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We,

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GRAND VICAR and PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL of
THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF
JERUSALEM,

in the name of God, and of the Virgin and of Saint Lazarus:

In virtue of Our rights and prerogatives, by means of the present Magisterial Decree,
We do hereby decree that the Constitution, Statutes and General Regulations of The
Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem herein contained are
hereby approved and are applicable to and in all Jurisdictions of the Order as from
the date of the present Decree, from which date all Members and Affiliates of the
Order are bound by them.

We entrust Our Grand Chancery the publication of the said Constitution and Statutes
in the English, Spanish, French, German and Italian languages in conformity with the
text approved by Us and We also entrust our Grand Chancery with the duty of
communicating them to all the Heads of Jurisdiction of the Order that may
bring the said Constitution and Statutes to the knowledge of all the Members and
Affiliates of the Order in all its Jurisdictions and that they may ensure the most
faithful compliance with the said Constitution, Statutes and General Regulations.
By this Magisterial Decree all Constitutions, Statutes and Statistics issued prior to
this date are cancelled.

Given in Our Grand Vicarian Seat in Mondovì, Italy,
this 1st day of January in the year 2008

GRAND TREASURER

(in original signed)
Helen Meli Attard of Calcinato

**GRAND VICAR
AND**

PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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Part 1

The Constitution

Chapter 1 - The Constitution

1.1 CHARACTER OF THE ORDER

a. The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem is an international, non-political, ecumenical or non-denominational and independent non-profit Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) according to the European Convention on the Recognition of the Legal Personality of International Non-Governmental Organizations.

b. Traditionally it is organized as a Christian Chivalric Order.

c. It is both a Military Order of Mercy and a Hospitaller Order dedicated to the care and assistance of the poor and the sick. The Order dedicates itself especially to lepers, always mindful of its origin in the Holy Land in the early centuries following the life of Christ, and to the supporting of the Christian faith.

d. The Order is similarly structured to a Constitutional Monarchy where the Monarch is the nominal representative of the State while all political and administrative decisions are run by the Government of the State.

The members of the Order may be considered the People, the Supreme Council the Parliament, the Executive Council the Government and the Grand Master the Chief of State.

e. Therefore it is the Grand Master who is the representativeness to the civil, military, diplomatic and religious authorities while, the operation and representation of the Order is the responsibility of all members of the Supreme Council of the Order.

f. In order not to create confusion, it is stated that the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem is:

1. The original Order that was founded in the Holy Land in 1098 and has continued to this day;
2. The same Order that was originally under the Magisterium of the Duke of Seville, who was given a vote of no confidence and was no longer recognized as the Supreme Head of the Order, at a meeting where the majority of all Heads of Jurisdiction were present in Vienna in May 2004;
3. Recognized by the Spanish Government by means of a Decree in May 9, 1940 published in the Official Spanish State Bulletin in 10/05/1940 no. 131 pp. 3177 and 3178;
4. Mentioned with specific tasks and right in the Spanish State Regulations for the care of Leprosy (Arts 22 and 25) approved by Decree of 8th March 1946;
5. Treated in all respects to civil Order States with Spanish Decree of 4th August 1980;
6. Defined International Humanitarian Body purposes with European Economic Community a deliberative act of 20 April 1982.

g. The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem – Malta, recognizes the existence of other organisms using the same name of the Order using the same term “Obedience” or other independent groups and all these do not form part of the true and legitimate continuation of the original Order.

However, the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem - Malta, can create alliances or other agreements with such groups for the promotion of charitable acts under the common heading of the Order.

h. Any irregular Saint Lazarus member or body who would like to join the true Order can by means of a written petition do so. Each petition must also be accompanied with copies of their diploma for admission, promotions received, if any, and the same documentation requested when originally applied for admission. On acceptance, they will keep their original rank but will have to forfeit their original position. This will guarantee the positions of all members of the Supreme Council of the Order.

1.2 RELIGION

All Members of the Order shall be practising members of the Christian Faith in good standing within their particular denomination. All Members of the Order shall be committed to the upholding with their lives, fortunes and honours, the principles of Christianity, and shall stand united before all people in their determination to live and die following the teaching of Christ and His Holy Church.

1.3 AIMS OF THE ORDER

a. It shall be the aim of the Order to preserve and defend the Christian faith, to guard, assist, succour and help the poor, the sick and dying; to promote and maintain the principles of Christian chivalry, and to follow the teachings of Christ and His Holy Church in all its works.

b. By its activities in charitable, philanthropic, health and education fields the Order contributes to the achievement of the aims and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Statute of the Council of Europe.

c. The activities of the Order are world-wide with particular attention to leprosy.

1.4 INVOCATIONS

The Sign of the Cross and the invocation “In the name of God, and of the Virgin and of Saint Lazarus“ is to precede every official act of the Order.

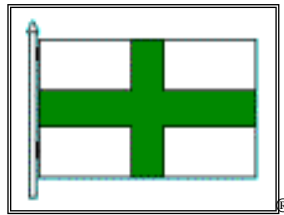
1.5 CROSS OF THE ORDER

- a. The Cross of the Order shall be the Cross of the Eight Beatitudes, commonly called the Maltese Cross, green in colour.
- b. The Cross of the Order may be used by the Order itself, by its Jurisdictions and Volunteer Corps and by all active individual Members.



1.6. BANNERS AND ARMS OF THE ORDER

- a. The Banner of the Order is white with a green cross.



- b. The Arms of the Order are white with a green cross, surmounting eight points signifying the eight Beatitudes, encircled by The Grand Collar, the whole on a black mantle lined sable, with gold tarsils and ornaments and on the left side bearing the green Cross signifying the eight Beatitudes, over all the old traditional gold Crown of the Order on which is borne a green Cross and gold Orb and beneath the arms is the motto "Atavis et Armis".



- c. The Arms of the Order, with or without the motto, may be used by the Order itself, by its Jurisdictions and by individual Members.
- d. Various Banners and Ensigns as well as the Standard of the Order as prescribed in the General Regulations (Part 3, chapter 9, section 1) may be used by various Jurisdictions, Volunteer Corps and Senior Officers.

1.7 BANNER OF THE GRAND MASTER AND OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

a. The Banner of the Grand Master is white divided quarterly, one on four, the arms of the Order; two on three, the personal arms of the Grand Master, golden fringed.



b. The Banner of the President of the Supreme Council is white, the complete coat of arms of the Order, without the Motto Atavis et Armis, circulated by the Grand Collar, golden fringed.



1.8 SEALS OF THE ORDER.

a. The Great Seal of the Order is: The full arms of the Order encircled by the inscription “ORDO MILITARIS ET HOSPITALARIS SANCTI LAZARI HIEROSOLYMITANI”.

b. The Seal of the Order shall be used by the President of the Supreme Council to be affixed at all diplomas and other important documents.

c. Other Seals as prescribed in the General Regulations (Part 3, chapter 9, section 2) may be used by Senior Officers in the exercise of their official duties.



1.9 MOTTO OF THE ORDER

The Motto of the Order is in Latin “Atavis et Armis“, translated “By the Example of our Ancestors“.

1.10 SEAT OF THE ORDER

- a. The Spiritual (titular) Seat of the Order will be the place so established by the Supreme Council.
- b. The Administrative Seat of the Order will situated in the Grand Chancery will be so designated by the Supreme Council. At the moment the administrative seat of the Order is in Malta.
- c. The Grand Custodian of the Treasurer should, if possible, also reside in the same area, unless it should be desired otherwise by the Supreme Council.

1.11 ANTHEM OF THE ORDER

- a. The Anthem of the Order is the musical composition "Hymn to Saint Lazarus", written and composed by Confrere Peter La Manna, D.Mus., KStG, CLJ, and dedicated 1986 to the Members of the Order of Saint Lazarus.
- b. Text and music of the Anthem are included with this Constitution as an appendix.
- c. The Anthem must be recited during every official function of the Order, if possible in singing version.

1.12 ORGANIZATION OF THE ORDER

- a. The Order shall be divided into a number of National Jurisdictions, accountable to the Supreme Council.
In the past they were called by the various names, e.g. Grand Bailiwick, Grand Priory, Grand Commandery, Bailiwick, Priory or Commandery, according to custom, actually they are called Grand Priory or Priory.
- b. A Grand Priory will normally be sub-divided into suitable smaller jurisdictions called Commanderies, Sub-Commanderies or Delegations, but such have no independent standing outside of their Grand Priory.
- c. Hereditary Commanderies reports directly to the Executive Council. They are installed by it and are not subject to the local Jurisdictions within whose geographic territory they exist, but all communications to the Executive Council will be passed through the Grand Chancery.

1.13 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- a. The official language of the Order is English.
- b. The Brevets will be in English, the Diplomas and the Decrees will be in Latin.

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Chapter 2 - Membership of the Order

2.1 QUALIFICATIONS

- a.** Every person proposed for admission into the Order shall be a practising member of the Christian faith and shall be of sound mind and of such means and position as will enable her or him to live honourably and to observe fully and freely the laws and decrees of the Order. Every candidate for admission into the Order, called Postulant, shall apply to the Admissions Committee of the Jurisdiction of his/her country of residence.

- b.** Postulants must prove that they are of irreproachable conduct, honour and integrity, and if married, that the contract of marriage entered into is perfectly honourable and is valid in accordance with the laws or regulations of their particular Christian denomination or national law.

- c.** Postulants must complete an application in writing in a form prescribed by the Executive Council and must submit for review a Curriculum Vitae and a Certificate from their Church or from a Chaplain or other Religious Authority member of the Order, showing they are in good standing and a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

2.2 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a.** Postulants must submit all documentation required by part 2, chapter 7, section 1, to the Admissions Commission of their Jurisdiction, which must approve the candidate. Following such approval the Head of Jurisdiction shall transmit the application together with its recommendations to the President of the Supreme Council.

- b.** The Executive Council shall decide upon the admission of the Postulant and confirm rank and category. The decision of the Executive Council is final and not subject to any appeal.

- c.** The Executive Council may delegate such responsibility to the President of the Supreme Council. There must be smooth communication with the Grand Chancery to ensure that the correct GC number is provided and that all copies of new documents will be forwarded to update the records of the Grand Chancery

- d.** All Diplomas and Documents must be signed by the Grand Master and by the effective members of the Executive Council.
The Brevets are signed only by the President of the Supreme Council.

2.3 RANKS IN THE ORDER

a. From the most junior to the most senior the ranks in the Order are:

Order's Standard	International Standard
Member (MLJ)	Knight/Dame
Officer (OLJ)	Officer
Commander (CCLJ)	Commander
Commander with star (CLJ)	Commander with star
Knight or Dame (KLJ/DLJ)	Grand Officer of II ^o Rank
Knight or Dame Commander (KCLJ/DCLJ)	Grand Officer of I ^o Rank
Knight or Dame Grand Cross (GCLJ/DGCLJ)	Grand Cross
Knight or Dame Grand Cross with Grand Collar (GCCLJ/DGCCLJ)	Knight or Dame Grand Cross with Grand Collar

b. Members admitted in the category of Justice should affix after their respective initials, a hyphen and the letter J.

c. All the names of assignments, grades, decorations, merits and the text of the decrees are contained in the relevant table attached to this Constitution.

d. Whilst the above system of ranks is common to most nations, there are countries where the system varies considerably by custom and law. In such cases application should be made to the Supreme Council for a variation decree quoting the principle outline of the system they wish to adopt and recommending rates of passage, oblations and promotion fees.

2.4 CLERGY

a. All Priests and Ministers of Christian faith are admitted as ecclesiastical Members (Chaplains of the Order). Postulants who are priests or ministers must submit, in addition, documentation required by chapter 2, section 1, proof from the appropriate ecclesiastical superior of the candidate attesting to the fact that the candidate has been validly ordained and is in good standing as a minister or priest of his particular denomination.

b. The ranks of the Clergy are in order from junior to senior.

GRADE		EQUIVALENT RANK
Assistant Chaplain	(AChLJ)	CCLJ
Chaplain	(ChLJ)	CLJ
Senior Chaplain	(SChLJ)	KLJ
Prelate Chaplain	(PSChLJ)	KCLJ
Ecclesiastical Grand Cross Chaplain	(EGCLJ)	GCLJ
Ecclesiastical Grand Cross Chaplain with Grand Collar	(EGCCLJ)	GCCLJ

- c. From the various clerical Members, the Executive Council may appoint a Spiritual Grand Prior for the Order with the grade Ecclesiastical Grand Cross with Grand Collar (EGCCLJ) for each branch of the Christian Religion present in the Order.
- d. The ceremony In each Jurisdiction will be celebrated according to the Christian faith of the majority of this members.
- e. The Spiritual Grand Prior is preferably to be a bishop or of higher rank. However, any Spiritual Director who can be considered equivalent to a bishop can also become a Spiritual Grand Prior.

2.5 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS

- a. There are two categories for all admissions to the Order in the rank of Knight or above, these being of Grace or of Justice.
- b. Normally no Postulant shall be admitted to the Order in the category of Justice unless, as a minimum requirement, there must be proof of hereditary nobility. Each Jurisdiction within the Order may establish its own criteria for admission in the category of Justice in accordance with the custom and practice of its nation, which criteria shall be approved by the Heraldic Commission of the Order and promulgated by the Executive Council.
- c. Members admitted in the category of Justice are entitled to wear the Order's Cross of Justice.
- d. Those members who are unable to furnish proof of hereditary nobility in accordance with this will always be admitted in the category of Grace.
- e. The Heraldic Commission of the Order is composed by the President of the Supreme Council, as Chairman, the Grand Genealogist and by the Grand Helper in Field.

2.6 PAYMENT OF OBLATIONS AND PASSAGE FEES

- a. It shall be a requirement of membership in the Order that each Member pay such oblations and passage fees as may properly from time to time be assessed by the Executive Council. Until such payments are made the membership or rank acquired on promotion shall not become effective. All fees must be paid directly to the national Jurisdiction and from Members "in Gremio Religionis" to the Grand Custodian of Treasurer.
- b. For good cause shown, the Heads of the various Jurisdictions within the Order, with the approval of the Executive Council, may suspend or remit the requirements of this section in individual cases.
- c. Ecclesiastical members are exempted from paying admission, promotion and annual fees. They should pay the cost of decorations and the mozzetta but they have an obligation to provide their pastoral ministry in Jurisdictions of competence and during religious ceremonies of the Order.

2.7 AGE FOR ADMISSION

Except in those cases where the President of the Supreme Council shall prove otherwise by decree, and in the case of Postulants claiming the right to admission by reason of hereditary right, no Postulant shall be admitted to the Order unless he shall have attained the age of twenty one years, at the time of his investiture.

2.8 SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MEMBERS HEREDITARY RIGHT

a. The sons and daughters of Members may, after reaching the age of eighteen years, apply for membership in the Order by reason of hereditary right. Upon satisfying himself that such Postulant is otherwise qualified for admission, the Executive Council shall admit the Postulant as a MLJ, or in such higher rank as the Executive Council may deem appropriate in the circumstances of the particular case.

b. The sons and daughters of the members of Justice admitted by reason of hereditary right shall, upon obtaining the rank of MLJ-J, prove that they are of noble descent, or, failing such proof, to be admitted in the category of Grace.

2.9 INVESTITURES

a. The President of the Supreme Council, apart from the Grand Master, is the only authority who has the right to invest new members or give promotions and awards.

b. The President of the Supreme Council may delegate from time to time his task to any member of the Supreme Council and in exceptional cases to Heads of Jurisdiction.

c. The President of Supreme Council must be informed by the Chief of Jurisdiction at least three months in advance of the desire to carry out an Investiture Ceremony. After obtaining permission from the President of the Supreme Council the Chief of Jurisdiction is authorised to go ahead.

2.10 RESIGNATION AND RETIREMENT

a. All Members of any rank can resign.

b. All Members of the Order who cease to be a Christian shall ipso facto cease to belong to the Order. Upon regaining their status as a Christian, such former Member may petition to the President of the Supreme Council for reinstatement in the Order via their national Jurisdiction, and after giving a good reason, with the approval of the Executive Council, may be reinstated.

c. Resigned Members may not wear the Insignia, the Uniform and the Mantle of the Order.

d. In the event of death of a member of the Order, if the mantle and its signs are not deposited in the coffin and if the family does not intend to retain them as a remembrance, it is desirable that the mantle and decorations are donated to the respective Jurisdiction the dead member belonged to.

2.11 EXPULSIONS

- a. Members may be expelled from the Order should they transgress the aims and objects of the Order by the President of the Supreme Council, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Council.
- b. Members being at least three years on the inactive list may be expelled from the Order by the President of the Supreme Council on written request of the Head of Jurisdiction.
- c. Expelled Members are not to wear the insignia, the uniform and the mantle of the Order.
- d. To protect the Order, in extreme cases, the President of the Supreme Council upon the decision of the Executive Council, may take up legal actions against the expelled members.

2.12 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.

- a. Each Jurisdiction should preferably have a Disciplinary Commission. Members of each Jurisdiction are subject to any disciplinary action by the Head of Jurisdiction he/she forms part of, after appropriate investigations and reviews made by the Commission.
- b. The Heads of Jurisdiction are answerable to the final judgment of the Executive Council that gives its final judgment after hearing all facts by means of an appropriate Investigation Committee who will examine the situation and report all findings to the Executive Council through the Grand Inquisitor. All expenses pertaining to the work of the Disciplinary Committee are borne by the Jurisdiction concerned.
- c. The members of the Supreme Council, the Grand Secretaries and the Ambassadors of the Order are subjected solely to the judgment of the Executive Council. However, they can defend their case in front of the Executive Council.
- d. The Grand Master and the members of the Executive Council are subjected solely to the judgment of the Supreme Council, composed without the member (or members) of the Executive Council subjected to the judgment.
However, he/she they can defend the case in front of the Supreme Council.

2.13 ESQUIRES AND DAMSELS

- a. Sons/daughters of members belonging to the Order, upon acquiring fourteen years of age, can be accepted into the status of Esquire or Damsel. This position only entitles them to participate in ceremonies and they are considered as affiliate members of the Order.
- b. Interested parties can wear the mantle with chain in silver and a green edged cross in silver smaller than that used by members of the Order.
- c. The esquires and the damsels can also wear the uniform of the Order but may not wear the sword.

- d. Their rank will be represented by a SLJ monogram on the shoulder strap.
- e. Esquires and Damsels only receive a diploma but will not receive any decoration of the Order.
- f. Esquires and damsels may be subjected to an investiture with use of the Sceptre.

2.14 AWARDS AND TITLES

Members may not use, in the course of their duties, any title, award or rank that has not the authorization of his Head of Jurisdiction. Manorial and such titles may not be used. If any doubt exists the matter should be referred to the Grand Genealogist (Judge of Arms).

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Chapter 3 - The Grand Master

3.1 HEAD OF THE ORDER

- a. The Grand Master is the Head of the Order and to him, upon taking the oath as Grand Master, is delegated to represent the Order to the civil, military, diplomatic and religious authorities.
- b. The Grand Master is elected for life by the Chapter General.
- c. He must be a Member of the Order before his election and should be a member of a reigning or former reigning family.
- d. Before being invested as Head of the Order, the Grand Master shall take the following oath in the presence of the Chapter General as convened for the election or before the Supreme Council:
"I do solemnly promise before Almighty God to honour, uphold and observe at all time His Holy Commandments, and to ensure that they may be upheld, venerated, and observed as far as that may lie within my power; to represent The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem loyally and faithfully as becomes the duty and dignity of the Grand Master; and to uphold the Constitution, laws and customs of the Order, and to ensure that the same are upheld and observed by all members of the Order; So Help Me God."
- e. According to ancient traditions the Grand Master is styled as "H.R.H. (or personal superior rank) Prince Grand Master".

3.2 APPOINTMENT OF HIGH OFFICERS

- a. The Executive Council shall appoint all members of the Government of the Order.

3.3 ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

- a. The Executive Council is the only authority to admit Members of the Order and for confirming promotions and awards of merit upon the petitions sent to the President of the Supreme Council.
- b. All Members of the Order appointed to any Office or dignity within the Order by the Executive Council, shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Council.

3.4 VACANCY OF THE GRAND MASTER

- a. Should the position of the Grand Master becomes vacant, the Order shall be governed by the President of the Supreme Council as Magisterial Grand Vicar vested with the prerogatives of the Grand Master.
- b. If the Grand Master cannot fulfil his duties for a temporary period of time, the President of the Supreme Council replaces him, as Magisterial Grand Vicar, until the Grand Master is in a position to take over.

3.5 STATUTES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER

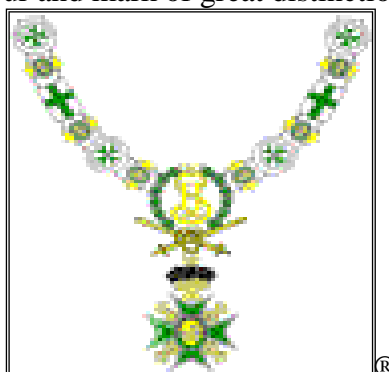
- a. The Executive Council will decide the Statutes for the Government of which will be promulgated by the President of the Supreme Council.
- b. The President of The Supreme Council represents the Order administratively and in judicial matters.

3.6 UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

- a. The uniforms, insignia and special armorial bearings of Members of the Order shall be as prescribed by the Executive Council and published by Statutes and General Regulations.

3.7 THE GRAND COLLAR

- a. The Grand Collar is a high honour and mark of great distinction and gratitude from the Order.



- b. It may be given to Heads of State and Prime Ministers and to Members of the Supreme Council, who have served the Order faithfully and have four or more years on the Council. It is a gift for life.
- c. The Grand Master, the President of the Supreme Council and the others members of the Executive Council are ex officio holders of the Grand Collar.
- d. The Spiritual Grand Priors ex officio are also entitled to wear the Grand Collar.

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Chapter 4 – Economical Regulations

4.1 ECONOMICAL REGULATIONS.

- a. Each task carried out in the Order will be voluntary without any pretence of remuneration or other benefits.
- b. The Grand Master, the Members of the Executive Council and the Spiritual Grand Priors who travel to other Jurisdictions on behalf of the Order whether for meetings or to participate in other duties will be entitled to a full re-fund for all out of pocket expenses such as for travel, accommodation and subsistence upon presentation to the Treasurer all supporting documentation. If no appropriate documentation is presented, the amount refunded will be calculated by mutual agreement between the person concerned and the Treasurer. If there is a conflict, the President of the Supreme Council takes the final decision.
- c. Similarly, Heads of Jurisdiction may adopt the same regulations as in b. above in their own Jurisdiction.
- d. Any costs incurred through participations regarding invitations by any Jurisdictions to the Grand Master, to the members of the Executive Council and the Spiritual Grand Priors are preferably, if possible, borne by the Jurisdiction concerned.
- e. The Grand Master, the President of the Supreme Council and the members of the Executive Council are exempted from pay his annual fee to the Grand Chancery and also all the ecclesiastic members of the Order.

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Chapter 5 - Government of the Order

5.1 GOVERNMENT

- a. The Government of the Order will consist of:
- The Chapter General
 - The Grand Magisterial Council
 - The Supreme Council
 - The Executive Council
 - Grand Secretaries and Heads of Jurisdiction
- b. The Grand Master, the President of the Supreme Council, the others members of the Executive Council and the Hereditary Commanders are appointed for life.
- c. All correspondence between Heads of Jurisdiction and the Supreme Council relating to the Order shall be channelled through the Grand Chancery.
- d. All members of the Order who holds official positions (Heads of Jurisdiction, Grand Secretaries, Ambassadors and members of the Supreme Council) in the Order will retire at the age of eighty years, when they must give in their resignation in writing. They may, however, apply to the Executive Council to continue for a period of two years followed by a second such period.

5.2 CHANNEL OF CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Without exception, all correspondence between any Member of the Order whether a member of the Supreme Council, a Head of Jurisdiction or otherwise and to the President of the Supreme Council in relation with the Order, will be channelled through the Grand Chancery.
- b. Further, such person seeking an interview with the President of the Supreme Council on matters relating to the Order will inform the Grand Chancery first and then furnish him with a memorandum giving the points he wishes to raise.
- c. Only members of the Executive Council may directly contact the Grand Master.

5.3 CHAPTER GENERAL

- a. The supreme governing body and repository of all power in the Order is the Chapter General. The delegation of this power belongs permanently, absolutely and irrevocably in the Supreme Council. The Chapter General is composed of all Members of the Order both lay and clerical. The Chapter General shall be convened by the Grand Marshal upon order of the Executive Council for the purpose of electing the Grand Master. This is a right that has been exclusively theirs for centuries. The Chapter General may also be convened by the President of the Supreme Council.

- b.** The right to vote at any Chapter General and all other meetings shall be restricted to all Members from the rank of CLJ and higher who are in good financial standing in the Order. Any exceptions must be approved by the Executive Council.
- c.** When convening the Chapter General, the President of the Supreme Council will send a summons to all Heads of Jurisdiction setting out the reasons for the Chapter General and giving a clear exposition of each and every item that is for consideration and quoting the official dates of the Chapter General.
- d.** On receipt of the summons the Heads of each National or Hereditary Jurisdiction will forward to the President of the Supreme Council a list of all members of their Jurisdiction fully paid up on the dates quoted. Any such list not received within six weeks of the dates quoted will be declared void. The President of the Supreme Council will, on receipt of such lists, send the Heads of Jurisdictions sufficient voting papers to cover the list of members whose oblations are up to date and qualified to vote.
- e.** Heads of Jurisdiction will distribute voting papers and subsequently collect the same documents back, put them in a sealed envelope and forward to the President of the Supreme Council. All monies due, based on paid up qualified voting members, will be sent to the Grand Custodian of Treasure.
Failure to pay the requisite fees will cause the votes of the members' of that particular Jurisdiction to be declared void.
- f.** Members of the Order "in gremio religionis" will be circulated by the Grand Chancery.
- g.** Voting papers not received back by the President of the Supreme Council in six weeks shall be declared void.
- h.** A voting Commission appointed by the Executive Council and presided over by the President of the Supreme Council will count the voting papers and prepare the relative minutes.

5.4 GRAND MAGISTERIAL COUNCIL

- a.** The Grand Magisterial Council will normally be held every two years and will be summoned by the Grand Chancery upon the order of the President of the Supreme Council.
- b.** The agenda of the Grand Magisterial Council Meeting will be prepared by the Grand Chancery and approved by the President of the Supreme Council.
- c.** The Grand Magisterial Council Meeting will consist of the Grand Master, the members of the Supreme Council, Grand Secretaries, Ambassadors of the Order, Heads of Jurisdiction and their Chancellors and Hereditary Commanders.
- d.** All Members and Affiliates of the Order may attend these meetings as observers and may attend all functions held in connection with a Council Meeting.

5.5 SUPREME COUNCIL

a. The Supreme Council consist of the:

- Grand Master
- President of the Supreme Council
- Grand Custodian of Treasure
- Grand Marshal
- Grand Inquisitor
- Grand Legal General
- Grand Historian
- Grand Seneschal
- Grand Almoner
- Grand Hospitaller
- Grand Keeper of the Seal

b. Any member of the Supreme Council who resigns his Grand Office or becomes incapable of fulfilling his duties, shall be removed from that Council by decree of the President of the Supreme Council.

c. A member of the Supreme Council who fails to attend a Supreme Council Meeting for two consecutive times unless by reason of “force major“ (which should be specified) shall forfeit his seat forthwith. No proxy is permissible and presence must be in person.

d. The Grand Master, the members of the Executive Council, the members of the Supreme Council, the Ambassadors, the Grand Secretaries and the Grand Spiritual Priors whose service is terminated for any reason whatsoever may be appointed “in emeritus” without charges but with the honours conferred to their rank revolved at that time.

e. No member of the Supreme Council may hold two appointments on the Council at the same time.

f. If there may exist any vacant post in the Supreme Council or in the Executive Council, these tasks will be entrusted “Ad Interim” (temporarily) to another member of the Board or split between two or more persons.

g. Only the President of the Supreme Council can automatically assume also the post of Grand Vicar in the absence of a figure of the Grand Master.

h. The quorum for the meeting of the Supreme Council shall be set at six members, including the Grand Master. If there is no quorum, the meeting will be adjourn for thirty minutes, after which the meeting will be valid irrespective of the number of those present.

i. The Supreme Council is chaired by its President who will inform the Grand Master of the outcome of the meeting if absent.

j. Voting will take place with a show of hands and not in private. In the event of a tie, the President of the Supreme Council will have the casting vote.

k. All meetings held by members of the Supreme Council are confidential and are to be buried within the Supreme Council.

5.6 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

a. The Executive Council consist of the:

- President of the Supreme Council
- Grand Custodian of Treasure
- Grand Marshal
- Grand Inquisitor
- Grand Legal General
- Grand Historian

b. The President of the Supreme Council is the Chairman of the Executive Council, who will update the Grand Master.

c. The Executive Council shall meet at least once every calendar year and/or at the discretion of the President of the Supreme Council in order to examine the affairs and accounts of the Order in general and report to the Supreme Council. The Executive Council will also give an account of the events of the Order during the calendar year in question.

d. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council must be three members.

e. Voting will take place with a show of hands and not in private. In the event of a tie, the President of Supreme Council will have the casting vote.

f. All meetings held by members of the Executive Council are confidential and are to be buried within the Executive Council.

g. Final decisions are held within the Executive Council but are to be reported to the Supreme Council.

h. In extreme cases, decisions can be taken by the President of the Supreme Council when the Executive/Supreme Council is not available.

However, he must report as soon as possible to the Executive Council of his decisions and actions which will later also report to the Supreme Council.

i. The Executive Council is the Commission of the Website of the Order.

j. The Grand Herald (the International Webmaster) will only insert information as approved by the Website Commission or, in extreme cases, by the President of the Supreme Council.

Automatically, the Grand Herald is authorized to insert in the Constitution any videos and names of the future Commemorative Medals of the Order

k. The President of the Supreme Council, the Grand Custodian of Treasure and the Grand Marshal are permanent members.

The Grand Inquisitor, the Grand Legal General and the Grand Historian are deputy members.

5.7 DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Their respective duties shall be:

a. President of the Supreme Council – Permanent Member - Chairman

- Representing the Order in administrative and judicial matters;
- Replacing the Grand Master, if not present, as Magisterial Grand Vicar;
- To call meetings of the Supreme Council at least every two years;
- To ensure that all members of the Supreme Council are fulfilling their duties according to the directives of the Executive Council and that the Order is projected in a healthy way;
- To call a meeting of the Executive Council at least once every year and whenever it is needed;
- Responsible for the preparation of Brevets and Diplomas after having the proper information from the Grand Chancery and also ensuring that all signatures on the diplomas are signed.
- Monitors and coordinates all the activities carried out by the Ambassadors of the Order.

b. Grand Custodian of Treasure – Permanent Member

- The collection of annual Grand Chancery fees from each Jurisdiction, Hereditary Commandery and members in Gremio Religionis and the disbursements of Grand Chancery fees;
- The preparation of audited final accounts of the Order every calendar year for approval at executive level;
- The collection from each Jurisdiction/Hereditary Commandery of any admission fees and promotions and reported to the Executive Council;
- The collection from each Jurisdiction/Hereditary Commandery of audited final accounts of what funds they received and how spent to be reported to the Executive Council;
- He/she can also delegate some work to the Grand Chancery and has the right to send reminders for collection of fees etc. and can also ask any questions and require more details from audited accounts of other Jurisdictions/Hereditary Commanderies for full transparency.

c. Grand Marshal – Permanent Member

- Supervise the work of the Grand Capitular regarding the logistic appointments in the ceremonies of the Order;
- Supervise the work of the Grand Capitular regarding the exact use of the ceremonial, each of each Christian faith, during the ceremonies of investiture of the Order.
- Review and supervise the Grand Herald as International Webmaster;
- Ensure that the protocol of the Order is precisely followed in the ceremonies and in the lunches and dinners of the Order.

d. Grand Inquisitor – Deputy Member

- Access accuser to the defendant after preparing all kinds of disciplinary proceedings to be submitted for evaluation by the Executive Council giving the right for the accused to defend his case;
- The Head of the Disciplinary Commission can be given permission, before the final decision of the Executive Council, to go and investigate in any jurisdiction where is deemed necessary by the Executive Council.
- The Grand Inquisitor is to recommend and give to the Executive Council on procedures to be adopted in disciplinary and constitutional matters.
- The Grand Inquisitor will represent the President of the Supreme Council if he/she is absent for any Executive Council Meeting.

e. Grand Legal General – Deputy Member

- Must have a profound knowledge in the legal profession but, due to the nature of the task entrusted to him/her it is desirable that the person is a lawyer or has a degree in law.
- Must assist or recommend any legal advice on any matters to the Supreme Council and the Executive Council in respect of all legal problems and assist any Jurisdiction all over the world in its legal problems.
- The Grand Legal General will represent the Grand Marshal if he/she is absent for any Executive Council Meeting.

f. Grand Historian-Deputy Member

- To ensure and respect the old, contemporary and future history of the Order.
- To do research on the History of the Order and to maintain historical documents pertaining to the Order.
- To control temporarily all sites of the Order to ensure that each Jurisdiction is in conformity with the History of the Order.
- To do research on illegal branches operating under the name of Saint Lazarus and to report to the Executive Council.
- The Grand Historian will represent the Grand Custodian of Treasure if he/she is absent for any Executive Council Meeting.

g. The Grand Inquisitor, the Grand Legal General and the Grand Historian are all deputy members with no voting rights in general unless one or two Permanent Executive Members are absent.

They are expected to be present at all meetings to put in their contribution unless they have valid reasons to no attend.

In the absence of a Permanent Executive Member and his Deputy, any deputy by order of seniority in the Order present at the meeting will represent the absent Permanent Executive Member unless he is representing his own Permanent Member.

5.8 DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Their respective duties shall be:

a. Grand Seneschal

- Monitors and coordinates all the activities carried out by various voluntary organizations in the Order and collects all reports to be presented at the Supreme Council for discussion.

b. Grand Almoner

- Supports the Order in the welfare of charitable works;
- To research any charitable projects as to their feasibility etc. as presented by the Executive Council after approval by the Supreme Council and to report to the Supreme Council when completed.

c. Grand Hospitaller

- Is responsible to try to attain as many sponsors as possible to donate to the Order in general as well as for the development of projects for the benefit of mankind;
- To pass on donations received directly to the Grand Treasurer for insertion in the books of the Grand Chancery;
- Given the nature of this activity it is preferable for this position to be filled by a person with experience in medicine.

d. Grand Keeper of the Seal

- Participates and minutes all meetings of the Supreme Council;
- Ensures that the minutes of the meetings are distributed to the Executive Council, the Grand Archivist and to all members of the Supreme Council.

5.9. GRAND SECRETARIES

a. The Grand Secretaries are Senior Officers who are assigned specific tasks to support the Supreme Council.

They consist of the:

- Grand Archivist
- Grand Herald
- Grand Genealogist
- Grand Custodian of Insignia
- Grand Referendary
- Grand Capitular
- Grand Helper in Field

b. The Grand Secretaries form part of the Grand Chancery.

- The Grand Genealogist, the Grand Custodian of Insignia and the Grand Helper in Field and answerable to the President of the Supreme Council.
- The Grand Archivist and the Grand Referendary are answerable to the Grand Custodian of Treasure
- The Grand Capitular and the Grand Herald are answerable to the Grand Marshal.

5.10 DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARIES

Their respective duties shall be:

a. Grand Archivist

- Is responsible for the filing and maintaining up-to-date records of all documents pertaining to the Grand Chancery and of giving a periodical list of admissions and promotions etc. as well as a detailed report of every calendar year to the Executive Council for their comments.

b. Grand Herald

- Is responsible to have an updated international professional website of the Order;
- The Website is to have the name of the Order with the domain brought by the President of the Supreme Council;
- He is to act upon the instructions given by the Executive Council and is ultimately answerable to the President of the Supreme Council for the signing of any official documents;
- Is authorized, without permission, to insert in the Constitution editing in the website any videos and names of the future Commemorative Medals of the Order;
- Nobody has the power to make any modifications, additions or corrections except the Webmaster However, the Executive Council has the right to have the passwords to access the Website and in extreme cases also to make modifications;

- Receives by the Grand Master and by all members of the Order relevant news that are to be inserted in the official site after verification and authorization by the Website Commission.

c. Grand Genealogist

- Is responsible for the administration of the entire field of Heraldry, after approval from the Heraldic Commission;
- Registers members of the noble in the Golden Book of Nobility, with respective blazons, prior to the approval of the Heraldic Commission;
- Is the Judge of Arms of the Order.

d. Grand Custodian of Insignia

- Maintaining the supply and distribution of all insignia and other articles after the price list are approved by the Executive Council;
- The Grand Custodian of the Insignia is not a trader but just buys, on behalf of the applicant, as the need arises. Insignia will be ordered on receipt of funds.

e. Grand Referendary

- Provides for the drafting of any contracts or processes contracts of the Order after the Grand Treasurer accepts the payment of expenses following the approval of the Executive Council.

f. Grand Capitular

- Keeps an eye on ceremonial activities provided by various Jurisdictions to ensure that they are properly conducted according to protocol;
- Prepares, if possible, personal identification cards for all members on admission. The President of the Supreme Council will approve such identification cards by signing them and a list will have to be periodically updated and submitted to the President of the Supreme Council and to the Grand Chancery for filing.

g. Grand Helper in Field

- Is the personal secretary of the President of the Supreme Council and is bound with an oath of silence;
- Is to assist the President of the Supreme Council in all matters subscribed to him including correspondence and any translations when necessary;

h. All the members of the Executive Council can utilise the Grand Secretaries to facilitate the accomplishment of their tasks.

5.11 SIGNATURE ON DOCUMENTS

a. Grand Magisterial Decrees and all the Diplomas are to be signed by:

- The Grand Master
- The President of the Supreme Council
- The Grand Custodian of Treasure
- The Grand Marshal

b. If the President of the Supreme Council exercises the functions of Magisterial Grand Vicar, the signature on the same documents will be affixed by:

- The Magisterial Grand Vicar and President of the Supreme Council
- The Grand Custodian of Treasure
- The Grand Marshal

c. The Decrees of the President of the Supreme Council referring to the constitution of the Jurisdictions and the Sub-Jurisdictions and the appointments of the Members to the various Offices in the Order will be affixed by:

- The Magisterial Grand Vicar and President of the Supreme Council
- The Grand Custodian of Treasure
- The Grand Marshal

d. In all cases unless the above documents bear the signatures indicated, they shall be declared null and void.

5.12 JURISDICTIONS

a. The Order is divided into a number of National Jurisdictions.

- In the past they were called by various names but all were equal in rank and status: (Grand Bailiwicks, Grand Priories, Grand Commanderies and Hereditary Commanderies). Today the Jurisdictions are composed of Grand Priories, Priories and Hereditary Commanderies.

b. A Grand Priory may in turn be divided into dependant Sub-jurisdictions called Commanderies/Delegations, but such are always subject to their Head of Jurisdiction.

c. A National Jurisdiction, in the process of forming, will be designated as a Delegation being led by a Delegate.

d. Heads of Jurisdiction, duly appointed and approved, act as direct representatives of the Order's Government. They alone are responsible for all matters and activities, official and unofficial, for finances and membership within their national Jurisdiction as well as for its depending sub-jurisdictions, according to the Constitution and Statutes of the Order.

e. Priories can propose to the President of the Supreme Council a candidate as Chancellor and other officials when needed; Grand Priories can propose to the President of the Supreme Council the candidates as Chancellor, a Prior and a Referendary and any such officers as may be required.

They may propose a Commander, a Secretary and a Treasurer/Chancellor for sub-jurisdictions under their control, including their heads, or they may delegate such power to the heads of the Sub-jurisdictions.

All Heads of Jurisdiction will be asked to give a valid explanation to the President of the Supreme Council for dismissing officers from their position. The President of the Supreme Council will evaluate the situation and listen to both sides of the party if such reasons are justifiable.

f. Heads of Jurisdictions may propose to the President of the Supreme Council a clerical Member as Spiritual Prior of Jurisdiction or a Chaplain in Sub-jurisdictions.

All Heads of Jurisdiction will be asked to give a valid explanation to the President of the Supreme Council for dismissing their Spiritual Prior or Chaplains in Sub-jurisdictions from their position. The President of the Supreme Council will evaluate the situation and listen to both sides of the party if such reasons are justifiable.

g. Heads of Jurisdiction can have their own rules and regulations, that must be approved by the Executive Council, and that should not be in conflict with the Constitution, Regulations and Statutes of the Order.

h. When there is a vacancy for a Head of Jurisdiction or Sub-jurisdiction all Officers of the Council lose their Office but can be reappointed at the pleasure of the new Head of Jurisdiction/Sub-Jurisdiction.

i. Sub-jurisdictions do not form part of the Government of the Order, but all officers of such will retire on similar terms and conditions as members of the Government of the Order.

j. Each Jurisdiction should possess a National flag and a flag of the Order as prescribed, a Processional Cross (Maltese Cross), a Ceremonial Sword, and some green velvet cushions for carrying the Sword and Decorations.

k. The description of any decorations or merits of any Jurisdiction or Voluntary Corps should appear in their local regulations, if any, and their image and description will be filed with the Judge of Arms and put in the Order's international website after approval by the Heraldic Commission.

l. Each Head of Jurisdiction must submit in writing any changes in his local regulations for approval of the Executive Council who can unquestionably make any changes and additions as deemed necessary and appropriately.

5.13 HEREDITARY COMMANDERIES

a. According to ancient customs the following are some of the traditional Hereditary Commanderies known, installed centuries ago, but not at all times active: Boigny (near Orleans; France), Burton Lazar (England), de la Motte des Courtils (France), Saint Francois de Bailleu (France), and Askeby Kloster (Sweden).

b. All other Hereditary Commanderies existing today have been installed during the last two decades by the former 47th Grandmaster, D. Francisco de Borbon y de Borbon, and are known as new Hereditary Commanderies.

c. According to ancient customs new Hereditary Commanderies are limited in their number of Members and of these more than 50 percent must belong to the family of the petitioner and first appointed Hereditary Commander.

d. Hereditary Commanders may appoint, with written approval of the Executive Council, from suitable Members only one deputy (Vice-Commander) and one Chancellor.

- e. The installation of a new Hereditary Commandery is at the discretion of the Executive Council on written petition only. This petition must include the certified will of the petitioner to dedicate a building (house, church or chapel) together with appropriate land to the Order, the proposed name of the Hereditary Commandery, and the consent of the Head of the local Jurisdiction (if applicable). This petition has to be channelled through the Grand Chancery to the Executive Council.
- f. If the dedicated building and/or land is lost for the Order's use, the Hereditary Commandery will be revoked.
- g. In the case of death or retirement of a Hereditary Commander the assembly of all Members, belonging to the family of the Hereditary Commander, must elect a successor and forward their proposal to the Executive Council. The new Hereditary Commander will be appointed by the Executive Council by means of a Decree as prepared by the President of the Supreme Council.

5. 14 AMBASSADORS

- a. Ambassadors are the Diplomatic Corp of the Order; they represented the Order in front of the States and other Orders of Chivalry that required diplomatic reports with the Saint Lazarus Order.
- b. Ambassadors have rank, honours, duty and responsibility identically to the Grand Secretaries. They are invested by the President of the Supreme Council and coordinated by him and they work in reference with the decision of the Executive Council in diplomatic matter.

5. 15 RANKS OF RIGHT

- a. All Heads of Jurisdiction, Heads of Hereditary Commanderies, Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors are ex officio installed in the rank of KCLJ or DCLJ.
- b. All Members of the Supreme Council are ex officio installed in the rank of GCLJ or DGCLJ.
- c. The Grand Master and all the Members of the Executive Council are ex officio installed in the rank of GCCLJ or DGCCLJ.
- d. Any member listed above will respectively be included in the categories of Grace or Justice depending on whether or not he/she possesses the necessary characteristics of nobility.
- e. On appointment to his/her respective office, the party concerned is automatically conferred the rank above and will not have for the promotion, only for the new insignia and the modification of the uniforms, if any.

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Part 2 Statutes

Chapter 6 – Administration

6.1 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- a.** All Statutes and Decrees approved by the Executive Council shall be promulgated by the President of the Supreme Council who shall forward copies of such Statute or Decree to the Grand Chancery and to the respective Head of each Jurisdiction within the Order, and to such additional persons within the Order as may be required to ensure full distribution of such Statute or Decree. It shall be the responsibility of each Jurisdiction within the Order to establish procedures which shall ensure that each Member of the Order in that Jurisdiction receives notice of each Statute or Decree promulgated.
- b.** All instructions, upon approval by the Executive Council, emanating from the President of the Supreme Council shall be promulgated through the Grand Chancery.
- c.** No Jurisdiction within the Order shall without the prior written approval of the Executive Council solicit, circularise or otherwise contact the Members and Affiliates of any other subordinate Jurisdiction within the Order on any matter dealing with the Order, in the absence of the written consent by the Head of the subordinate Jurisdiction whose Members are to be contacted. Where consent has been given to such contact by the Head of the Jurisdiction whose Members are to be contacted, the Head of the Jurisdiction making the contact shall report in writing to the Executive Council the purpose for such contact. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the communication between officers or individual members of different Jurisdictions.
- d.** All voting within the Order shall be in person. No written proxy shall be recognized except in the case of Heads of Jurisdictions each of whom has a seat on the Grand Magisterial Council. When any of such officers is unable to attend a meeting of the Grand Magisterial Council a proxy may be appointed in writing who may attend and vote in his place and stead.

6.2 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCES

- a.** The year of the Order will be 1st January to 31st December annually; the financial year will be the same.
- b.** An annual audited report covering the following will be submitted to the Grand Custodian of Treasure to reach it by 31st March of the following year and will be accompanied by all payments due. All accounts will be audited by a qualified and independent auditor:
1. Audited annual accounts of each Jurisdiction and those of related Subjurisdictions.
 2. The annual report will cover all work and activities within the Jurisdiction and in particular hospitaller work such as collection for charity etc.

3. The annual report should include members by ranks at the beginning and at the end of the year. Number of postulants entered by ranks granted, that of promotions by number and ranks, names of any member who has resigned or died.

c. All Heads of Jurisdictions will retain the approved amount and remit the balance to the Grand Custodian of Treasure by the 28th day of February on all annual oblations that have been collected during the calendar year. This is to be accompanied by a list of members by ranks at the beginning and at the end of the year showing clearly who have paid and those who did not pay including names of any member who are inactive and those that have resigned or died.

d. On passage money (entry fees) all Heads of Jurisdictions will retain the approved amount and remit the balance to the Grand Custodian of Treasure with the applications to join at once before any diplomas are made. The original copy of the application form is to be sent to the President of the Supreme Council for the preparation of the Diplomas who then will forward the signed originals and Brevets to the Grand Chancery for filing.

e. On all promotions Jurisdictions will remit the relative amount to the Grand Custodian of Treasure with a copy of the application for promotion. The original copy of the application form is to be sent to the President of the Supreme Council for the preparation of the Diplomas, who then will forward the signed originals to the Grand Chancery for filing.

f. On chapter 6, section 2 d and e above no approval will be given without receipt of the appropriate fees.

g. Donations may be retained in full by the National Jurisdictions.

h. If Sub-jurisdictions are established on acceptance by the local Jurisdiction, all fees and annual oblations have to be paid directly to the local Jurisdiction.

i. The approved amount for retention is for administrative purposes and each Jurisdiction will settle the amount between Jurisdictions and Sub-jurisdictions itself.

6.3 STATUTES OF JURISDICTIONS

Heads of Jurisdictions may make statutes for the good administration of their Jurisdiction but such statute may not contain any authority that is in conflict with the Decrees and Statutes of the Order which will always be the main ruling authority and must first be ratified by the Executive Council before they come into force.

6.4 COMPLAINTS AGAINST SENIOR OFFICERS

Where a subordinate officer has a complaint against his superior officer, he may write to a higher authority sending a copy of his complaint to his superior officer. The Disciplinary Committee will then make recommendations, that will be finally decided upon by the Executive Council.

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Chapter 7 - Membership Regulations

7.1 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- a.** Every applicant for membership of the Order shall submit his application in duplicate through his local (national) Jurisdiction on forms provided by the Order to the Grand Chancery and to the President of the Supreme Council. Applications shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the applicant's Baptismal Certificate and other documents as specified on the application form.
- b.** One copy of the application and a certified copy of the Baptismal Certificate if appropriate will be submitted to the President of the Supreme Council for the control and judgement who then will submit all documents to the Grand Chancery for filing.

7.2 MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATEGORY OF JUSTICE

- a.** Applicants for the category of Justice shall submit their arms and a sworn petition listing each of the applicants' ascendants to that ascendant whose nobility and status can be established beyond a reasonable doubt. Each generation listed in the petition shall be supported by satisfactory proof and shall show the dates and places of birth, marriage and death, where applicable, of the persons named.
- b.** Each Jurisdiction within the Order shall establish its own criteria for admission in the category of Justice and shall file with the Heraldic Commission after being approved by the Executive Council. A copy is also to be sent to the Grand Chancery for filing.
- c.** According to ancient traditions, Ecclesiastical Members of the Order holding the rank of a Cardinal within the Holy Roman-Catholic Church may be admitted in the category of Justice, as they are by protocol known as "Princes of the Roman-Catholic Church".
- d.** The Cross of Justice gives no particular quality to a Knight or Dame since all are equal; it is only a symbol of tradition and is a reminder of what the Order was throughout its ancient history.

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7.3 GENERAL RULES

- a.** Women may be admitted to the Order in like manner to men. In order that there shall be no distinction between the sexes, women shall be accorded the same rights and privileges and shall be subject to the same rules as their male counterparts in the Order.
With the rank of DLJ or higher the Military Trophy above the Cross is replaced by a wreath of Laurel and Oak sprigs in green enamel with a white enamelled “SLJ” monogram in the centre.
- b.** At times it may be desirable to grant wives the same rank as their husbands and viceversa, granted on the basis of motu proprio by the President of the Supreme Council.
- c.** The membership in the Order is for life unless expelled for a justified reason.
- d.** Each Jurisdiction shall annually review its membership list and report to the Executive Council the names of those Members who are in arrears. Members who fail to pay their oblations for one year are called members whose subscriptions are in arrears, the second year members do not pay their oblations, they will be transferred to the inactive list. Members who do not pay for a period of three years are then warned in writing and finally expelled from the Order. Those who fail to pay their oblations will be included in the yearly report of the Jurisdiction. Inactive members will not be given notice of any activities of the Order. Inactive and expelled members furthermore cannot wear the insignia, mantle and uniform of the Order.
- e.** Inactive Members will be transferred to the active list upon payment of all their oblations in arrears. Exceptions may be given in extraordinary cases.
- f.** Any member wishing to resign or retire must inform his Head of Jurisdiction in writing.
- g.** When for reasons which must be duly specified by the Member and approved by the President of the Supreme Council, a Member cannot or does not wish to form part of the National Jurisdiction wherein he resides, or of another National Jurisdiction, he shall form part of the Order “in Gremio Religionis” and shall fall directly under the jurisdiction of the Executive Council.
- h.** Each Member shall communicate in writing to his National Head of Jurisdiction if for any reason he is unable to participate or pay his annual oblations. If for whatever reason it is not possible to report to his Jurisdiction, the member concerned must report in writing to any member of the Executive Council. Failure to do so for two consecutive years shall mean expulsion from the Order.
- i.** As a rule each Member forms part of his National Jurisdiction. If this Jurisdiction is divided into Sub-jurisdictions the Member may join one Sub-jurisdiction acting in its region. If a Member wishes to be transferred from one Sub-jurisdiction to another belonging to the National Jurisdiction, this may be performed on written approval of the Head of Jurisdiction only.
- j.** Members forming part of a National Jurisdiction wishing to join a Hereditary Commandery and vice versa may be transferred on written petition, approved by both the Head of Jurisdiction and the Hereditary Commander, and with written authorization of the President of the Supreme Council by the decision of the Executive Council. All communication must be sent to the Grand Chancery for updating.

k. As a rule it is desirable, that after resignation or death of a Member his Insignia may be donated to the Jurisdiction the member belonged to.

l. The appropriate Insignia for Members are as follows:

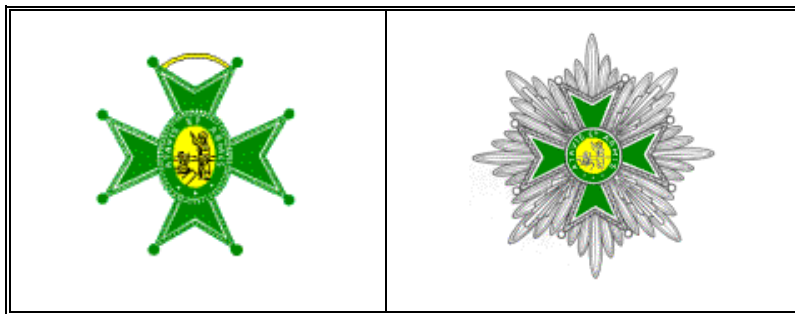
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MLJ/OLJ

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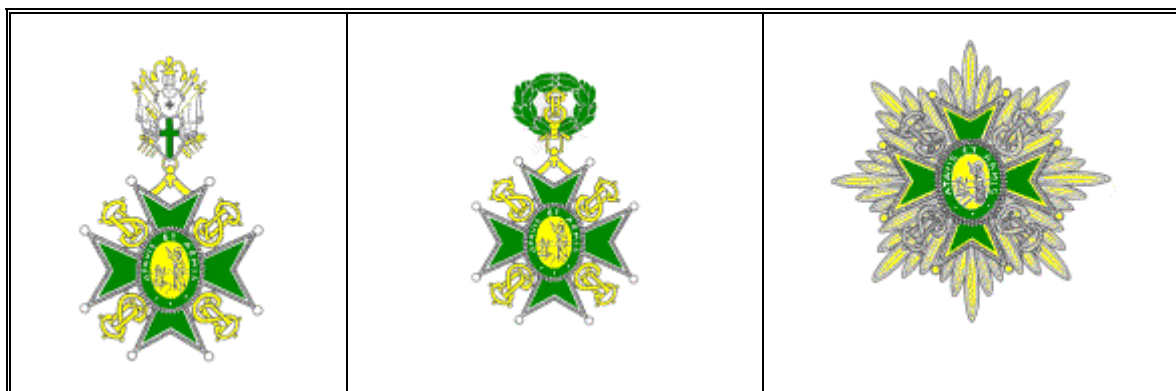


CCLJ/CLJ/AChLJ/ChLJ

CLJ/ChLJ

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KLJ/KCLJ – GCLJ

DLJ/DCLJ – DGCLJ
SchLJ - PChLJ - EGCLJ

KLJ/KCLJ - GCLJ
DLJ/DCLJ - DGCLJ
SchLJ – PChLJ - EGCLJ

The ribbon of the decoration is green. KCLJ/DCLJ and GCLJ/DGCLJ wear a green sash. The decoration of GCLJ/EGCLJ added a gold and black crown of the Order up the coat of arm. The decoration DGCLJ added a gold and black crown of the Order up the round of laurel.

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m The various ranks and their abbreviations are contained in the appropriate tables attached to these Statutes.

n. The rank of Knight/Dame Grand Cross (GCLJ/DGCLJ) is a mark of highest distinction. This rank is strictly reserved to Heads of State, Prime and State Ministers, Governors, Generals etc., and Members of the Supreme Council, Grand Secretaries, Heads of Jurisdiction and members who have served the Order faithfully.

o. The rank of Ecclesiastical Grand Cross (EGCLJ) is reserved to Cardinals, Patriarchs, (Arch)Bishops and Abbots of all Christian denominations.

p. The rank of Grand Officer of I^o Rank, Dame Grand Officer of I^o Rank (KCLJ/DCLJ) is reserved to Heads of Jurisdiction, Grand Secretaries AND Ambassadors of the Order and to those Members of the Order who have not held Office, but have served the Order six or more years as Knights – Dames (KLJ/DLJ).

q. Members are ex officio recognised into the following degrees in law:

- Heads of Jurisdiction, Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors of the Order: KCLJ/DCLJ
- Members of the Supreme Council: GCLJ/DGCLJ
- Grand Master and Members of the Executive Council: GCCLJ/DGCCLJ

r. The promotions into higher ranks, except in specific cases from time to time as determined by the Supreme Council and the right to motu proprio due to the President of the Supreme Council, are determined as follows:

- MLJ to OLJ 3 years
- OLJ to CCLJ 3 years
- CCLJ to CLJ 3 years
- CLJ to KLJ/DLJ 3 years
- KLJ/DLJ to KCLJ/DCLJ 6 years

s. To obtain promotions, it is not sufficient merely the length of stay in grade but it is also at the discretion of the Head of Jurisdiction after examining the active and meritorious life and participation in the activities of the Order of the member concerned.

t. Traditionally the following addresses, prefixes and postnominals are used within the Order:

Rank	Address	Postnominal
Knight – Dame	Chevalier – Dame	MLJ
Knight Officer – Dame Officer	Officer – Dame Officer	OLJ
Assistant Chaplain	Reverend	AChLJ
Commander - Dame Commander	Commander – Dame Commander	CCLJ
Chaplain	Right Reverend	ChLJ
Commander with Star – Dame C. w. S.	Commander – Dame C. w. S.	CLJ
Grand Officer of II° Rank	Grand Officer of II° Rank	KLJ
Dame Grand Officer of II° Rank	Dame Grand Officer of II° Rank	DLJ
Senior Chaplain (KLJ)	Very Reverend	SChLJ
Grand Officer of I° Rank	Grand Officer of I° Rank	KCLJ
Dame Grand Officer of I° Rank	Dame Grand Officer of I° Rank	DCLJ
Chaplain Prelate (KCLJ)	Most Reverend	PChLJ
Knight Grand Cross	His Excellency Knight Grand Cross	GCLJ
Dame Grand Cross	Her Excellency Dame Grand Cross	DGCLJ
Ecclesiastical Grand Cross	His Excellency or His Eminence or Reverence	EGCLJ

u. With the rank of Senior Chaplain the Military Trophy above the Cross is replaced by a wreath identically to those of the DLJ. In the grade of Prelate Chaplain, the ribbon is replaced by an ecclesiastical cord with cockscomb, green and gold. The Ecclesiastic Grand Cross uses the same insignia of the Prelate Chaplain but overrides the decoration with the gold and black crown of the Order.

v. All Magisterial Decrees, Diplomas of Appointments, Diplomas of Admission, Promotions and all other Merits and Awards of the Order will be drafted in the Latin language; Decrees, Brevets and Letters will be written in English

The various necessary entries are contained in the Tables attached to these Statutes.

w. All Heads of Jurisdiction may propose admissions of postulants up to the rank of CCLJ. For higher levels, the Executive Council decides.

7.4 FUNERAL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

The Order shall participate in funeral rites only at the specific request of the deceased Member's representative.

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Chapter 8 - Other Decorations of the Order

8.1 COMPANIONATE OF MERIT

a. The **Companionate of Merit** is open to those meriting well for the Order without distinction of religion, nationality, race, language or sex, but also to Members of the Order. The Companionate of Merit may be conferred by approval of the Executive Council.

b. The President of the Supreme Council may establish by Decree such other procedures as may be appropriate for the awarding of the Companionate of Merit as decided by the Executive Council.

c. The award of the Companionate of Merit alone does not constitute membership in the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem nor does it confer a knightly title, and holders are not entitled to wear the Church Cape (Mantle) of the Order.

d. The awards in the Companionate of Merit shall be from junior to senior:

ORDERS STANDARD

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Knight/Dame in the Companionate of Merit (MMLJ)

Knight/Dame of Merit

Knight Officer/Dame Officer in the Companionate of Merit (OMLJ)

Officer of Merit/Dame Officer of Merit

Commander/Dame Commander in the Companionate of Merit (CCMLJ)

Commander of Merit/Dame Commander of Merit

Commander/Dame Commander with star in the Companionate of Merit (CMLJ)

Commander with star of Merit/ Dame Commander with star of Merit

Grand Officer of II° rank/Dame Grand Officer of II° rank in the Companionate of Merit (KMLJ/DMLJ)

Grand Officer of II° rank of Merit/Dame Grand Officer of II° rank of Merit

Grand Officer of I° rank t/Dame Grand Officer of I° rank in the Companionate of Merit (KCMLJ/DCMLJ)

Grand Officer of I° rank of Merit/Dame Grand Officer of I° rank of Merit

Ecclesiastical Grand Cross in the Companionate of Merit (EGCMLJ)

Ecclesiastical Grand Cross of Merit

Knight/Dame Grand Cross in the Companionate of Merit (GCMLJ/DGCMLJ)

Knight Grand Cross of Merit/Dame Grand Cross of Merit

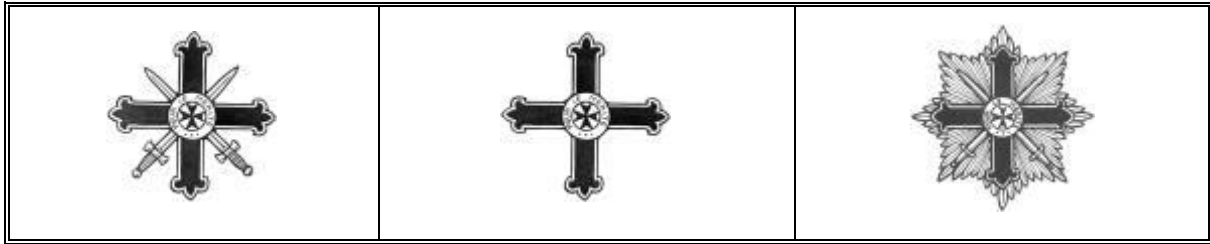
DECORATION



MMLJ (Silver)
OMLJ (Gold)

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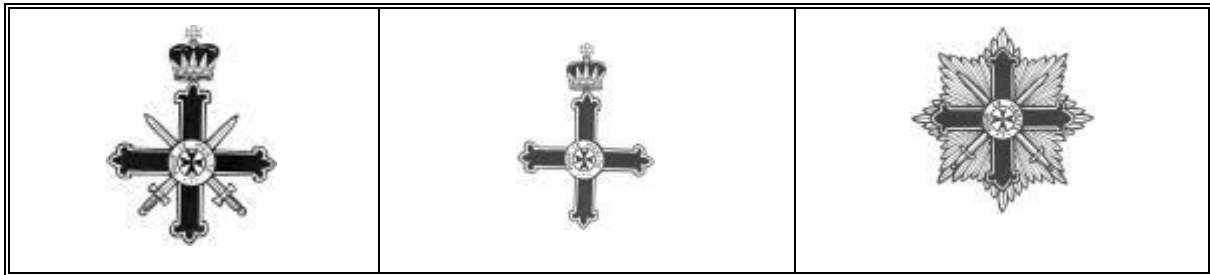
CCMLJ – CMLJ Male (Silver)
KMLJ – KCMLJ (Gold)

CCMLJ – CMLJ Dame and Clergy (Silver)
DMLJ – DCMLJ / KMLJ – KCMLJ
Clergy (Gold)

CMLJ – Male (Silver)
CMLJ – Female and Clergy
(Silver without Swords)
KMLJ – KCMLJ (Gold)
DMLJ – DCMLJ
KMLJ – KCMLJ Clergy
(Gold without Swords)

DECORATION

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GCMLJ (Gold)

EGCMLJ - DGCMLJ (Gold)

GCMLJ (Gold)
DGCMLJ - EGCMLJ
(Gold without Swords)

The decorations of KCMLJ/DCMLJ and GCMLJ/DGMCLJ wear a green sash with purple striped edges.

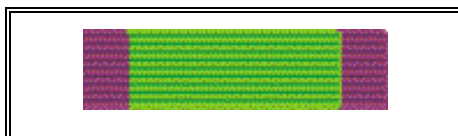
The decoration of KCMLJ added the coat of arm and the decoration of DCMLJ added the round of laurel up the decoration.

The decoration of GCMLJ/EGCMLJ added a gold and black crown of the Order up the coat of arm.

The decoration DGCLJ added a gold and black crown of the Order up the round of laurel.

e. The ribbon of these decorations is green with purple striped edges.

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f. Ladies and Ecclesiastical holders in the Companiate of Merit do not have the crossed swords between the limbs of the cross.

g. On conferring members with the Decoration of Merit, account is taken of the rank they hold in the categories of Grace or Justice. The decoration of substance cannot be higher than that rank.

h. A member awarded the Grand Officer of I° rank of Merit (male) or the Grand Cross of Merit, who also is the bearer of the Grand Officer of I° rank (male) or the Grand Cross of the Order, cannot wear two sashes but will be authorized to wear the neck- (if male) or the side (if female) pendantbandinsigna with the same decorations usually dressed with the sashes.

8.2 OTHER AWARDS OF THE ORDER

Other Awards of the Order are the following:

- Magisterial Cross of Merit
- Magisterial Medal of Merit
- Magisterial Hospitaller Cross of Merit
- Magisterial Fidelity Cross
- Donat Cross
- Meritorious Medal Service Decoration
- Seniority Cross (Long Service Decoration)
- The Cross of Honour of the Order
- Crusader's Medal (Pilgrim's Shell)
- Trophy Reginald Attard
- Other Decorations issued by National Jurisdictions

8.3 MAGISTERIAL CROSS OF MERIT

a. The Magisterial Cross of Merit of the Order may be conferred only upon Members of the Order performing meritorious conduct.

b. The awards of the Magisterial Cross of Merit of the Order shall be from junior to senior:

- Magisterial Bronze Cross of Merit (MBCrLJ)
- Magisterial Silver Cross of Merit (MSCrLJ)
- Magisterial Golden Cross of Merit (MGCrLJ)

c. Such Crosses of Merit may only be conferred to those members who are long time officials who have supported the Order.

d. The ribbon is purple with two striped green edges.

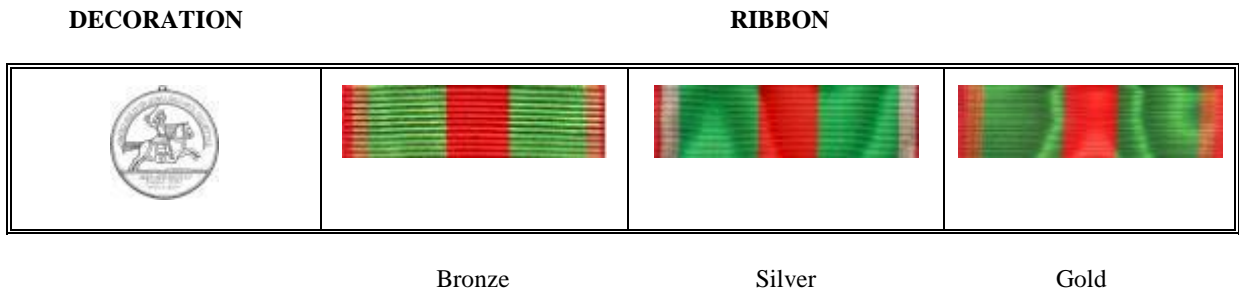
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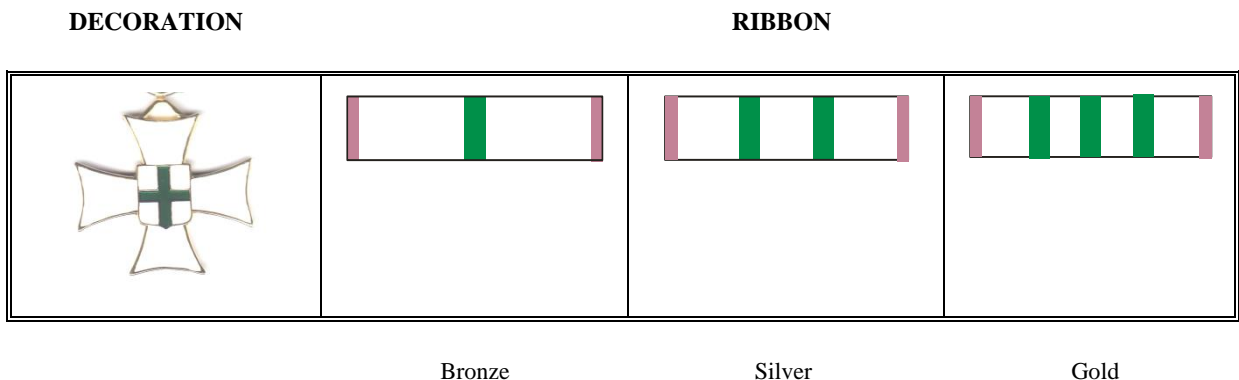
8.4 MAGISTERIAL MEDAL OF MERIT

- a. The Magisterial Medal of Merit of the Order may be conferred upon Members and no Members of the Order and on those performing meritorious conduct.
- b. The awards of the Magisterial Medal of Merit of the Order shall be from junior to senior:
- Magisterial Bronze Medal of Merit (MBMLJ)
 - Magisterial Silver Medal of Merit (MSMLJ)
 - Magisterial Gold Medal of Merit (MGMLJ)



8.5 MAGISTERIAL HOSPITALLER CROSS OF MERIT

- a. The Magisterial Hospitaller Cross of Merit of the Order may be conferred upon Members of the Order performing meritorious hospitaller conduct.
- b. The awards of the Magisterial Hospitaller Cross of Merit of the Order shall be from junior to senior:
- Magisterial Bronze Hospitaller Cross of Merit (MBHCrLJ)
 - Magisterial Silver Hospitaller Cross of Merit (MSHCrLJ)
 - Magisterial Gold Hospitaller Cross of Merit (MGHCrLJ)



8.6 MAGISTERIAL FIDELITY CROSS

- a. The Magisterial Fidelity Cross of the Order (MFCrLJ) is the much high Magisterial Decoration and may be conferred only to the Chief of Jurisdictions, Ambassadors, Grand Officers and to Members of the Supreme Council and Executive Council performing very long meritorious work in organization and life of the Order.

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8.7 DONATE CROSS OF THE ORDER

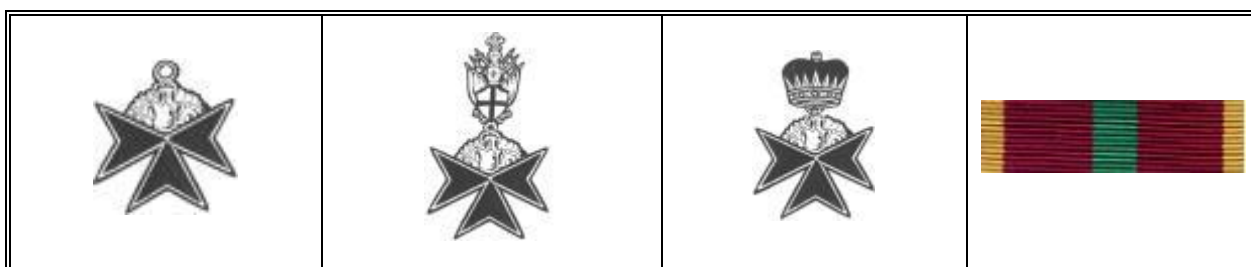
a. A category of Donat shall be open those whose munificence has been of signal assistance in the charitable works of the Order, including Members of the Order. It is given in three classes. The insignia is a three limbed Cross edged with gold for the third class, edged with gold surmounted by a Military Trophy for the second class, and edged with gold surmounted by the crown of the Order for first class. The same shall depend in each case from a neck ribbon of amaranthine red with a narrow green stripe down the centre and edged with gold.

b. The awards of the Donat Crosses of the Order shall be from junior to senior:

- Donat 3rd Class (Don3LJ)
- Donat 2nd Class (Don2LJ)
- Donat 1st Class (Don1LJ)

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Don3LJ

Don2LJ

Don1LJ

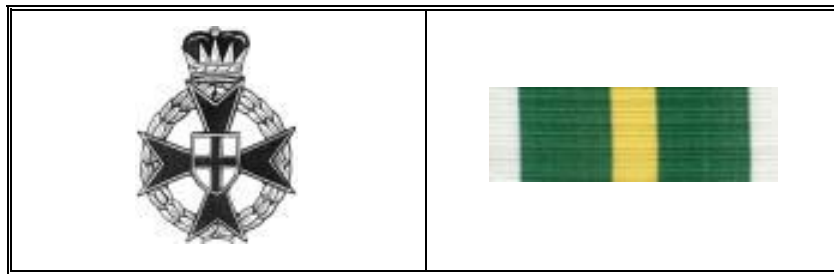
c. The award of the Donat Cross alone does not constitute membership in the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem nor does it confer any knightly title, but holders of the Donat Cross are entitled to wear the Church Cape (Mantle) of the Order.

8.8 MERITORIOUS SERVICE DECORATION

- a. The Meritorious Service Decoration (MSDLJ), may be conferred to any Member of the Order, who has completed twenty years of continuous service as an official office bearer to recognise the extraordinary amount of time given to the Order.
- b. It must be expressly noted, that this decoration is not simply for being a member for twenty years.

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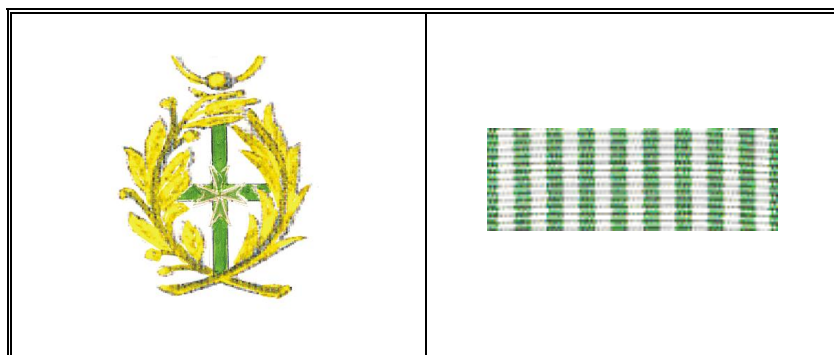


8.9 SENIORITY CROSS (Long Service Decoration)

- a. The Seniority Cross Decoration is reserved for persons who have been members for a specific periods of time.
- b. The awards of the Seniority Cross Decorations, shall be from junior to senior::
- Bronze Seniority Cross (10 years) (BSCrLJ)
 - Silver Seniority Cross (15 years) (SSCrLJ)
 - Gold Seniority Cross (20 years) (GSCrLJ).

DECORATION

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8.10 CROSS AND SASH OF HONOUR

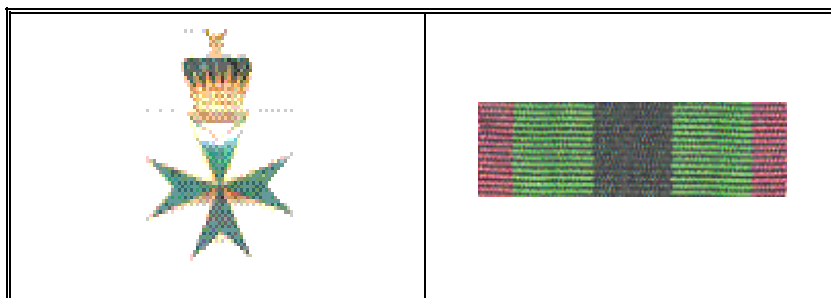
a. The Cross of Honour (HCrLJ) is a distinctive sign that the Order grants for honorific or diplomatic reasons, for distinguished personalities who participate in important ceremonies or meetings of the Order or Grand Masters of other Orders who have collaborated with the Order of Saint Lazarus..

b. It may also given to members of the Order who have distinguished themselves in the dissemination and propaganda in favour of the Order.

c. The Sash of Honour (HSLJ) is reserved for Diplomats of the Order.

DECORATION

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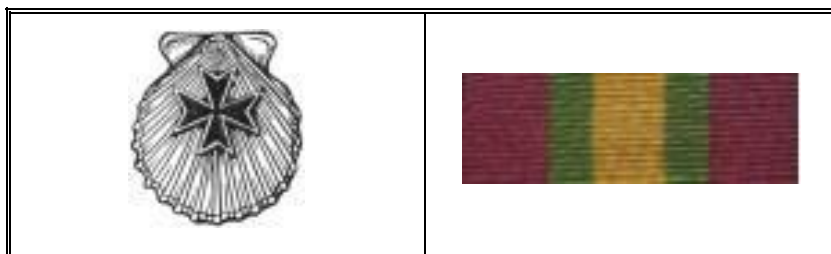
(Cross of Honour is without Crown)

8.11 THE CRUSADER’S MEDAL

a. The Crusader’s Medal (traditionally called Pilgrim’s Shell; PSLJ) may be conferred to any Member or Affiliate of the Order recognising his pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to other religious places. This pilgrimage must have been under religious auspices and can include any major sites in the Holy Land (like the old city of Jerusalem with Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre; the Tomb and Church of St. Lazarus in the village of Bethany; the birthplace of Our Lord in Bethlehem; the cities of Nazareth and of St. Joan d’Acricri, as well as San Giovanni Rotondo, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, and Lourdes etc and any other places of pilgrimage).

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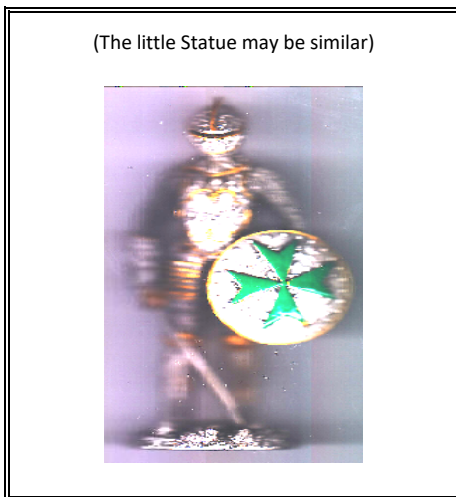


b. Holders of the Crusader’s Medal are, according to ancient customs, entitled to affix a woven model of the Badge in the centre of the Cross on their Church Cape.

8.12 TROPHY REGINALD ATTARD

a. The Trophy Reginal Attard (ARALJ) will be accorded by the Executive Council to the member of the Order who, during the previous year, should much distinguished for his work in favour of the Order.

b. This award is a little statue of a Crusader dressing the green cross of the Order on a basement with the title of the award and the name of the member.



8.13 DECORATIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS

a. The National Jurisdictions may establish medals, crosses and other awards intended for its members and also special prizes. These awards will be deposited with the Judge of Arms of the Order and become active only after approval by the Heraldic Commission.

All awards established by the existing National Jurisdictions have to be approved by the Heraldic Commission and will continue to be used on approval.

Grand Priory of Hungary

Medal of Merit (Gold, Silver, Bronze Medal)

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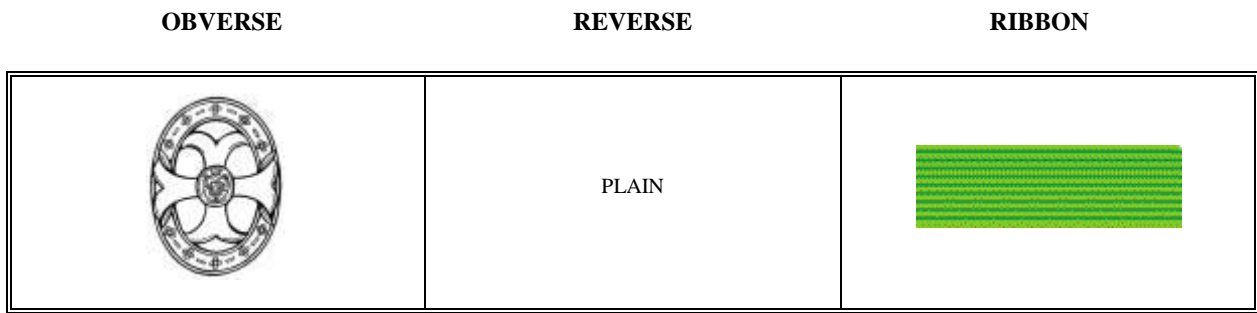
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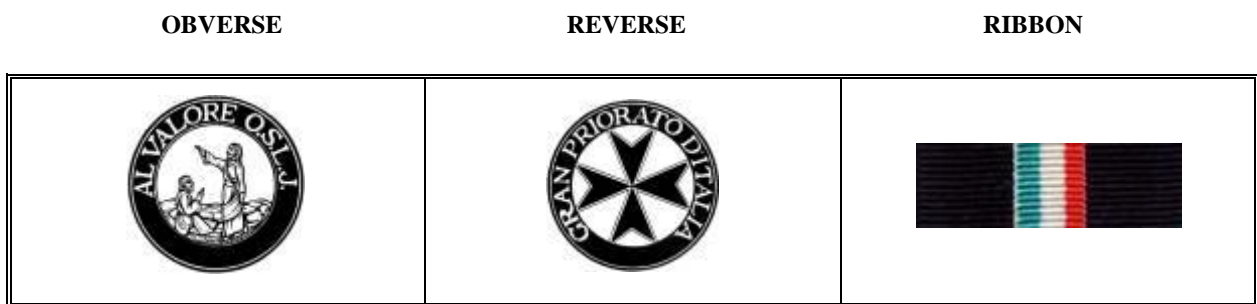


Grand Priory of Italy

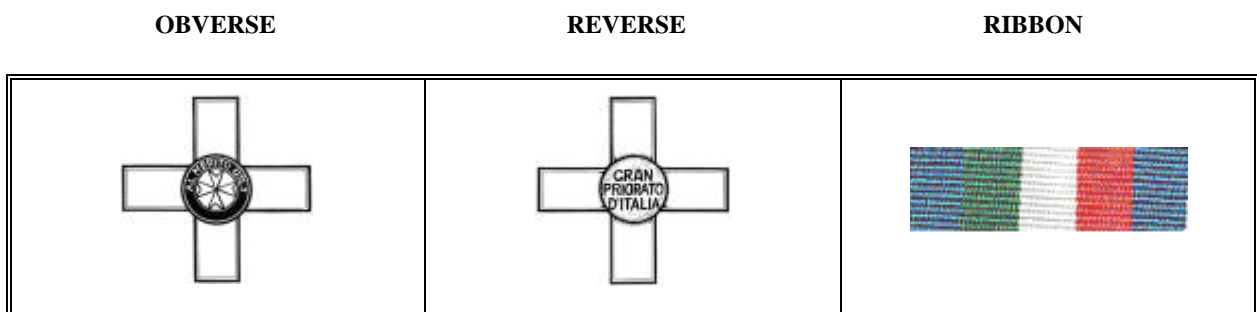
Gold Cross (one class only)



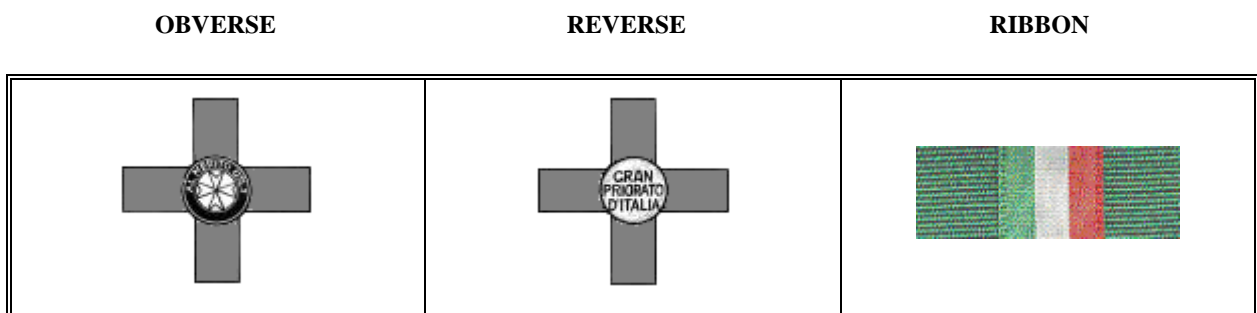
Medal of Merit (Gold, Silver, Bronze Medal)



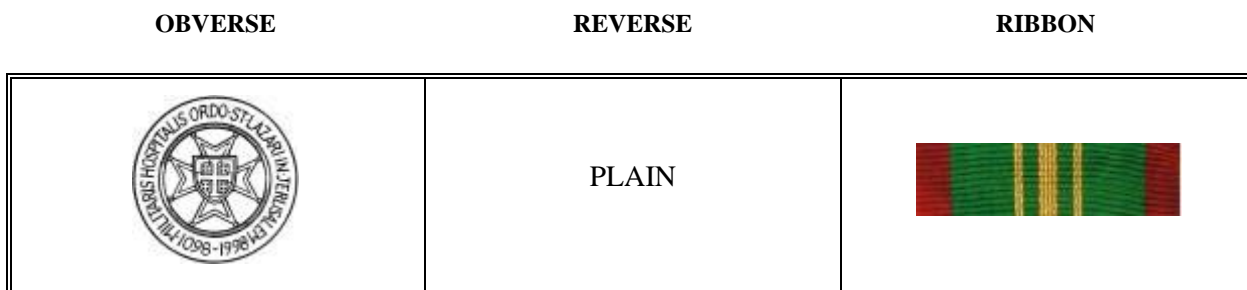
Cross of Merit (Gold, Silver, Bronze Medal)



Cross of Long Command (Gold, Silver, Bronze Medal)

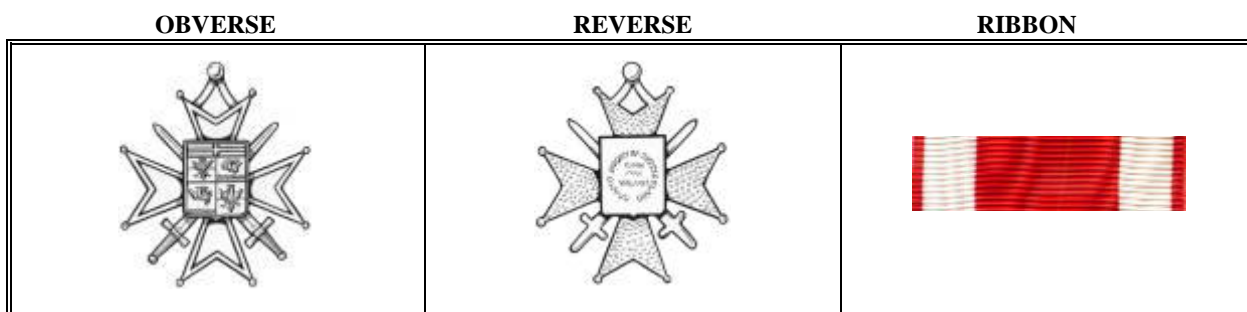


900 Year Jubilee Medal (one class only)



Grand Priory of Switzerland

Cross of Valour (one class only)



8.14 COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

a. National Jurisdictions empowered to organise Grand Magisterial Council Meetings (or other important events) of the Order are authorised to issue Commemorative Medals for such events. Commemorative Medals may be conferred to any participating person.

The design of such a Commemorative Medal must be submitted to the Office of the Judge of Arms of the Order and approved by the President of the Supreme Council.

They may not be worn on uniform other than National custom.

b. The following Commemorative Medals have been issued since 1973:

1973 - Malta - Inauguration of the Castello Lanzun (Castle of the Small Lance), Malta, as Headquarter of the Order, donated by the late Lieutenant Colonel The Chevalier Robert Gayre of Gayre and Nigg, GCLJ



1974 – United Kingdom - Visit of the 47th Grand Master in Scotland and Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Edinburgh, U.K.

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1979 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Salzburg, Austria

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1981 - Donation of a bell to the Parish Church of Salzburg-Guggenthal, Austria, by the Order

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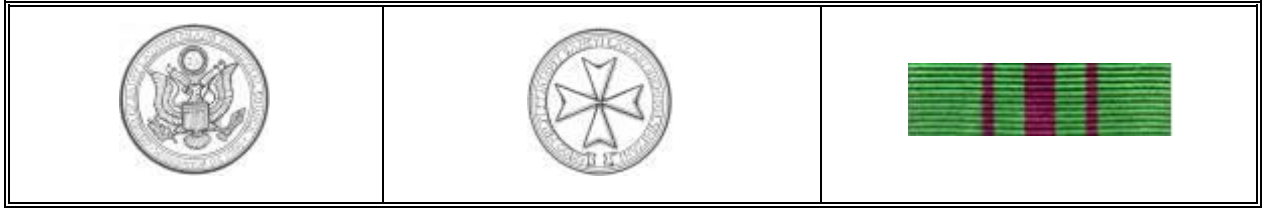


1984 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Washington D.C., USA

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1988 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Vienna, Austria

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1990 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Salzburg, Austria

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1999 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at St. Poelten, Austria

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2000 - Italy - Jubilee 2000 Medal

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2001 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Riccione, Italy

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2003 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Vaals, The Netherlands

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2005 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting, Malta

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2007 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting at Viareggio/Lucca, Italy

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2009 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting in Ghent, Belgium

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2011 - Grand Magisterial Council Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden

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2013 – Grand Magisterial Council Meeting in Gödöllo, Hungary

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2013 – Intronization of the Grand Master in Gödöllo, Hungary

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2015 – Grand Magisterial Council Meeting in Malta

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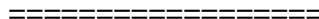
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8.15 THE CHAIN OF OFFICE

- a. The Chain of Office is a badge of office and may be worn by Members of the Supreme Council, Grand Secretaries, Ambassadors of the Order, Heads of Jurisdiction, Priors, Chancellors and Referendaries on receipt of a brevet appointing them to that position.
- b. Once any of the above, other than Members of the Supreme Council, cease to hold such office, that person will no longer be entitled to wear the Chain of Office. The Chain will be worn without backing, ribbons etc.
- c. The Chain of Office may also be worn by the Spiritual Prior of the Jurisdiction he forms part of.
- d. Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors of the Order added to the Chain of Office with a wreath of Laurel and Oak springs enameled with SLJ monogram; Mambers of the Supreme Council added to the Chain of Office with a gold and black crown of the Order.

THE CHAIN OF OFFICE



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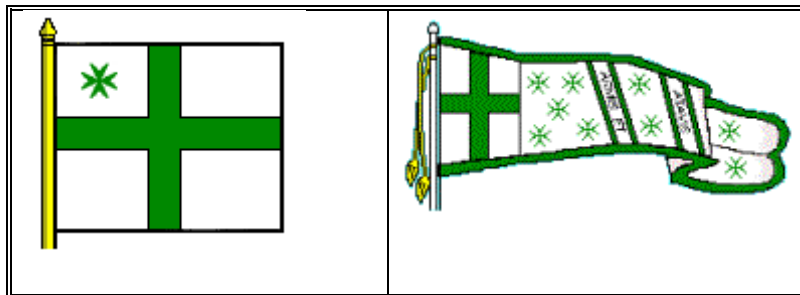
Part 3

General Regulations

Chapter 9 - Other Banners, Ensigns and Seals

9.1 OTHER BANNERS, ENSIGNS AND STANDARD OF THE ORDER

- a.** The Banners of Jurisdictions are: The banner of the Order, differed by an appropriate device in the dexter chief canton. Such devices must be submitted to the Judge of Arms of the Order and approved by the Heraldic Commission.
- b.** The Ensigns of the Order are: White the full arms of the Order, golden fringed for members of the Supreme Council, silver fringed for Heads of national Jurisdictions, unfringed for all other officers of the Order.
- c.** The Standard of the Order is: in the hoist, white with a green cross in the fly, white sequence of eight green pointed, two white green boarded bands bearing the motto „Atavis et Armis“ in gold. There are also two golden cords.
- d.** All Banners and Ensigns used within the Order must be approved by the Heradic Commission and registered at the office of the Judge of Arms of the Order and at the Grand Chancery..



Banner of a Jurisdiction (Malta)

Standard of the Order

9.2 SEALS USED WITHIN THE ORDER

- a.** The Grand Seals of the Grand Master and of the President of the Supreme Council are: The full personal arms of the Grand Master for him or the complete arms of the Order for the President of the Supreme Council, encircled by the inscription “The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem“ and “Grand Master“ or ”President of the Supreme Council”, all written in Latin or in the English language.
- b.** The Seals of the Members of the Supreme Council and Grand Secretaries are: The Cross of eight points encircled by the Collar of the Order, all encircled by the inscription “The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem” and the Office or function of the bearer written in the English language.

- c. The Seals of Jurisdictions are: The arms of the Order encircled by the inscription “The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem“, the name of the Jurisdiction and the Office or function of the bearer, all either in the official language of the Order, English, or in the language spoken in the country of the Jurisdiction. Only Heads of Jurisdictions (Grand Priors, Priors, Hereditary Commanders), their acting Deputies and Chancellors are entitled to use such Seals.
- d. All Seals used within the Order must be registered at the Office of the Judge of Arms of the Order and the Grand Chancery after approval by the Heraldic Commission.

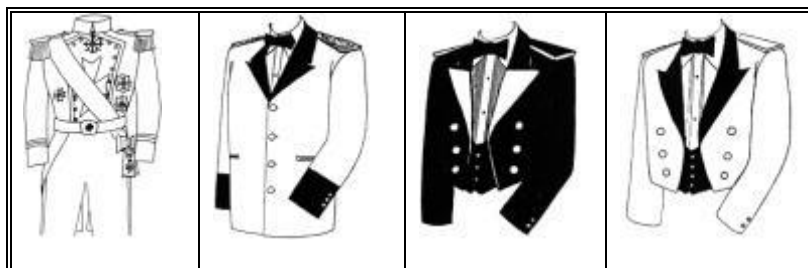
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Chapter 10 - Uniforms of the Order

10.1 GENERAL RULES

- a. Whilst the purchase and wearing of uniforms is optional, the wearing of Church Capes (Mantles) and appropriate insignia is a requirement at Investitures and Patronal Services.
- b. Since the Order is International with Members belonging to various nationalities and having some different customs in dress, certain flexibility must be allowed and therefore alterations, in minor details or design are permitted, provided that all Members in a National Jurisdiction wear the same design in dress.
- c. The Uniforms of the Order for gentlemen are:
- Church Uniform
 - Gala Uniform
 - Service Uniform
 - Suit Day Uniform
- d. On all formal occasions ladies are expected to wear a long black decent dress with a Mantilla and comb, if possible.
- e. Military or other national uniforms may replace the uniforms of the Order and be worn at all ceremonial events.
- f. The Statutes and Regulations of the National Jurisdictions may include other types of Uniforms to be worn on special occasions, that must be approved by the Executive Council; members that have worn different uniforms before these regulations came into force may continue to use them.
- g. The Grand Master, Members of the Supreme Council, Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors of the Order may liberally wear the uniforms as prescribed, the Uniform of the Jurisdiction they belong to or any type of uniform adopted in any Jurisdiction.

10.2 TYPES OF UNIFORMS



Historical Uniform

Church Uniform

Gala Uniform (A)

Gala Uniform (B)

- a. Church Uniform: White jacket with a chest-style military paramonture with dark green sleeves and cuffs, dark green 4 inches tall. Golden epaulettes. Four large buttons on front and three small buttons on each wrist. White shirt and black bow tie.
- b. Gala Uniform: Spencer paramonture dark green with white, green braces bordered in gold (A) (spencer or white with dark green paramonture, braces bordered white gold (B) six large gold buttons and the racket with two small cuffs of sleeves each. Black waistcoat with three gold buttons, white shirt and black bow tie.
- c. For Uniforms above: a long black pair of trousers, with gold stripe 1 1/4" wide. Black evening trousers may be worn.
- d. The Gala Uniform adopted in Italy, similar to that in use in the Italian Army is accepted.
- e. On Church Uniform the use of spurs will be accepted.
- f. There is also a historical uniform (Full Dress Uniform) that was used mostly in Spain but now is no longer in use. However, holders of this type of uniform may wear it at any Official Church function of the Order
- g. The sword is a Ceremonial Sword, pendant white or gold and white or gold sword-knot.
- h. The bicorn is in black cloth, black plumage with the grade of CLJ and higher, with white plumage with the rank of GCLJ or GCCLJ.
- i. The sword-up belt is mandatory on the Church Uniform but not on the Gala Uniform.
- j. The buttons and badges of rank on Uniforms will be used on the type approved by the Heraldic Commission.
- k. The Volunteer Corps should adopt the Uniform provided for them in their individual Jurisdictions.
- l. Where Uniforms are worn of a different style than traditionally used by various Jurisdictions, such uniforms must be approved by and entered in the regulations of the Jurisdiction the members forms part of, after approval by the Executive Council.

m. The Service Uniform, that is used in Italy and can be adopted in other Jurisdiction, consists of a military uniform. This uniform mainly consisting of a black single breasted jacket with four large buttons of the Order in the front, two small buttons of the Order on the epaulets and four small buttons of the Order on the pockets. The collar, the cuffs and the epaulets of the jacket have a border in green.

The uniform uses black tie, white shirt and the military hat.

On the left breast pocket of the jacket, when don't use the medals, are in use the ribbons in military type. In those ribbons are inserted the followed distinctions referring all the ranks of various decorations of the Order:

ORDER:

MLJ	NO INSERT
OLJ	1 CIRCLE IN SILVER WITH CROIX GREEN
CCLJ	2 CIRCLES IN SILVER WITH CROIX GREEN
CLJ	3 CIRCLES IN SILVER WITH CROIX GREEN
KLJ/DLJ	1 CIRCLE IN GOLD WITH CROIX GREEN
KCLJ/DCLJ	2 CIRCLES IN GOLD WITH CROIX GREEN
GCLJ/DGCLJ-GCCLJ/DGCCLJ	3 CIRCLES IN GOLD WITH CROIX GREEN

COMPANIONATE OF MERIT:

MMLJ	NO INSERT
OMLJ	1 CIRCLE IN SILVER WITH CROIX GREEN
CCMLJ	2 CIRCLES IN SILVER WITH CROIX GREEN
CMLJ	3 CIRCLES IN SILVER WITH CROIX GREEN
KMLJ/DMLJ	1 CIRCLE IN GOLD WITH CROIX GREEN
KCMLJ/DCMLJ	2 CIRCLES IN GOLD WITH CROIX GREEN
GCMLJ/DGCMLJ	3 CIRCLES IN GOLD WITH CROIX GREEN

MAGISTERIAL CROSS OF MERIT:

BRONZE	1 LITTLE STAR IN BRONZE
SILVER	1 LITTLE STAR IN SILVER
GOLD	1 LITTLE STAR IN GOLD

DONATE CROSS:

3 [^] CLASS	1 LITTLE STAR IN BRONZE
2 [^] CLASS	1 LITTLE STAR IN SILVER
1 [^] CLASS	1 LITTLE STAR IN GOLD

SENIORITY CROSS:

BRONZE	1 LITTLE STAR IN BRONZE
SILVER	1 LITTLE STAR IN SILVER
GOLD	1 LITTLE STAR IN GOLD

CROSS AND SASH OF HONOUR:

CROSS	NO INSERT
SASH (AMBASSADORS)	1 LITTLE STAR IN GOLD

MAGISTERIAL MEDAL OF MERIT – MAGISTERIAL HOSPITALER CROSS OF MERIT:

DIFFERENT RIBBONS: NO INSERT

MAGISTERIAL FIDELITY CROSS – MERITORIOUS SERVICE – CRUSADER'S MEDAL:

ONE ONLY RANK: NO INSERT

DECORATIONS OF JURISDICTIONS NAD VOLUNTARY CORPS:

IF EXIST DIFFERENT RIBBONS FOR VARIOUS RANKS: NO INSERT

IF EXIST A ONLY RIBBON FOR VARIOUS RANKS: USE LITTLE STAR IN BRONZE, SILVER OR GOLD FOR THE DIFFERENT RANKS.

n. The Suit Day Uniform consists of a double breasted jacket, blazer type, with six large buttons in the front and six small gold buttons on the sleeves. All buttons bearing the green Cross of the Order. On the pocket of the jacket the Coat of Arms of the Order will be placed. This is worn with a grey pair of trousers.

10.3 CHURCH CAPE (MANTLE)

Church Cape (or Mantle): Black, green cross embroidered in gold on the left shoulder, edged with gold, secured with gilt clasp and chain in gold colour. Esquires and Damsels have the same mantle, but the green cross is much smaller and embroidered in silver and the clasp and the chain is in silver.

10.4 THE WEARING OF DIFFERENT UNIFORMS

- a. The Church Uniform is worn at all Ceremonial occasions (e.g. Investitures, etc.) of the Order. It may also be worn at official functions at which the Order is represented.
- b. The Gala Uniform is worn at the lunch or dinner of the Order and when each member participates to a convivial reunion after sunset.
- c. Church Uniform and Gala Uniform are equal to white or black tie.
- d. The Service Uniform is used at public and private functions of the Order or where uniforms are required.
- e. The Suit Day Uniform is used at public and private functions of the Order or where no uniforms are required.
- e. The Church Cape (or Mantle) is worn on Church occasions, Processions, Investitures, funerals of Members, etc., and when the Order is officially represented. It should be worn over the uniform and is obliged on the civilian dress.

10.5 SHOULDER EPAULETTES

- a. Shoulder epaulettes shall be worn by Members in uniform. As used in this section, the term “cross“ shall refer to the green Cross of eight points. The crosses shall be of enamelled metal in a size prescribed by the Executive Council.

b. The following epaulettes, in gold colour, must be used:

- MLJ one sword and one cross in gold colour
- OLJ one sword and two crosses in gold colour
- CCLJ one sword and three crosses (two in gold colour and one in silver colour)
- CLJ one sword and three crosses in gold colour
- KLJ one gold crown, one sword and one cross in gold colour
- KCLJ one gold crown, one sword and two crosses in gold colour
- GCLJ one gold crown, one sword and three crosses in gold colour

c. Those who hold positions, both in Jurisdictions and/or in the Central Government, regardless of their rank of the Order, will use the following epaulettes:

1) Jurisdictions:

- High Officers of Jurisdiction: one silver 'Greek', one silver sword and one silver cross
- Chancellors of Jurisdiction: one silver 'Greek', one silver sword and two silver crosses
- Priors of Jurisdiction: one silver 'Greek', one silver sword surmounted by the little SLJ monogram and three silver crosses
- Grand Priors of Jurisdiction: one silver 'Greek', one sword surmounted by the little SLJ monogram and four silver crosses

2) Central Government:

- Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors of the Order: one gold 'Greek', one gold SLJ and one gold cross
- Members of the Supreme Council: one gold 'Greek', one gold SLJ and two gold crosses
- Deputy Members of the Executive Council: one gold 'Greek', one gold SLJ and three crosses (two in gold colour and one in silver colour)
- Members of the Executive Council: one gold 'Greek', one gold SLJ and three gold crosses
- President of the Supreme Council: one gold 'Greek', a gold SLJ and four gold crosses
- Grand Master: the Crown of the Order (black and gold) surrounded by laurel fronds.

d. Those who hold positions, both in Jurisdictions and/or in the Central Government, regardless of their rank of the Order, will use the following distinctions on the green cuff of the jacket of the church uniform:

1) Jurisdictions:

- High Officers of Jurisdiction: one silver stripe
- Chancellors of Jurisdiction: two silver stripes
- Priors of Jurisdiction: three silver stripes
- Grand Priors of Jurisdiction: four silver stripes

2) Central Government:

- Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors of the Order: one gold stripe
- Members of the Supreme Council: two gold stripes
- Deputy Members of the Executive Council: three stripes (two in gold and one in silver)
- Members of the Executive Council: three gold stripes
- President of the Supreme Council: four gold stripes
- Grand Master: two big gold stripes.

e. Those who hold positions, both in Jurisdictions and/or in the Central Government, regardless of their rank of the Order, will use the following distinctions on the jacket of the uniform, up the medals or the military ribbons:

1) Jurisdictions:

- High Officers of Jurisdiction: one silver little eagle
 - Chancellors et Priors of Jurisdiction: one silver regular eagle
 - Grand Priors of Jurisdiction: one silver regular eagle with the green cross of the Order
- If the Jurisdiction is a Priory, the Prior dress the eagle of the Grand Prior

2) Central Government:

- Grand Secretaries and Ambassadors of the Order: one gold little eagle
- Members of the Supreme Council: one gold regular eagle
- Deputy Members of the Executive Council, Members of the Executive Council, President of the Supreme Council and Grand Master: one gold regular eagle with the green cross of the Order.

f. Members of the Government of the Jurisdiction are to wear on the Collar of the jacket of the Uniform the monogram SLJ with no laurel fronds. The members of the Central Government wears the Crown of the Order gold and black.

g. All the members of the Government of the Jurisdictions and of the Central Government, in the moment of their appointment “in emeritus” for age, continue to use their distinction on the epaulettes and suppress those on the on the green cuff of the jacket of the uniform but. All the members of the Government of the Jurisdictions and of the Central Government, in the moment of their appointment “in emeritus” for resignation or other cause, end to use their distinction on the epaulettes and suppress those on the on the green cuff of the jacket of the uniform and use again the distinction of they rank in the Order.

All members “in emeritus” added on the left sleeve of the jacket of the uniform the distinction “in emeritus” below the coat of arm of the Order (one little strip in diagonal position, in gold or in silver colour referring his previous rank) and remove their eagle.

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Chapter 11 - The Wearing of Decorations

11.1 GENERAL RULES

- a. Members promoted within the Order, the Companionate of Merit and the Donat Crosses of the Order will only wear the highest class.
- b. Full size insignia are worn with Church - or Military uniform, miniatures with Gala Uniform.
- c. Persons who have been decorated with the Crosses and/or Medals of Merit may wear the insignia of all the classes they have been awarded.
- d. Not more than one Collar or Chain of Office may be worn at any time.

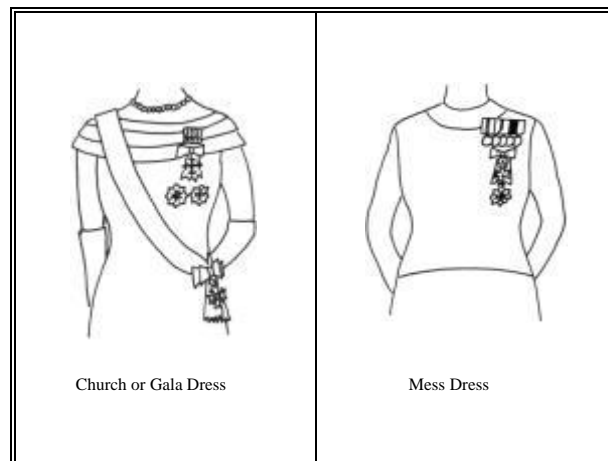
e. Not more than one Sash, six Breast Stars and three Neck Crosses at any time may be worn. Two Neck Crosses may be worn with the ribbons regulated if the second Cross may be so much lower than the first.

f. On the Service Uniform, when the medals are not dressed, are fixed up the left breast pocket the little ribbons referring the decorations, as in military use.

g. Church Capes: No decorations except the Grand Collar or the Chain of Office on ceremonial occasions may be worn.

h. Regulations for Ladies:

- The Sash is worn over the shoulder with the Badge on the hip with Church or Gala Dress only.
- Neck decorations as well as breast decorations are worn from a ribbon bow above the Breast Star.
- Breast Stars are worn with Church or Gala dress.
- With the Day Dress only one rosette may be worn.



i. When Ladies wear uniform, they use the lady sash and the ladies plaques (if they have), no neck decoration except this of Donate, and dress in the position of the males the other decorations type miniature with the vertical ribbons (no bow). Same regulations apply as for Gentlemen also referring the positions of eventually military little ribbons.

11.2. FORMAL SUIT (WHITE TIE, BLACK TIE, GALA UNIFORM AND LONG DRESS)

a. Wearing of Insignia (Full sized insignia:)

- Holders of the Grand Cross: wear the Sash with the Badge suspended from it and the Breast Star
- Grand Officers and Dames Grand Officers of First Rank: wear the Sash with the Badge suspended from it and the Breast Star



- Grand Officers and Dames Grand Officers of Second Rank: wear the Badge pendant from a ribbon - ladies from a ribbon bow - and the Breast Star
- Commanders with Star: wear the Badge pendant from a ribbon - ladies from a ribbon bow – and the Breast Star
- Commanders: Wear the Badge pendant from a ribbon - ladies from a ribbon bow



- Officers: wear the Badge pendant from a chest ribbon with rosette - ladies from a ribbon bow
- Knight/Dame: wear the Badge pendant from a chest ribbon - ladies from a Ribbon bow



b. Wearing of the Grand Collar

- Holders of Grand Collar: wear the Collar together with the Insignia of a Grand Cross.

c. Wearing of the Orders Awards

- Holders of Orders Awards: wear the Badge pendant from a chest ribbon.
- The Donat Award: Badge pendant from a ribbon.

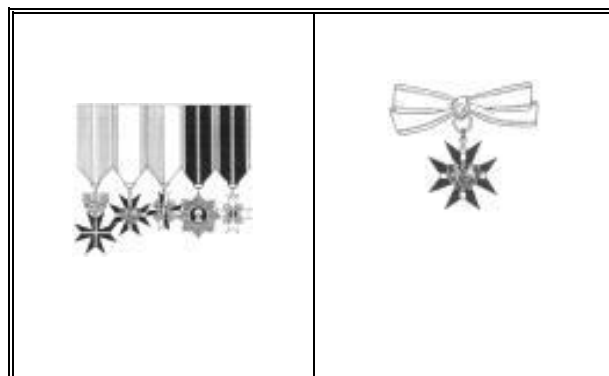
d. Wearing of the Chain of Office

- The Chain of Office will be worn additional to the insignia awarded.

e. Wearing of the Cross of Justice

- The Cross of Justice will be worn on the right breast side.

f. Wearing of Miniatures: Miniatures are the exact reproduction on a smaller scale of the badges and ribbons (reduced versions) and they are worn with Gala Suit and Dinner Jacket on a bar or chain and ladies from a miniature ribbon bow or miniature brooch on the left hand side of the chest.



11.3. DAY SUIT

- a. The Day Suit may be worn by male members. According to their rank, a rosette on the buttonhole of the jacket is to be worn.
- b. Members, both male or female, wear on the Day Suit one rosette appropriate to their rank, but without ribbon, to signify membership in the Order.



11.4 NATIONAL CUSTOMS

The method of wearing Orders, Decorations and Medals by members of a National Jurisdiction shall be governed by the state rules of the country concerned. Heads of Jurisdiction are advised to include in their Jurisdiction's Statutes relevant extracts from the official notes on the wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals, issued by their National government (if available).

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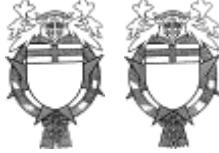


Chapter 12 - Armorial Bearings

12.1 GENERAL RULES

- a. As an international and Independent Order, formerly of sovereign status, the Order has the ability to regulate the use of heraldry within its own Jurisdiction. However, the Order takes note of varying heraldic customs world wide, irrespective of actual legal control or lack thereof.
- b. Although no Member of the Order is required to be or become a Bearer of Heraldic Arms, it is desirable that the heraldic tradition should continue within the Order, both as an evocation of its history and as a significant adjunct to the Order's ceremonial.

12.2 ADDITIONS FOR MEMBERS

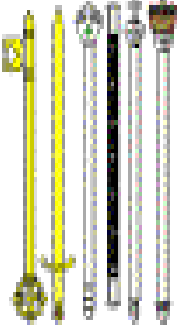
- a. The following additions are permitted to the arms of Members of the Order:

<p>Ranks of Knight/Dame and Officer/Dame Officer suspend their insignia of the Order beneath their Coats of Arms. Commanders/Dame Commanders (without or with Star) shall show the green ribbon surrounding the shield, with their badge of the Order dependent there from.</p>	
<p>Grand Officers of Second Rank/Dame Grand Officers of Second Rank shall show the green ribbon surrounding the shield, with the badge of the Order dependent there from. Grand Officers of Second Rank/Dame Grand Officers of Second Rank and above may carry the ancient and traditional Chief of Religion.</p>	
<p>Grand Officers of First Rank/Dame Grand Officers of First Rank and Knights Grand Cross/dame Grand Cross shall replace the ribbon around the shield with their respective Sash of the Order.</p>	
<p>Knights Grand Cross/Dames Grand Cross are entitled to wear the Grand Collar shall replace the ribbon around the shield with the Grand Collar of the Order.</p>	
<p>The Senior Officers entitled to wear the Chain of Office may show the Chain of Office surrounding the shield. Such arms must be used during the time of Office only.</p>	

b. The rules for Knights, Dames and Ecclesiastical Members are the same.

12.3 ADDITIONS FOR HIGH OFFICERS

a. In addition to the foregoing, the following additions may be used, according to ancient traditions, by the High Officers indicated:

	The Grand Marshal	Two Swords in saltire behind the shield
	The Grand Custodian of Treasure	Two Keys in saltire behind the shield
	The President of the Supreme Council	A Sword and a sceptre in saltire behind the shield
	The Grand Master	A Baton and a sceptre in saltire behind the shield

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Chapter 13 - Volunteer Corps

13.1 GENERAL RULES REGARDING VOLUNTEER CORPS

- a.** Where formed, these will be controlled by a mixed Commission from the Order in the country concerned and the members elected from the Corps. The financial responsibilities will lie with these associations, although as far as within the power of the Order, financial assistance will be afforded to them. Medical Direction shall be under a Medical Director, who will be either the Hospitaller of the local Jurisdiction or appointed by him.
- b.** Volunteer Corps are also open to individuals not belonging to the Order.
- c.** In all countries and especially in those, where it is not possible by law to register (or charter) a National Jurisdiction of the Order as a jurisdictional body itself, the Members of the Order have to found and register (or charter) a Volunteer Corp as a charitable association or society, called Saint Lazarus Volunteers (translated and written in the language spoken in the country of the Jurisdiction).
- d.** Within the country of a National Jurisdiction only one Volunteer Corp may be founded. All Members of the National Jurisdiction are obliged to become also members of that Corps, and they as well as all other Members of the Order living in that country (e.g. members of foreign Jurisdictions, in gremio religionis or of Hereditary Jurisdictions) are obliged to co-operate at their utmost of ability and to contribute to the preservation, growth and splendour of the society and its charitable works.
- e.** In exceptional circumstances or if it is not possible to institute a Volunteer Corp and with prior approval of the Supreme Council, the only one registered (or chartered) National Society may use another style like a foundation or association, open only to Members of the Order.

13.2 PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN

The Head of the National Jurisdiction or a Member of the Order appointed by him has to act as President or Chairman of the Society. Normally this Chairman is responsible for the appointments of all members of the Board of the Corps.








13.3 AWARDS OF MERIT

- a.** The Board of the Volunteer Corps is authorised to found - with the consent of the Head of the National Jurisdiction - Crosses and Medals of Merit which may be awarded to merited members and other persons. The design of such Decorations must be submitted to the Office of the Judge of Arms of the Order and approved by the Heraldic Commission.
- b.** The following Volunteer Corps can use and confer Awards of Merit:
- Austrian Volunteer Corps (Sankt Lazarus Hilfswerk)
 - German Volunteer Corps (Lazarus Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.)
 - Italian Volunteer Corps (Corpo Nazionale Volontari Soccorso)
 - Maltese Volunteer Corps (Special Rescue Group Saint Lazarus Corps)

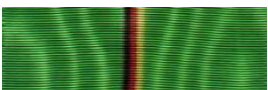

c. All these awards shall be stored in the Office of the Judge of Arms of the Order

d. All Medals, Crosses and other merits or premiums currently established by all Corps belonging to the Volunteers can be used as in the past.




Austrian Volunteer Corps (Sankt Lazarus Hilfswerk)

		
Bronze Medal of Merit Cross of Merit 2nd Cl	Silver Medal of Merit Cross of Merit 1st Cl.	Gold Medal of Merit Cross of Merit
		
Bronze Medal of Honour Badge of Honour 2nd Cl.	Silver Medal of Honour Badge of Honour 1st Cl.	Gold Medal of Honour Badge of Honour
		<i>not yet issued</i>
Medal for Special Engagement		Medal for Disaster Aid

German Volunteer Corps (Lazarus Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.)

		
Bronze Medal of Merit	Silver Medal of Merit	Gold Medal of Merit
		
Bronze Medal of Honour	Silver Medal of Honour	Gold Medal of Honour

Italian Volunteer Corps (Corpo Nazionale Volontari Soccorso)

		
Medal of Valour (Bronze, Silver, Gold)	Cross of Merit (Bronze, Silver, Gold)	Cross of Long Command (Bronze 5 years, Silver 10 years, Gold 15 years)

		
	Cross of Honour	

Maltese Volunteer Corps (Special Rescue Group Saint Lazarus Corps)

		
Medal of Merit	Silver Cross of Merit	Life Saving Medal
		
Veteran Medal	12 Years of Service SRG	14 years of Service SRG Staff Officers
		
	15 Year Anniversary SRG	

13.4 UNIFORMS

Members of a National Volunteer Corps may wear the Service Dress (dark rifle green trousers and tunic, black bonnet or beret) or a local uniform approved by the Head of the National Jurisdiction. Such uniforms must be registered by the Judge of Arms of the Order and approved by the Executive Council. Present uniforms can be used as in the past.

13.5 USE OF THE CROSS OF THE ORDER

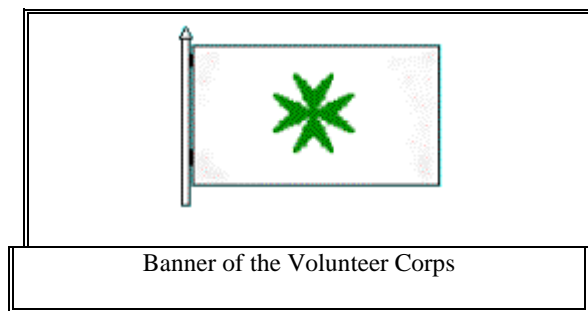
The Volunteer Corps (or other association) within each National Jurisdiction is entitled to use the eight-pointed green Cross as its badge.

13.6 ANNUAL REPORT

An annual report will be made covering the work of the Volunteers Corps, Ambulance Sections and Nurses' Associations together with any other activity undertaken.

13.7 BANNER

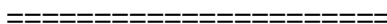
The Banner of the Volunteer Corps is white with a green eight-pointed Cross.



13.8 SEAL

a. The Seals of the Volunteers Corps are: The Cross of eight points on a shield, encircled by the (registered) name of the Volunteers Corps and with the office or function of the bearer, inscribed in the language of the country the seal is used.

b. All Seals used within the Volunteers Corps must be registered with the Judge of Arms and approved by the Heraldic Commission.



Appendix 1
Anthem of the Order

Maestoso

The musical score is arranged in six systems. Each system contains three staves: Voice (top), Organ (middle), and Horn alt. Trumpet (bottom). The tempo is marked 'Maestoso'. The key signature changes from C major in the first two systems to D major in the remaining four systems. The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The voice part features a melodic line with some rests. The horn alt. trumpet part has a few notes in the final systems.

Text:

- 1.) Saint Lazarus, raised from the death by our Lord Jesus Christ.
We pray for guidance here on earth, to share in his new life.
- 2.) O Patron of the sick and poor, called friend by God's own son.
Ask Him to grant us strength and grace to pray "Thy will be done".
- 3.) New and eternal is our home, Jerusalem her name.
She is the holy bride of Christ, her days have endless reign.
- 4.) We raise our shield, the cross of Christ, and act to meet its call.
We live and follow his command by loving one and all.

Appendix 2
Ranks, Insigna etc. in Latin and English Languages

Ranks of the Order (Grace and Justice)

RANKS	LATIN	ENGLISH
MLJ	EQUES	KNIGHT
	DOMINA	DAME
OLJ	OFFICIALIS	OFFICER
	DOMINA OFFICIALIS	DAME OFFICER
CCLJ	COMMENDATOR	COMMANDER
	DOMINA COMMENDAE	DAMA COMMANDER
CLJ	COMMENDATOR CUM PHALERA	COMMANDER WITH STAR
	DOMINA COMMENDAE CUM PHALERA	DAMA COMMANDER WITH STAR
KLJ	MAGNUS OFFICIALIS SECUNDUS GRADUS	GRAND OFFICER OF SECOND RANK
DLJ	DOMINA MAGNA OFFICIALIS SECUNDUS GRADUS	DAME GRAND OFFICER OF SECOND RANK
KCLJ	MAGNUS OFFICIALIS PRIORIS GRADUS	GRAND OFFICER OF FIRST RANK
DCLJ	DOMINA MAGNA OFFICIALIS PRIORIS GRADUS	DAME GRAND OFFICER OF FIRST RANK
GCLJ	EQUES MAGNAE CRUCIS	KNIGHT GRAND CROSS
DGCLJ	DOMINAE MAGNAE CRUCIS	DAME GRAND CROSS
GCCLJ	EQUES MAGNAE CRUCIS CUM TORQUES	KNIGHT GRAND CROSS WITH COLLAR
DGCCLJ	DOMINA MAGNAE CRUCIS CUM TORQUES	DAME GRAND CROSS WITH COLLAR
AChLJ	CURATOR CAPPELLANUS – COMMENDATOR ECCLESIASTICUS	ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN – ECCLESIASTIC COMMANDER

ChLJ	CAPPELLANUS – COMMENDATOR ECCLESIASTICUS	CHAPLAIN – ECCLESIASTIC COMMANDER WITH STAR
SChLJ	CAPPELLANUS MAGNUS – MAGNUS OFFICIALIS ECCLESIASTICUS SECUNDUS GRADUS	SENIOR CHAPLAIN – ECCLESIASTIC GRAND OFFICER OF SECOND RANK
PChLJ	CAPPELLANUS PRAELATUS – MAGNUS OFFICIALIS ECCLESIASTICUS PRIORIS GRADUS	CHAPLAIN PRAELATUS – ECCLESIASTIC GRAND OFFICER OF FIRST RANK
EGCLJ	EQUES ECCLESIASTICUS MAGNAE CRUCIS	ECCLESIASTIC KNIGHT GRAND CROSS
EGCCLJ	EQUES ECCLESIASTICUS MAGNAE CRUCIS CUM TORQUES	ECCLESIASTIC KNIGHT GRAND CROSS WITH COLLAR

Ranks of the Companionate of Merit

RANKS	LATIN	ENGLISH
MMLJ	EQUES MERITI	KNIGHT OF MERIT
	DOMINA MERITI	DAME OF MERIT
OMLJ	OFFICIALIS MERITI	OFFICER OF MERIT
	DOMINA OFFICIALIS MERITI	DAME OFFICER OF MERIT
CCMLJ	COMMENDATOR MERITI	COMMANDER OF MERIT
	DOMINA COMMENDAE MERITI	DAME COMMANDER OF MERIT
CMLJ	COMMENDATOR MERITI CUM PHALERA	COMMANDER OF MERIT WITH STAR
	DOMINA COMMENDAE MERITI CUM PHALERA	DAME COMMANDER OF MERIT WITH STAR
KMLJ	MAGNUS OFFICIALIS MERITI SECUNDUS GRADUS	GRAND OFFICER OF MERIT OF SECOND RANK
DMLJ	DOMINA MAGNA OFFICIALIS MERITI SECUNDUS GRADUS	DAME GRAND OFFICER OF MERIT OF SECOND RANK

KCMLJ	MAGNUS OFFICIALIS MERITI PRIORIS GRADUS	GRAND OFFICER OF MERIT OF FIRST RANK
DCMLJ	DOMINA MAGNA OFFICIALIS MERITI PRIORIS GRADUS	DAME GRAND OFFICER OF MERIT OF FIRST RANK
GCMLJ	EQUES MAGNAE CRUCIS MERITI	KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF MERIT
DGCMLJ	DOMINA MAGNAE CRUCIS MERITI	DAME GRAND CROSS OF MERIT
EGCMLJ	EQUES MAGNAE CRUCIS ECCLESIAE MERITI	ECCLESIASTICAL GRAND CROSS OF MERIT

Other Decorations

RANKS	LATIN	ENGLISH
MGCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS MERITI EX AURO	MAGISTERIAL GOLD CROSS OF MERIT
MSCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS MERITI EX ARGENTO	MAGISTERIAL SILVER CROSS OF MERIT
MBCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS MERITI EX AERE	MAGISTERIAL BRONZE CROSS OF MERIT
MGMLJ	NOMISMA MAGISTRALIS MERITI EX AURO	MAGISTERIAL GOLD MEDAL OF MERIT
MSMLJ	NOMISMA MAGISTRALIS MERITI EX ARGENTO	MAGISTERIAL SILVER MEDAL OF MERIT
MBMLJ	NOMISMA MAGISTRALIS MERITI EX AERE	MAGISTERIAL BRONZE MEDAL OF MERIT
MGHCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS HOSPITALARIS MERITI EX AURO	MAGISTERIAL GOLD HOSPITALLER CROSS OF MERIT
MSHCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS HOSPITALARIS MERITI EX ARGENTO	MAGISTERIAL SILVER HOSPITALLER CROSS OF MERIT
MBHCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS HOSPITALARIS MERITI EX AERE	MAGISTERIAL BRONZE HOSPITALLER CROSS OF MERIT

MFCrLJ	CRUX MAGISTRALIS FIDELITATIS	MAGISTERIAL FIDELITY CROSS
Don1LJ	CRUX DONATI PRIMAE CLASSIS	DONATE CROSS OF FIRST CLASS
Don2LJ	CRUX DONATI SECUNDAE CLASSIS	DONATE CROSS OF SECOND CLASS
Don3LJ	CRUX DONATI TERTIAE CLASSIS	DONATE CROSS OF THIRD CLASS
MSDLJ	NOMISMA VIGENTI ANNORUM PROBATISSIMI OFFICII	MERITORIOUS SERVICE DECORATION
GSCrLJ	NOMISMA PROVECTA AETATIS EX AURO	GOLD SENIORITY CROSS
SSCrLJ	NOMISMA PROVECTAE AETATIS EX ARGENTO	SILVER SENIORITY CROSS
BSCrLJ	NOMISMA PROVECTAE AETATIS EX AERE	BRONZE SENIORITY CROSS
HCrLJ	CRUX HONORIS	CROSS OF HONOUR
HSLJ	INSIGNE OBLIQUUM HONORIS	SASH OF HONOUR
PSLJ	NOMISMA MILITIS CHRISTI CRUCE INSIGNIS	PILGRIM SHELL (CRUSADER'S MEDAL)
ARALJ	TROPHEUM REGINALD ATTRD	TROPHY REGINALD ATTARD

Translation of terms from Latin to English

LATIN	ENGLISH
CATENA OFFICIALIS	CHAIN OF OFFICE
ARMIGER	ESQUIRE
DOMINULA	DAMSEL
MAGNUS MAGISTER	GRAND MASTER
MAGNUS VICARIUS MAGISTRALIS	MAGISTERIAL GRAND VICAR
PRAESES SUPREMI CONCILII	PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL
MAGNUS THESAURI CUSTOS	GRAND CUSTODIAN OF TREASURE
MAGNUS MARESCALLUS	GRAND MARSHAL
MAGNUS INQUISITOR	GRAND INQUISITOR
MAGNUS JURIS CONSULTUS	GRAND LEGAL GENERAL
MAGNUS HISTORICUS	GRAND HISTORIAN
MAGNUS SINISCALCUS	GRAND SENESCHAL
MAGNUS HOSPITALARIS	GRAND HOSPITALLER
MAGNUS LARGITONUM	GRAND ALMONER
MAGNUS SIGILLI CUSTOS	GRAND KEEPER OF THE SEAL
MAGNUS ARCHIVI CUSTOS	GRAND ARCHIVIST
MAGNUS HERALDUS	GRAND HERALD
MAGNUS FAMILIAE HISTORICUS	GRAND GENEALOGIST
MAGNUS INSIGNORUM CUSTOS	GRAND CUSTODIAN OF INSIGNA
MAGNUS REFERENDARIUS	GRAND REFERENDARY

MAGNUS CAPITULARIS	GRAND CAPITULAR
MAGNUS REI MILITARIS ADIUTOR	GRAND AIDE DE CAMP
LEGATUS ORDINIS	AMBASSADOR
MAGNUS PRIORATUS	GRAND PRIORY
MAGNUS PRIORIS	GRAND PRIOR
PRIORATUS	PRIORY
PRIORIS	PRIOR
DELEGATIONIS	DELEGATION
DELEGATUS	DELEGATE
NATIONALIS IURISDICTIONIS	NATIONAL JURISDICTION
SUBMISSIO	COMMANDERY (SUB – JURISDICTIONS)
PRAEFECTUS	COMMANDER (SUB – JURISDICTIONS)
HEREDITATIS SUBMISSIO	HEREDITARY COMMANDERY
HEREDITATIS PRAEFECTUS	COMMANDER (HEREDITARY COMMANDERY)

Text of the Diplomas in Latin**ORDO MILITARIS ET HOSPITALARIS SANCTI LAZARI HIEROSOLYMITANI
(appointment)**

Nos, Princeps Victorious Galoppini Carpenedoli, (Magnus Vicarius et) Praeses Supremi Concilii Ordinis, propter potestates quae nobis attributae sunt, visis regulis Ordinis et sententia audita Supremi Concilii, hoc Decreto designamussicut

(foundation of jurisdiction)

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(admission)

Supremum Concilium Ordinis his litteris notum facit quod admissus est in Ordinem Militarem et Hospitalarem Sancti Lazari Hierosolymitani sicut Numero Ordinali Datodie mensis

(promotion)

Supremum Concilium Ordinis his litteris notum facit quodpromotus est in Ordinem Militarem et Hospitalarem Sancti Lazari Hierosolymitani sicut Numero Ordinali Dato die mensis

(admission companionate of merit)

Supremum Concilium Ordinis his litteris notum facit quod admissus est in Societatem Meritorum in Ordinem Militarem et Hospitalarem Sancti Lazari Hierosolymitani sicut Numero Ordinali Datodie mensis
















(promotion companionate of merit)

Supremum Concilium Ordinis his litteris notum facit quod promotus est in Societatem Meritorum in Ordinem Militarem et Hospitalarem Sancti Lazari Hierosolymitani sicut Numero Ordinali Datodie mensis

(other decorations)

Supremum Concilium Ordinis his litteris notum facit quod decoratus est Ordine Militari et Hospitalari Sancti Lazari Hierosolymitani sicut Numero Ordinali Datodie mensis

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MLJ					
OLJ					
CCLJ					
CLJ					
KLJ/DLJ					
KCLJ/DCLJ					
GCLJ/DGCLJ GCCLJ/DGCCLJ					

JURISDICTIONS:

HIGHT OFFICERS					
CHANCELLOR					
PRIOR					
GRAND PRIOR		 			

RANKS ON EPAULETTES

GOUVERNEMENT:

GRAND SECRETARIES

MEMBRES OF THE
SUPREME COUNCILDEPUTY MEMBERS
OF THE EXECUTIVE C.MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCILPRESIDENT OF THE
SUPREME COUNCIL
AND GRAND VICAR

GRAND MASTER





