent Statutes and Ordinances heretofore made by Us, or any of Our Royal Predecessors, for the purpose and with the intention of making, ordaining, and establishing the following Statutes and Ordinances, as well as of confirming such portions of the Statutes of this Order as may concern the vested rights of any person or persons, and of renewing such other portions thereof as may be specially set forth or referred to in the following 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.

First.—It is ordained, that this Order of Knighthood shall henceforth be styled and designated in all acts, proceedings, and pleadings, as "The Most Honorable Order of the Bath," as in the said recited Letters Patent of the tenth year of Our reign mentioned, and by no other.

Second.—It is ordained, that the said Most Honorable Order shall consist of the Sovereign, a Great Master, and three several classes of Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, and Companions, as in the said last-recited Letters Patent mentioned.

Third.—It is ordained, that, in pursuance of the said last-recited Letters Patent, We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens Regnant of this United Kingdom, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this Most Honorable 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, 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 hereafter appoint, shall hold and enjoy the dignified office of Great Master of this Most Honorable Order, who shall be the First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the same; and We are now pleased to constitute and appoint, and by these presents to declare and nominate Our most dearly beloved Consort, His Royal Highness Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emanuel Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, to be Great Master of this Most Honorable Order, to enjoy all privileges, exercise all rights, and perform all 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 Statutes, Ordinances, and other instruments, according to the regulations which are in the said recited Letters Patent of the tenth year of Our reign, and hereinafter prescribed, touching the issue of every of the said instruments. And it is further ordained, that it shall be His especial 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, whensoever the Sovereign shall be pleased to command an investiture of the said Most Honorable Order.

Fifth.—It is ordained, that this Most Honorable Order shall contain three classes as in the said last-recited Letters Patent mentioned, styled respectively, "Knights Grand Cross," "Knights Commanders," and "Companions." And it is further ordained, that each and every of these three classes shall likewise contain two subdivisions, whereof the first shall be styled "Military," and the second "Civil," each of which subdivisions shall be composed partly of Ordinary and partly of Honorary Members.

Sixth.—It is ordained, that the numbers to which the 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 the Military Division of the first Class, or Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed fifty 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 Army, or in the service of the East India Company, of or above the rank of Major General, or a commission in Our Navy of or above the rank of a Rear Admiral.

Eighth.—It is ordained, that the Civil Division of the first Class, or the Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed twenty-five in number; and that no persons shall be nominated thereto, or to either of the two other Civil Divisions of this Order, who shall not by their personal services to Our Crown, or by the performance of public duties, have merited Our Royal favour.

Ninth.—It is ordained, that the Military Division of the second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed one hundred and two 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 Army or Marines of or above the rank of Colonel, or a corresponding commission in the service of the East India Company, or a commission in Our Navy of or above the rank of Captain.

Tenth.—It is ordained, that the Civil Division of the second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed fifty in number, 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 first Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Order.

Eleventh.—It is ordained, that the Military Division of the third Class, or Companions, shall not, except under special and temporary exigencies, exceed five hundred and twenty-five in number; and that no person shall be nominated thereto who doth not actually hold, at the time of his nomination, a commission in Our Army or Marines, or in the Service of the East India Company, of or above the rank of Major, or a Commission in Our Navy, or in the maritime service of the East India Company, of or above the rank of Commander; nor shall any person be admitted into this division, unless his services have been marked by the especial mention of his name in despatches published in the London Gazette, 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 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.

Twelfth.—It is ordained, that the Civil Division of the third Class, or Companions, shall not exceed two hundred in number; 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 of Knights Commanders of the said Order.

Thirteenth.—It is ordained, that the Honorary Members of the Order shall consist of foreign persons upon whom We may think fit to confer the honor 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.

Fourteenth.—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 Honorable 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 honor 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 Our reign, 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 division to any of Our Officers, naval and military, whose rank in Our Service would not qualify him for holding a place therein, according to the provisions hereinbefore in that behalf made.

Fifteenth.—It is ordained, that nothing in these Statutes shall be taken, construed, or understood to annul the nomination or appointment, previously to the date of these presents, of any Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, Companion, or Officer of this Most Honorable Order, except the office of Officer of Arms Attendant upon the Knights Commanders and Companions of this Order, and the office of Secretary appertaining to the said Knights Commanders and Companions. And We are pleased to declare, that such changes shall not in any respect abate the privileges of its Members and Officers, but, on the contrary, are designed to explain, extend, and establish the same; therefore all such persons as have been heretofore and now are Members of this Most Honorable Order, whether they belong to the class of Knights Grand Cross, or to that of Knights Commanders, or to that of Companions, shall, in pursuance of the said last-recited Letters Patent, continue to hold and enjoy those

dignities and honors, and the precedence belonging thereto, in as full and ample a manner as they possessed the same antecedently to the enactment of these present Statutes; and nothing herein contained shall have the effect of destroying, injuring, or abating any rights, emoluments, privileges, or advantages belonging to any such Members or Officers of this Most Honorable Order, as may have been nominated or appointed previously to the promulgation of the present Statutes; We being pleased to declare and command, that the said rights, emoluments, privileges, and advantages shall remain as valid as if these present Statutes had never been ordained.

Sixteenth.—It is ordained, that, on the day appointed for the investiture of a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of this Most Honorable 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, 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 honor 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 ribband and badge, and shall then deliver to him the star of the Order.

Seventeenth.—It is ordained, that if any person, nominated and appointed a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of this Most Honorable Order, shall, at the time of such nomination and appointment as aforesaid, be absent on Our Service, it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to authorize 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, authorizing 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 countersigned 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 ceremony of investiture, or to authorize its performance as aforesaid, according as the case may be; and the said Warrant shall fully permit and authorize the person so nominated to wear the insignia, and enjoy the privileges appertaining to the class into which he has been admitted, in

as 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 precedence 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 authorize the assumption of the distinctive appellation appertaining to a Knight Bachelor of these Our realms, by a Knight Grand Cross or Knight Commander of this Most Honorable Order, until either after he has been invested by the Sovereign or otherwise, according to the foregoing provisions of this present Statute.

Eighteenth.—And for the greater honor and distinction of this Order, We are pleased to ordain, that it shall be lawful for every Knight Grand Cross of this Most Honorable Order to require Bath King of Arms to place in the collegiate church of Saint Peter at Westminster, immediately after his investiture, or immediately after the issuing of a Warrant dispensing with the same, an escocheon of his arms, whereon shall be engraven his style and dignity, with the date of his nomination; and for every Knight Commander to require Bath King of Arms to place as aforesaid, an escocheon or plate of his arms and style with the date of nomination.

And further, it shall be lawful for every Companion of this Most Honorable Order, immediately after his nomination to require Bath King of Arms to affix in the aforesaid church a plate, whereon his style and the date of his nomination shall be engraven; and for the due performance of these duties certain fees shall be paid to Bath King of Arms, which are more particularly hereinafter specified. Nevertheless, nothing herein contained shall be construed or interpreted in such a manner as to render the erection of the aforesaid escocheons or plates compulsory upon any Member of this Order, for We are pleased to declare and ordain, that neither the whole nor any part of the same shall in any instance be erected otherwise than at the request of each Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Companion, as the case may be: We are further pleased to declare and ordain, that each Knight Grand Cross and each Knight Commander of this Most Honorable Order shall be at liberty to limit the inscription on his plate to a statement of his name, style, and date of nomination, omitting therefrom, at his option, any representation of his armorial bearings; but that, in every case where a Member of this Order directs his armorial ensigns to be superadded, he shall duly prove the same, according to the laws of arms, and record them in Our College of Arms, previously to Bath King of Arms erecting them in the aforesaid church; in all cases at the

proper cost and charges of the Member of this Order on whose behalf they are erected; nevertheless, We are pleased to declare, that the aforesaid proof and record shall not be required from the Honorary Members of this Order.

Nineteenth.—It is ordained, that in all solemn ceremonials, and in all other places and assemblies whatsoever, the Knights Grand Cross of this Most Honorable 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 Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and that Companions of this Order shall have place and precedence of the Cavalieri and Companions of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and before all Esquires of these Our realms; 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 seventeenth Statute to the Members of this Most Honorable Order, nominated or appointed previously to the date of these presents.

Twentieth.—It is ordained, that Our habits and robes, as Sovereign of this Most Honorable 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 an-

nexed 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, embroidered upon the left side of their coats or outer garments. We are further pleased 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. Further it is ordained, that to the aforesaid collar shall be suspended the badge of this Most Honorable 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, upon the authority of the Great Master, be delivered to every Knight Grand Cross after his investiture, on application to the Chamberlain of Our Household. Further, We are pleased to ordain, that upon all other occasions whatsoever the Military and Civil Knights Grand Cross shall wear their respective badges, suspended by a crimson ribband, 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-first.—It is ordained, that the Knights Commanders of this Most Honorable Order shall wear around their necks a ribband of the same colour as that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but measuring in breadth three 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-second.—It is ordained, that the Military and Civil Companions shall each wear a badge of the same form as that appointed for the Knights Commanders Military and Civil respectively, but of smaller size, and pendant from a ribband of the same colour as is prescribed for the Knights Commanders, and measuring two inches in breadth, the said ribband attached by a buckle from the left breast of their coats or outer garments, as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes.

Twenty-third.—It is ordained, that every Member and Officer of this Most Honorable Order, immediately after he shall have received the insignia thereof, give a written undertaking, covenant, or promise, unto the Secretary, which in the case of Knights Grand Cross shall be in the words following:—"I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter cease to hold my rank and place as a Member of this Most Honorable Order, I will forthwith restore to the Secretary all the insignia thereof which I have received from the Sovereign, or from the Chamberlain of the Sovereign's Household; and I further promise, that I will, without delay, make provision for the due restoration of the said insignia by my personal representatives, in case I shall continue a Member of this Order until the period of my decease." We are further pleased to declare and command, that in the cases of Knights Commanders and Companions the form shall be as follows: "I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter be promoted or otherwise cease to hold my rank and place in this Most Honorable Order, I will forthwith restore to the Secretary all the insignia thereof which I

"have received from the Sovereign; and I further promise, that I will, without delay, make provision for the due restoration of the said insignia by my personal representatives, in case I shall continue a Member of this Order until the period of my decease;" and further, we are pleased to declare and command, that in the case of an Officer of this Order, the form shall be as follows: "I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter be promoted or otherwise cease to hold my office in this Most Honorable Order, I will forthwith restore to the Secretary, or to the Chamberlain of the Sovereign's Household, all the badges, chains, or other ensigns thereof which I have received from the Sovereign; and I further promise, that I will, without delay, make provision for the due restoration of the said insignia, in case I shall continue an Officer of this Order until the period of my decease." And further, We are pleased to declare and command, that the foregoing covenants, promises, and undertakings be carefully preserved by the Chamberlain of Our Household, until the period of their fulfilment. Provided, nevertheless, and We are hereby further pleased to declare, 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 a higher class of the Civil Division thereof; or if any person, who shall have been admitted to be a Member 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, although by the acceptance of such higher rank in the said Order he shall have vacated his place as a Member of such lower class thereof.

Twenty-fourth.—It is ordained, that for the greater splendour and dignity of this Most Honorable 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 their 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 Honorable Order to suspend a representation of their ribband and badges, civil or military, as the case may be, from the bottom of the escocheon containing their armorial ensigns.

Twenty-fifth.—It is ordained, that the seal of this Order shall 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 Our reign, and had been passed under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom.

Twenty-sixth.—In order to make such additional provisions as shall effectually preserve pure this Most Honorable Order, it is ordained, that if any Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Companion of this Order be convicted of treason, cowardice, felony, or of any infamous crime derogatory to his honor as a Knight or a Gentleman, or if he be accused of any such offence, and doth not, after a reasonable time, surrender himself to be tried for the same, he shall forthwith be degraded from the Order, by an especial Ordinance issued for that purpose, signed by the Sovereign, and sealed with the seal of this Order. It is hereby further declared, that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Sovereigns of this Order, are and for ever shall be the sole judges of the circumstances demanding such degradation and expulsion; moreover the Sovereign shall at all times have power to restore to this Most Honorable Order, such Members thereof as may at any time have been expelled.

Twenty-seventh.—It is ordained, that there shall be the following Officers attached to this Most Honorable Order, that is to say, a Dean, a Genealogist, a King of Arms, a Registrar, a Secretary, a Gentleman Usher, and a Messenger; 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, privileges, and immunities which they have heretofore possessed, receiving the same emoluments, fees, perquisites, and allow-

ances, as in time past they have been accustomed to receive on account of the duties which they perform, or on any other account connected with the service of this Order; and we do further hereby direct and command, that such mantles and insignia as in these Statutes they may be directed to wear, shall be prepared at the charge of the Sovereign, and be furnished by the Chamberlain of Our Household, upon receipt of a mandate issued for that purpose by the Great Master of this Order; moreover, the Genealogist, the King of Arms, the Registrar, the Secretary, and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod, who attend 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 Genealogist; 3, the King of Arms; 4, the Registrar; 5, the Secretary; 6, the Gentleman Usher; and 7, the Messenger.

Twenty-eighth.—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 Honorable 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 ribband, 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 bear his own armorial ensigns, impaled with those of the collegiate church of Saint Peter, Westminster, and surrounded with the circle and motto of this Order.

Twenty-ninth.—It is ordained, that the Genealogist shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, that he shall enter the pedigree of all persons now nominated, and of such as shall hereafter be nominated, Knights Grand Cross of this Order, and shall fairly enter the same into the genealogical books of the Order, to remain to posterity as memorials of their families. And in consideration of performing this duty, he shall receive for the first generation or descent the sum of six shillings and eight pence, and for every additional generation or descent the sum of five shillings; and for entering the armorial ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross, the sum of one pound ten shillings; it is further 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 escocheon azure, charged with three imperial crowns, one and two or, and around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escocheon of gold, enamelled on a field

azure, three imperial crowns, one and two or, having in the centre, between the three crowns, the cyphers or letters *OG* surrounded with the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown.

Thirtieth.—It is ordained, that the King of Arms shall be nominated by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and shall be denominated Bath King of Arms; that he shall sedulously attend the service of this Order, shall superintend the erection or removal of the plates of arms of the Knights Grand Cross and the plates of the Knights Commanders and Companions in the collegiate church of Saint Peter, at Westminster. And further it is ordained, that in all ceremonies of the Order, he shall be habited in a mantle like to that of the Genealogist of the Order, and wear around his neck, pendant to a gold chain, an escocheon 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; 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.

Thirty-first.—It is ordained, that the Registrar shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, that he shall carefully record all proceedings connected with this Most Honorable Order, in a register to be appropriated for that purpose; that in all ceremonies of the Order he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that assigned to the King of Arms, and wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escocheon, enamelled on a field azure, three imperial crowns, one and two or, having in the centre the representation of a book bound gules, the leaves thereof or, the whole surrounded with the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown.

Thirty-second.—It is ordained, that the Secretary shall be nominated by Us, Our Heirs and Successors; that he shall sedulously attend to the service of the Order, and shall, according to the directions of the Great Master, prepare all War-

rants 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 Honorable Order, immediately after his nomination; that he shall summon the Knights Grand Cross to attend the Sovereign at all investitures of this Order; that it shall also be the duty of the Secretary to obtain from every person, nominated a Member of this Order, a written undertaking, covenant, or promise, respecting the return of insignia, and whereof the form is prescribed in the twenty-third article of these Statutes; that he shall immediately after the investiture of any Member of this Order, present to him, ready for execution, the aforesaid instrument, and shall require him to sign, and the Gentleman Usher or other Officer of this Order to attest the same, whensoever investiture takes place before the Sovereign. It shall further be the duty of the Secretary, when the period arrives for the fulfilment of the aforesaid undertaking, covenant, or promise, to use every exertion in enforcing compliance therewith, and having received the badges and other insignia of deceased, promoted, or degraded Members of this Order, he shall deposit the same with the Chamberlain of Our Household; further, it is ordained, that in all ceremonies of the Order, he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that assigned to the Registrar of this Order, and shall wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escocheon of gold, enamelled on a field azure, three imperial crowns, one and two or, having in the centre two pens saltier-wise argent, the whole surrounded by the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown.

Thirty-third.—It is ordained, that the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of this Most Honorable Order shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors; that he shall have the custody of the door of the Chapter-room, and whensoever the Sovereign shall determine to degrade a Member of this Order, the said Gentleman Usher shall remove the escocheon or plate of such Knight or Companion; that he shall attest the instrument respecting the return of the insignia, more particularly referred to in these Statutes, when investiture takes place before the Sovereign; that in all ceremonies of the Order, he shall be habited in a mantle like unto that appointed for the Secretary, and wear around his neck, pendant to a chain of gold, an escocheon 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.

Thirty-fourth.—It is ordained, that the Messenger shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, that he shall convey to the Knights Grand Cross, and Knights Commanders, all letters of summons, dispensations, and other letters connected with this Most Honorable Order; that he is empowered to ask, demand, and receive from every person who shall hereafter be nominated a Knight Grand Cross, immediately upon the acceptance of such nomination, the fees hereinafter directed to be paid to the Officers of this Order by every such Knight Grand Cross, and likewise to collect the salaries of the Officers of this Order; that he shall wear around his neck, pendant from a chain of gold, an escocheon of gold, enamelled on a field azure, an imperial crown or, and on the reverse, on a field azure, a greyhound courant, argent, between three imperial crowns, one and two or, the whole surrounded with the circle and motto of the Order, and surmounted by an imperial crown.

Thirty-fifth.—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 Genealogist, King of Arms, Registrar, Secretary, Gentleman Usher, and Messenger shall be holden during good behaviour.

Thirty-sixth.—It is ordained, that every Knight Grand Cross shall, on his nomination to and acceptance of that dignity, pay the sum of twenty-two pounds six shillings and eight pence to the Dean of the Order, out of which said sum the Prebendaries of Saint Peter, Westminster, shall receive their part according to the usual method of partition observed in the Chapter of that Collegiate Church: and further We are pleased to declare and ordain, that every Knight Grand Cross as aforesaid shall pay to the Genealogist, the King of Arms, the Registrar, the Secretary,

and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod, and to each of them, respectively, the sum of twenty-two pounds; and to the Messenger the sum of eighteen pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, and further, that every Knight Grand Cross shall, in addition to these sums, pay to Bath King of Arms, for a copy of the Statutes, the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence; and to the Secretary, for the notice of his nomination and summons for investiture, the like sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence; which sums shall invariably be discharged by the person upon whom the honor is conferred, except when in consideration of some signal public service which may be the immediate cause of the said nomination, We, by an act of Our special grace and Royal favour, direct the payment of such fees on behalf of the person who hath rendered such signal service: and further, that every Knight Commander on his nomination shall pay to the Secretary of the Order the sum of two pounds, and to Bath King of Arms on the actual placing up, at the request of the said Knight Commander, of his escocheon or plate of his arms, or name and style in our collegiate church of Saint Peter, at Westminster, the additional sum of two pounds; and every Companion, on his nomination to this Order, shall, in like manner, pay the Secretary the sum of one pound; and to Bath King of Arms, on the actual placing up, at the request of the said Companion, of the plate of his name and style in the aforesaid church, the like sum of one pound, which said sums shall not be augmented.

Thirty-seventh, 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 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.

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