

**AMENDMENTS TO DECREES APPROVED AT THE  
GRAND MAGISTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, MALTA, 1977**

**Decree 18 - para 2**

For all the work of the Order the Grand Master will issue his instructions direct, or through the Coadjutor, or the Grand Commander, or the Grand Referendary, or the Grand Chancellor to the Officers concerned as listed in Decree 8/69.

**Decree 20 - para 1**

The Grand Magistral Council Consists of the Grand Master as President, the Coadjutor, the Grand Commander, the President of the Supreme Council, the Grand Referendary the Grand Chancellor, as well as all the Officers listed in Decrees 8 and 11, the Grand Commanders, Bailiffs, Priors, Grand Bailiffs, Grand Priors, and the Hereditary Commanders (Decree 24) and such other persons as the Grand Master 'motu proprio' may appoint to the Council.

**Decree 36 - para 1**

Each jurisdiction shall review its total membership and remove all those who take no part in the hospitaller, oecumenical, and other good works of the Order, and do not pay their oblations to assist these works, or are so judged to be no longer collaborating with the Order, and place their names on an INACTIVE LIST. These persons will no longer be asked to make contributions in work or money to the Order, and will not be summoned to any meetings, assemblies or other gatherings, since to do so involves cost, and this means that funds which should be used for the work of the Order are being wasted. They may, however still continue to wear the insignia and uniform on fitting occasions where social custom demands the wearing of such. Each jurisdiction is requested to send to the Grand Chancery two lists of members, those on the ACTIVE LIST AND IN GOOD STANDING, and the other of members on the INACTIVE LIST, not later than the end of July each year.

**Decree 36 - para 3, sub-para a)**

Making a petition to the Grand Chancellor setting out reasons for asking to be reinstated on the Active List.

**Decree 45**

Hereafter no decrees, instructions of documents carrying the force of obligation to accept and obey, nor admissions to the Order or promotions therein will be considered legal and binding which do not bear the following seals::

1. The Privy Seal of the Grand Master, which is a seal bearing the Grand Master's personal arms quartered with those of the Order.
2. The seal of the Grand Commander.
3. The seal of the Grand Chancery.

**Decree 46**

All Certificates or Diplomas of Admission or Promotion shall be signed by the Grand Master, the Grand Commander and the Grand Chancellor.

**Decree 49**

DELETE: "The Grand Hospitaller will coordinate Ambulance Corps policies throughout the Order".

**Decree 51**

The wives of members of the Order may be granted the same rank as their husband.

**Decree 56 UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER**

**SHOULDER BADGES OF UNIFORM**

*Member Companion:*

White epaulet with the Initials (S.L.) of the Order and a button (of the Order)

*Officer Companion:*

White epaulet with one Green Cross, the Initials of the Order and one button.

*Commander Companion:*

White epaulet with two Green Crosses, the Initials of the Order and one button.

*Knight:*

Gold epaulet with one Green Cross, the Initials of the Order and one button.

*Knight Grand Cross:*

Gold epaulet with two Green Crosses and the Initials of the Order and one button.

**HEADS OF JURISDICTIONS**

*Grand Priors/Grand Bailiffs, Priors/Bailiffs, Commanders:*

Gold epaulet with three Green Crosses and the Initials of the Order and one button.

*Members of the Supreme Council:*

Gold epaulet, one Crown and the Initials of the Order and one button.

**GRAND REFERENDARY — GRAND CHANCELLOR**

Gold epaulet, one crown and one Green Cross and one button.

**GRAND COMMANDER — PRESIDENT SUPREME COUNCIL**

Gold epaulet, one Crown, two Green Crosses and one button.

*Coadjutor:*

Gold epaulet, one Crown, three Green Crosses, and one button.

*Grand Master:*

Gold epaulet, one Crown, Four Green Crosses and one button.

**Decree 64**

For the purpose of the allocation of the awards of the Medals of Merit, Crosses of Merit, the Companionship of Merit, the Donat Crosses or any other Awards the Order may from time to time create, the Admissions Commission of the Order composed of the Grand Commander, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Inquisitor shall adjudicate upon the recommendations received from the Heads of Jurisdictions.