

Right Hand John Antis, Junior, the Genealogist of the Order, habited in a Mantle and Surcoat like to the other Officers, and wearing pendent to a Golden Chain an Escoccheon enamelled with the Arms of the Order, with the Cyphers or Letters G enterlaced in the Center, and on his Left Hand Grey Longueville, Esq; Bath King of Arms in the like Mantle and Surcoat, having on his Breast hanging to a Gold Chain, about his Neck, the Escoccheon of the Arms of the Order empaling those of the Sovereign, surmounted with an Imperial Crown, and carrying the white Rod or Scepter in his Right Hand, the two latter having their red Caps or Bonnets in their Hands.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Rochester Dean of Westminster, and Dean of this Order, in his Mantle and Surcoat, like to the Companions, and with the Badge of the Order pendent to a red Ribbon, carrying the Forms of the Oaths, and Admonitions to be given to the Knights and Proxies fairly engross'd upon Vello n.

The Great Master in his full Habit, and with the Collar of Gold, composed of several Imperial Crowns, tyed or linked with Knots of Gold, representing the white Laces mentioned in the antient Ceremonials of conferring the Knighthood of the Bath, weighing thirty Ounces Troy Weight, having the Badge, or Symbol of the Order thereto pendent, his Grace being covered with the white Hat adorned with a Plume of white Feathers.

Sir Andrew Fountaine, Proxy for Prince William, went therefore covered with his Hat in this Procession, carrying the Mantle upon his Right Arm.

In this Form they proceeded to the Chappel of Henry VII. at the East End of the Abbey of Westminster.

The Twelve Alms-Men there entered two and two, and coming to the Middle of the Choir, did altogether in a Body, make their joint and low Reverences to the Altar, and turning about, then made their Obeisances to the Sovereign's Stall, and dividing themselves stood on each Side in a Row down from the Rails of the Altar.

The Messenger of the Order, in like Manner, and stood below the Alms-Men.

The Esquires having made a short Stand at the Door, while the Alms-Men and Messengers thus placed themselves, entered three and three, and being in a Body, made the like Reverences together in the Middle of the Choir, and stood before their respective Seats, which were underneath the Stalls of their Knights.

The Prebendaries of the Church of Westminster two and two in the same Manner, placing themselves within the Rails of the Altar to assist at Divine Service.

The Pursuivants, Heralds, and the Provincial Kings of Arms, likewise entered, and were permitted to stand before the Forms, under Prince William's Stall, who had Commands given them by the Great Master to take especial Care to shew the Knights their respective Bannets upon their Entries

The two Knights in the lowest Stalls entered and passing up near to their Banners, made their double Reverences together in the Middle of the Choir, and then retired under their Banners.

Who being thus placed, all the other Knights and Proxies by Pairs, or Singly, according to the Method observed in the Procession, took their Stations under their Banners, with the like Ceremonies.

Then the Register, in Breast, with the Secretary and Gentleman-Usher, in the same Method, who stood before their Bench, at the Foot of the Sovereign's Stall.

Garter, the Genealogist, and Bath King of Arms did the same, and stood before their Bench.

The Dean in like Manner stood before his Chair.

The great Master entered single with the like Obeisances, and retired under his Banner.

The Proxy of Prince William entered alone in the like Manner.

Prince William, who by the Statutes is declared to be the First and Principal Companion of this Order, and to be placed next to the Sovereign, at this Time

came into the Chapel in Person, and the Sovereign having been pleased in regard to the Tenderness of his Age to dispence with his Observance of all the Rites of this Order, that might give him any Fatigue, he therefore immediately ascended into his Stall, being invested in his Mantle, and Collar, and sat down their covered.

Bath King of Arms then made his Reverences in the Middle of the Choir, and turning himself to the Great Master, who making his double Reverences in the Choir took his Stall, and there repeated his Obeisances, and sat down covered with his white Hat.

Then the Proxy of the Duke of Richmond ascended into the Stall of his Principal in like Manner, and stood there uncovered, holding the Mantle upon his Right Arm.

Then Bath turned himself to the two Knights in the next Stalls, who, at the same Instant, made the like Obeisances below, and repeated them in their Stalls, and sat down uncovered.

In like Manner, all the Residue of the Companions and Proxies having waited the Seating of those in the upper Stalls, in their Courses, took their respective Stalls, by Pairs, through such Passages, as the troubling any Knight in an higher Stall might best be avoided.

Which being done, the Esquires, having made their Reverences in a Body, retired to their Seats, after them the Officers of Arms, and the Officers of the Order, placed themselves on their Forms with the like Ceremonies. The Provincial Kings of Arms, and the Heralds, according to a Request made to the Great Master, were allowed to sit on Benches in this present Ceremony, placed at the Foot of Prince William's Stall, the Pursuivants standing before them.

Bath, and the Gentleman-Usher forthwith arose, made their Reverences in the Middle of the Choir, and being followed by the Dean, in like Manner, proceeded towards the Stall of the Great Master, who making his Obeisances in the Middle of the Choir, proceeded to Install the Knights in the following Manner.

The Great Master entered into the Stall of the Knight Companion next in Height to his own, and having there given the Proxy of the Duke of Richmond the Transcript of the Statutes attested under the Seal of the Order, the Dean administered unto him the Oath in the Name of his Principal, Bath holding the Book of the Gospels, and the Great Master then seated the Proxy down in the Stall, who rising, made his double Reverences, and continued standing holding the Mantle.

The Great Master, with the like Attendance, having made his Obeisances in the Middle of the Choir, then repaired to the Stall of the Duke of Manchester, delivering to him the Copy of the Statutes, and the Dean having administered the Oath, which was of the Tenour following; " You shall honour God above all Things; You shall be stedfast in the Faith of Christ; You shall love the King your Sovereign Lord, and Him, and His Right defend to your Power; You shall defend Maidens, Widows, and Orphans, in their Rights, and shall suffer no Extortion, as far as you may prevent it; and of as great Honour be this Order unto you, as ever it was to any of your Progenitors, or others." Bath then delivered the Collar of the Order to the Great Master, who put it about the Neck of the Duke of Manchester, and placing the White Hat on his Head, seated him down in his Stall, who rising, made his double Reverences, and the Great Master having embraced and congratulated him, he then sat down in his Stall, covered with his White Hat adorned with Plumes of white Feathers.

The Great Master thus proceeded throughout the Residue of the Stalls, performing the like Ceremonies to the Knights and Proxies respectively.

Which being finished, and the Great Master returned to his own Stall, the Dean was conducted to the Altar, and Bath and the Gentleman Usher being returned to their Benches, which Ceremonies were performed

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