

with a medallion as before, and it is ordained that the 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 Knights Commanders, but tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder, and that they shall wear a like Star.

12. It is ordained that the Commanders shall in the same manner wear the like riband and badge as that appointed for the Knights or Dames Commanders of the Most Excellent Order, but that they shall not be entitled to wear the Star.

13. It is ordained that the Officers shall wear a badge of similar form and pattern as that appointed for the 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 quarter, attached to the left breast of their coats or outer garments by men, and tied in a bow on the left shoulder by women.

14. It is ordained that the Members shall wear in like manner the same riband and badge as that appointed to Officers of the Order except that it shall be in silver.

15. 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, and that on the day of the Investiture the person to be invested shall be introduced into the presence of the Sovereign by the Officer of the Order in attendance bearing the proper Insignia of the Order, when the Sovereign, having in the case of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commander 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 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.

16. 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.

17. 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 Secretary 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.

18. It is ordained that Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross shall have the same privileges under the same authority in connection with the bearing of Supporters to their Arms as are enjoyed by the Knights Grand Cross of Our other Orders of Knighthood.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. It is ordained that a medal in connection with the said Most Excellent Order shall be awarded to persons, not being members of the five classes of the said Most Excellent Order, whose services to Our Empire would warrant such mark of Our Royal appreciation.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. It is ordained that the 24th day of May every year shall henceforth be taken and deemed to be the anniversary of the institution of this Order.

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

King of Arms,

Registrar and Secretary,

Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod.

26. It is ordained that the King of Arms of this Order shall be nominated by Us, Our heirs and successors, and that he shall sedu-