

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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