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We, FRANCISCO ENRIQUE DE BORBON Y DE BORBON, PRINCE GRAND MASTER of the MILITARY AND HOSPITALIER 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 Magistral Decree, We do hereby decree that the Constitution and Statutes of the Military and Hospitalier 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 to the Grand Chancellor, His Excellency Chevalier Joseph Amato-Gauci, the publication of the said Constitution and Statutes in the English, Spanish and French languages in conformity with the text approved by Us and We also entrust him with the duty of communicating them to all the Heads of Jurisdictions of the Order that they 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 and Statutes.

Given in Our Magistral Seat in Madrid, Spain, this 15^x day of May of the year 1979.

GRAND MASTER
Francisco Enrique de Borbón y de Borbón
 GRAND CHANCELLOR
Joseph Amato-Gauci
 GRAND COMMANDER
Ramon y Cajal



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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Character of the Order. The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem is a Christian Chivalric Order. 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.

ARTICLE II

Religion. All members and affiliates of the Order shall be practising members of the Christian faith in good standing within their particular denomination. All members and affiliates of the Order shall be committed to the upholding with their lives, fortunes and honour, the principles of Christianity, and shall stand united before all men in their determination to live and die following the teachings of Christ and His Holy Church.

ARTICLE III

Aims of the Order. 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 the 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.

ARTICLE IV

Invocations. The Sign of the Cross and the invocation 'In the Name of God, and of the Virgin and of St Lazarus' is to precede every official act of the Order.

ARTICLE V

Cross of the Order. The Cross of the Order shall be a Cross of eight points, commonly called a Maltese Cross, green in colour.

ARTICLE VI

Arms of the Order. The arms of the Order are: Argent a Cross vert, surmounting a Cross of eight points, encircled by the Grand Collar, the whole on a mantle sable, with tassels and ornaments or, on the sinister

side bearing the Cross of eight points vert, over all the Eastern Crown of the Order lined sable on which is borne a Cross and orb or; beneath the arms is the motto '*Atavis et Armis*'.

ARTICLE VII

Arms of the Grand Master. The arms of the Grand Master are: Quarterly, 1 and 4, the arms of the Order; 2 and 3, the personal arms of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE VIII

Banner of the Order. The banner of the Order is: Argent a cross vert.

ARTICLE IX

Pinsil of the Order. The pinsil of the Order is: Argent with the arms of the Order in the centre.

ARTICLE X

Standard of the Order. The standard of the Order is: In the hoist, argent a cross vert; in the fly, argent semée of crosses of eight points vert, two bands azure bearing the motto '*Atavis et Armis*' or.

ARTICLE XI

Seal of the Order. The seal of the Order is: The arms of the Order encircled by the inscription '*S. Ordinis Sancti Lazari in Jerusalem*'. The seal of the Order shall be used only by the Grand Master and by the Keeper of the Seal. Those dignitaries of the Order who, in the exercise of their official duties, are authorized to use a seal shall use a seal bearing the cross of eight points encircled by the Collar of the Order with the office or function of the bearer inscribed thereon in the language of the country of jurisdiction in which the duties are carried out or the functions exercised.

ARTICLE XII

Motto of the Order. The motto of the Order is: '*Atavis et Armis*'.

ARTICLE XIII

Seat of the Order. The titular seat of the Order shall be at the place so established by the Grand Master. The Administrative seat of the Order is Malta.

ARTICLE XIV

Government of the Order

Section 1. *The Chapter General.* 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 to the Grand Master. The Chapter General is composed of all the Knights and higher ranks in the Order, both lay and clerical. The Chapter General shall be convened by the Grand Capitular upon the order of the Supreme Council for the purpose of electing the Grand Master and for the confirmation of the appointment of the Coadjutor. The Chapter General may also be convened by the Grand Master whenever the Grand Master deems it to be in the interests of the Order.

When convening the Chapter General the Grand Capitular will send a personal summons in writing to those knights residing outside the bounds of the Order's several priories, commanderies etc. and will summon the Members of the Order through the Order's representative wherever a Jurisdiction of the Order exists. The said summons shall set out the reasons for which the Chapter General is being convened and should give a clear exposition of the matters with which the Chapter General will be called upon to deal so that each knight may express an opinion or cast a vote from the country in which he resides.

The Order's representative in each delegation will call together the resident knights seeking the vote or opinion of each which he will remit to the Grand Capitular.

The votes or opinions so remitted together with those of the knights actually present at the Chapter General will form part of and will be embodied in the acts setting out the proceedings of the Chapter General.

Section 2. *The Grand Master.* The Grand Master is the head of the Order and to him, upon taking the oath as Grand Master, is delegated all power and authority of the Chapter General. The Grand Master is elected for life by the Chapter General, and he must be a member of the Order before his election.

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 times His Holy Commandments, and to ensure that they may be upheld, venerated, and observed as far as that may lie within my power; to

administer and govern the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem loyally and faithfully as becomes the duty and dignity of the Grand Master; and to uphold the statutes, 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.'

The Grand Master shall appoint all members of the Supreme Council of the Order and all members of the Central Government of the Order. He shall also appoint all Grand Priors, Grand Bailiffs, Priors, Bailiffs and Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies. He shall approve the appointment by the Grand Officers of the Order of all Referendaries, Chancellors, and Commanders of non-Hereditary Commandaries. He shall, immediately following his election, confirm in office the Hereditary Commanders. He may also, with the consent of the Chapter General, appoint a Coadjutor to succeed him in due course.

Should the Grand Mastership become vacant and the Coadjutor for any reason not assume the provisional Grand Mastership, the Order shall be governed by a Grand Vicar vested with the prerogatives of the Grand Mastership but without being entitled to the external pomp and honours.

The Grand Vicar shall be appointed by the Chapter General and, if circumstances have not permitted it to convene, by agreement between the Central Government and the Supreme Council of the Order.

The Grand Master shall be the only authority competent to admit members or affiliates into the Order. He may, however, delegate such authority to the Senior Officers of the Order.

All members or affiliates of the Order appointed to any office or dignity within the Order by the Grand Master shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

Section 3. *The Coadjutor.* The Coadjutor is the first dignitary of the Order after the Grand Master. He shall preside over the Supreme Council of the Order and he takes the Grand Master's place when the Grand Master is incapacitated or otherwise unable to fulfill the duties of his office. In the event of the death or abdication of the Grand Master, the Coadjutor shall become Provisional Grand Master until the Chapter General elects a successor to the Grand Master. If the Coadjutor has been appointed with right of succession the Supreme Council will immediately determine, the Coadjutor not being present, whether there is in its opinion, any reason of sufficient weight to require the convening of the Chapter General so that it may either confirm the right of succession of the Coadjutor or proceed to the election of a Grand Master.

Should there be no such reason, the Supreme Council will proclaim the Coadjutor Grand Master upon his taking the oath provided for in section 2 of Article XIV.

The Coadjutor shall be appointed by the Grand Master for life, with the consent of the Chapter General.

Section 4. *The Supreme Council.* The Supreme Council of the Order shall consist of the following high dignitaries of the Order: The Coadjutor, the Grand Commander, the President of the Supreme Council, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Referendary, the Grand Almoner, the Grand Hospitaller, the Grand Capitular, the Grand Custodian, the Grand Auditor General, the Grand Inquisitor, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Marshal, the Herald Principal, the Judge of Arms, the Grand Archivist, the Custodian of Insignia, the Grand Genealogist, the Keeper of the Seal, the Keeper of the Privy Seal, the Cross Bearer, the Sword Bearer, the Banner Bearer, the Standard Bearer. The Grand Master shall also be a member of the Supreme Council except in those instances where the Grand Master declines to sit as a member because the Supreme Council is charged by the Grand Master to report to the Grand Master for his final consideration or action.

All members of the Supreme Council shall be appointed by the Grand Master for life, but serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master. Any member of the Supreme Council who resigns his Grand Office or becomes incapable of fulfilling the duties required of him as a member of the Supreme Council shall be removed from the Supreme Council by decree of the Grand Master.

The Supreme Council shall be called together by the Grand Chancellor on the orders of the Grand Master. The Grand Referendary will preside over the Supreme Council in the absence of the Grand Master, the Coadjutor, the President of the Supreme Council, or the Grand Commander.

The Supreme Council constitutes the Privy Council to the Grand Master.

Section 5. *The Central Government of the Order.* The Central Government of the Order shall consist of the following high dignitaries of the Order: The Grand Master, the Coadjutor, the Grand Commander, the President of the Supreme Council, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Referendary, the Grand Almoner, the Grand Hospitaller, the Grand Capitular, the Grand Custodian. All members of the Central Government of the Order except the Grand Master and the Coadjutor shall be appointed by the Grand Master for life.

The Central Government of the Order shall be responsible for the administration of the Order. The dignitaries of the Government of the Order are in virtue of their office members of the Supreme Council and may, in the exercise of their functions as the Government of the Order, call a meeting of the said Council, subject to the agreement of the Grand Master.

Section 6. *The Executive Council.* The Executive Council shall consist of the Grand Master, the Coadjutor, the Grand Commander, the President of the Supreme Council, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Referendary, the Grand Almoner, the Grand Hospitaller, the Grand Capitular, the Grand Custodian. The Executive Council shall meet when necessary to hear reports from the Grand Officers, or when so directed by the Grand Master.

Section 7. *The Grand Magistral Council.* The Grand Magistral Council shall consist of the Grand Master, the Supreme Council of the Order, together with all Grand Priors, Grand Bailiffs, Priors, Bailiffs, Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies, the Hereditary Commanders and such other persons as the Grand Master motu proprio may appoint to the Grand Magistral Council.

The Grand Magistral Council shall meet at least once in every three years. It shall be summoned by the Grand Chancellor on the orders of the Grand Master who alone is entitled to call it together.

The Admissions Commission.

Section 8. The Admissions Commission of the Order shall be composed of the Grand Commander, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Inquisitor.

ARTICLE XV

Membership in the Order.

Section 1. *Qualifications.* Every person proposed for admission into the Order, whether as a member or as an affiliate, shall be a practising member of the Christian faith and shall be of sound mind and of such means and position as will enable him to live honourably and to observe fully and freely the laws and decrees of the Order. Every candidate for admission into the Order must be known to two knights, or one knight and two commanders, or one knight and one commander and two officers, who must know the candidate personally and sponsor him for admis-

sion to the Order. Each candidate must complete an application in writing in a form prescribed by the Order and must submit for review a curriculum vitae and a certificate from his Church showing he is in good standing.

Section 2. *Application Procedure.* Each candidate for admission into the Order must submit all documentation required by Section 1 of this Article XV to the Admissions Commission of his jurisdiction, which must approve the candidate. Following approval by the Admissions Commission of the candidate's local jurisdiction, the Admissions Commission of the local jurisdiction shall transmit the application together with its recommendations via the appropriate officers of the jurisdiction concerned to the Grand Chancery. The Admissions Commission of the Order shall decide upon the admission and the rank and category, being guided as appropriate by the recommendations of the local jurisdictional Admissions Commission, and shall transmit the application together with its decision to the Grand Master, who shall decide upon the admission of the candidate and the rank and category to be conferred. The decision of the Grand Master is final and not subject to any appeal.

Section 3. *Ranks in the Order.* From most junior to most senior, the ranks in the other are:

Affiliates: Member Companion; Officer Companion; Commander Companion.

Members: Knight of Grace; Knight of Justice; Knight Commander of Grace; Knight Commander of Justice; Knight Commander of Grace with Chain; Knight Commander of Justice with Chain; Knight Grand Cross of Grace; Knight Grand Cross of Justice; Knight Grand Cross of Grace with Chain; Knight Grand Cross of Justice with Chain; Knight Grand Cross of Grace with Collar, Knight Grand Cross of Justice with Collar. The Chain of the Order will be worn by holders of the Grand Collar, the Members of the Supreme Council, and the Heads and Chancellors of Jurisdictions and Commanderies.

Section 4. *Clergy.* All priests and ministers of the Christian faith are admitted as Chaplains of the Order. Candidates for admission to the Order who are priests or ministers must submit, in addition to the documentation required by Section 1 of this Article XV, 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.

The ranks of the clergy in the Order are, from most junior to most senior: Assistant Chaplain; Chaplain; Senior Chaplain; Ecclesiastical Grand Cross Chaplains, or Chaplain Prelates. For purposes of precedence, Assistant Chaplain ranks with Officer Companion, Chaplain with Commander Companion, Senior Chaplain with Knight, and Ecclesiastical Grand Cross Chaplain (or Chaplain Prelate) with Knight Grand Cross.

Section 5. *Category.* There are two categories for all admissions to the Order in the Rank of Knight or above, these being: of Grace and of Justice.

Those members who are unable to furnish proof of hereditary nobility in accordance with this section 5 of Article XV will be admitted in the category of Grace.

No applicant shall be admitted to the Order in the category of Justice unless, as a minimum requirement, he shall have proved hereditary nobility from each of his four grandparents, or, when the paternal line alone is used, from his paternal great-grandfather. Each jurisdiction within the Order shall establish its own criteria for admission in the category of Justice in accordance with the custom and practice of the particular jurisdiction, which criteria shall be approved by the Grand Master and promulgated by the Grand Chancellor.

Section 6. *Payment of Oblations and Passage Fees.* It shall be a requirement of membership in the Order that each member and affiliate pay such oblations and passage fees as may properly from time to time be assessed. For good cause shown, the heads of the various jurisdictions within the Order with the approval of the Grand Chancery may suspend or remit the requirements of this Section 6 of Article XV in individual cases.

Section 7. *Hereditary Admission of Issue of Members.* The sons and daughters of members and affiliates may, after reaching the age of eighteen years, apply for membership in the Order by reason of hereditary right. Upon satisfying himself that such applicant is otherwise qualified for admission, the Grand Master shall admit the applicant as a Member Companion, or in such higher rank as the Grand Master may deem appropriate in the circumstances of the particular case.

The sons and daughters of Knights of Justice admitted by reason of hereditary right shall, upon attaining the rank of Knight or Dame, prove anew the claim to the category of Justice, or, failing such proof, be admitted in the category of Grace.

Section 8. *Age for Admission.* Except in those cases where the Grand Master shall provide otherwise by decree, and in the case of applicants claiming the right to admission by reason of hereditary right, no applicant shall be admitted to the Order unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years at the time of his investiture.

Section 9. *Admission of Women.* Worthy and qualified women may be admitted to the Order in like manner to men as Affiliates and Dames.

Section 10. *Additional Requirements for Admission.* In addition to the other requirements set forth for admission in this Article XV, each candidate must prove that he is a person of irreproachable conduct, honour and integrity, and if he is married, that the contract of marriage into which he had entered is perfectly honourable and is valid in accordance with the laws or regulations of his particular Christian denomination.

ARTICLE XVI

Spiritual High Officers. The Senior Spiritual Grand Prior of the Order shall be His Beatitude the Greek Melchite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, of Jerusalem and Alexandria. The Spiritual Grand Prior of the Order shall be the Greek Melchite Archbishop of St Jean d'Acre, Nazareth and Galilee.

ARTICLE XVII

Uniforms. The uniform, insignia and special armorial bearings of members and companions of the Order shall be as prescribed by the Grand Master.

ARTICLE XVIII

Validity of Acts. Every act of the Chapter General shall be conclusively valid when the same shall have been affirmatively approved by the majority vote of the members of the Order.

ARTICLE XIX

Statutes for the Government of the Order. The Grand Master shall promulgate such statutes for the government of the Order as he may, either in his absolute discretion, or with the advice of the Supreme Council, deem necessary and advisable.

Statutes for the Government of the Order

Chapter 1 - Administration

Section 101. All statutes and decrees of the Central Government of the Order, and of the Grand Master, shall be promulgated through the office of the Grand Chancellor, who shall forward copies of each such statute or decree to the 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 for such jurisdiction which shall ensure that each member and affiliate of the Order in that jurisdiction receives notice of each statute or decree promulgated.

All orders, emanating from the Grand Master, whether issued direct or through the Coadjutor, or the Grand Commander, shall be promulgated through the Grand Chancery.

Section 102. No jurisdiction within the Order shall without the prior written approval of the Grand Master or the Central Government of the Orders solicit, circularize or otherwise contact the members affiliates of any other subordinate jurisdiction within the Order on any matter dealing with the Order, in the absence of the written consent of 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 Grand Chancery the purpose for such contact. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the communication between officers or individual members of different jurisdictions.

Section 103. All voting within the Order shall be in person. No written proxy shall be recognised except in the case of the Grand Commander of a Grand Commandery, the Commander of a Hereditary Commandery, the Grand Prior, Grand Bailiff, or Prior, Bailiff, of a jurisdiction each of whom has a seat on the Grand Magistral Council. When any of such officers is unable to attend a meeting of the Grand Magistral Council he may appoint in writing a proxy who may attend and vote in his place and stead.

Section 104. There shall be no distinction between Bailiwicks and Priories, Grand Bailiwicks and Grand Priories as those terms have historically been used in the Order except as provided herein. All jurisdictions called Bailiwicks or Priories are by nature the same, and the foregoing terms may be used interchangeably as best suits the requirements of the local jurisdiction. The terms Grand Bailiwicks and Grand Priories may

also be used interchangeably as best suits the requirements of the local jurisdiction, but those terms are normally limited to jurisdictions which are divided internally into Commanderies or Delegations and subjurisdictions of the national one, or which have within their geographic boundaries one or more hereditary Commanderies, notwithstanding the fact that the latter do not depend from the local Grand Bailiwick or Grand Priory, but directly from the Grand Master.

Section 105. The following Hereditary Commanderies depend directly from the Grand Master and are not subject to the local jurisdictions within whose geographic territory they exist: The Commandery of de La Motte de Courtils; The Grand Commandery of Boigny; The Perpetual Commandery of St Mary of Magdalene of Linlithgow; The Ancient Commandery of Burton Lazar; and The Grand Commandery of Lochoreshire.

Section 106. The following national jurisdictions exist within the Order: Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark and Greenland, England, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Rhodesia, Rumania, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, The Grand Commandery of the Holy Trinity.

Section 107. Members and affiliates living in a country different from that in which they are a members and affiliates of the Order *ar ipso facto* honorary members and affiliates of the jurisdiction in which they live and are expected to take part in all the work and assemblies of the jurisdiction in which they live. They shall have no right to vote in the jurisdiction in which they are honorary members and affiliates. This section shall not apply to members and affiliates who have requested or may hereafter request transfer from the jurisdiction of their residence to another jurisdiction, as such members and affiliates shall have no rights whatever in respect of the jurisdiction from which they were transferred; however, no member or affiliate shall be transferred from the jurisdiction of his residence to another jurisdiction if an active jurisdiction exists in the country of the members residence except in exceptional cases where the express permission of the Grand Chancery has been obtained. Members or affiliates may be transferred to the jurisdiction within which they reside upon written request to the Grand Chancery for such transfer.

Finances

Section 108. The accounts of all national jurisdictions will be completed to the 31st March in each year, and will be submitted to the Grand Custodian and Receiver of the Treasury for the publication of the accounts of the whole Order to be published as at that date.

On all oblations and chancery fees (but not on donations) the national jurisdiction will retain the accustomed two thirds and the remaining third will be remitted as received to the Grand Custodian and Receiver of the Treasury. Two thirds are retained at each administrative level for administrative and other purposes, and will be accounted for in the accounts to be submitted in each case as at 31st March in each year. Surpluses and deficits in the case of jurisdictions shall be reported to the Grand Custodian and Receiver of the Treasury who will give directions as may be necessary to the jurisdiction concerned.

Annual Reports of Hospitaller and Charitable Work

Section 109. Each jurisdiction shall submit to the Grand Chancery a full annual report of all work done within that jurisdiction, and in particular in connection with hospitaller work, the collecting of money and drugs, and the running of volunteer ambulances and nursing associations. The reports shall be up to the 31st March in each year and the Chancery must receive the consolidated reports of the Tongue and Province concerned by 30th September in each year.

Procedure in cases of complaints against Senior Officers

Section 110. Where a subordinate officer has a complaint against his superior officer he may complain to higher authority only through that officer, he must also give the superior officer of whom he makes complaints a copy of the letter he wishes to transmit to higher authority.

A senior officer may not receive direct the complaint of a junior officer about that officer's superior, who is junior to the said higher ranking officer. If he receives such a complaint he is in duty bound to return it to the junior officer concerned, while at the same time making known to the person who is the subject of the complaint the action taken and the nature of the complaint.

Control of Volunteer Ambulance Corps of the Order

Section 111. Where formed these will be controlled by St Lazarus Volunteer Ambulance Corps Associations under a mixed commission from the Order in the country concerned and members elected from the Corps. The financial responsibilities will lie with these associations, although as far as is 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.

Official Languages

Section 112. The official languages of the Order are English, Spanish and French in Europe and English and Spanish in the Americas.

Chapter 2 - Membership

Section 201. Every applicant for membership in the Order shall submit certified copies of the following documents with his initial applications: (1) A birth certificate or other proof of birth; (2) his baptismal certificate; (3) proof of good standing within his particular Church or denomination; (4) a detailed curriculum vitae; and (5) two recent photographs. Each jurisdiction within the Order may require such additional documents as that jurisdiction may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

Section 202. Applicants for the category of Justice shall submit their arms and a sworn petition listing each of the applicant's 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.

Section 203. Each jurisdiction within the Order shall establish its own criteria for admission in the category of Justice and shall file with the Grand Chancellor a copy of such criteria, which must meet the minimum requirements of Section 5, Article XV of the Constitution.

Section 204. Each applicant shall submit his application for membership in the Order in duplicate through his local jurisdiction on forms provided for that purpose by the Order.

Section 205. Precedence within the Order is as follows: The Grand Master, Coadjutor, Grand Commander; Grand Prior; President of the Supreme Council; Grand Chancellor; Grand Referendary; Grand Almoner; Grand Hospitaller; Grand Capitular; Grand Custodian and Receiver of the Treasury; Grand Auditor General; Grand Inquisitor; Grand Registrar; Grand Marshal; Herald-Principal; Grand Archivist; Custodian of Insignia; Grand Genealogist; Keeper of the Seal; Keeper of the Privy Seal; Juridical Councillor; the Grand Cross Bearer; the Grand Banner Bearer; the Grand Standard Bearer; the Grand Sword Bearer; Grand Priors - Grand Bailiffs; Priors - Bailiffs; Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies; Hereditary Commanders (according to the date of foundation of their Commanderies); Commanders of other Commanderies; the Referendaries; Chancellors; Vice Chancellors and thereafter Knights and affiliates according to their grades and Categories in the Order.

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Section 206. The following precedence shall be observed as between national jurisdictions: France; Spain; Scotland; Austria; Malta; England; Switzerland and Italy. All other jurisdictions shall take precedence in accordance with the date of foundation of each jurisdiction.

Section 207. Those members and affiliates who fail to participate in the hospitaller, ecumenical, or other good works of the Order, and who fail to pay their oblations shall be transferred to the list of inactive members. Each jurisdiction shall review its membership list annually and report to the Grand Chancellor the names of those Members and Affiliates transferred to the inactive list pursuant to this section. Such report should reach the Grand Chancellor not later than July yearly. Inactive members will no longer be asked to contribute to the work of the Order, and will not be given notice of any assemblies of the Order. Inactive members may wear the insignia and uniform of the Order on suitable occasions where social custom demands the wearing of such.

Section 208. Inactive members may be transferred to the active list upon petitioning the Grand Chancellor stating the reasons for requesting such transfer and submitting a certificate from the Receiver General of the national jurisdiction involved that the Member has paid all his oblations to date since his last payment before being placed on the inactive list.

Section 209. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 208 hereof, the Grand Master may admit to the Order *motu proprio* Members and Affiliates.

Section 210. When for reasons which must be duly specified by the Member or Affiliate and approved by the Grand Master, a Member or Affiliate 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 Grand Chancery.

Section 211. Each member and Affiliate shall report himself to his jurisdiction annually. Where for whatever reason it is not possible to report to his jurisdiction, the Member or Affiliate shall report in writing to the Grand Chancery. Any Member or Affiliate who fails to so report for two consecutive years shall be deemed to have become inactive.

Section 212. No Member or Affiliate of the Order shall accept admission to, or promotion in a bogus Order of chivalry. In any case of doubt,

the Member or Affiliate shall seek approval from the head of his jurisdiction. Should the head of his jurisdiction be unable to act upon the request, the head of the jurisdiction shall refer the matter to the Grand Chancery, the decision of which shall be final.

Section 213. Any Member or Affiliate of the Order who ceases to be a Christian shall *ipso facto* cease to belong to the Order. Upon regaining his status as a Christian, such former Member or Affiliate may petition the Grand Master for reinstatement in the Order via his national jurisdiction, and upon a showing of good cause and with the approval of the Grand Master he may be so reinstated.

Section 214. Each applicant for admission to the Order who is married shall submit with his application or petition a copy of his marriage certificate.

Chapter 3 - Uniforms and Armorial Bearings

Section 301. All uniforms of the Order shall be in accordance with uniform regulations promulgated from time to time by the Grand Master. Such uniform regulations shall be published for the guidance of all Members and Affiliates of the Order.

Section 302. The following button or rosette may be worn by the rank indicated to signify membership in the Order:

Member Companion - Black button outside, having a white inside with a green cross of eight points thereon.

Officer Companion - The same button as for Member Companion with the addition of one wavy silver thread running through the outside.

Commander Companion - The same button as for Member Companion with an addition of two wavy silver threads running through the outside.

Knight - The same button as for Member Companion with the addition of one wavy gold thread running through the outside. Also for Knight Commander

Knight Grand Cross - The same button as for Member Companion with the addition of two wavy gold threads running through the outside.

Section 303. The following shoulder badges shall be worn by Members and Affiliates while in the uniform of the Order: (As used in this section, the term 'cross' shall refer to the green cross of eight points.)

Member Companion - White epaulette with the initials 'S.L.' and a button of the Order.

Officer Companion - White epaulette with one Green Cross, the initials 'S.L.' and one button.

Commander Companion - White epaulette with two Green Crosses, the initials 'S.L.' and one button.

Knight - Gold epaulette with one Green Cross, the initials 'S.L.' and one button. Also for Knight Commander.

Knight Grand Cross - Gold epaulette with two Green Crosses, the initials 'S.L.' and one button.

Grand Priors; Grand Bailiffs; Priors; Commanders - Gold epaulette with three Green Crosses, the initials 'S.L.' and one button.

Members of the Supreme Council - Gold epaulette, one Crown, the initials 'S.L.' and one button.

Grand Chancellor; Grand Referendary - Gold epaulette, one Crown, one Green Cross and one button.

Grand Commander; President of the Supreme Council - Gold epaulette, one Crown, two Green Crosses and one button.

Coadjutor - Gold epaulette, one Crown, three Green Crosses and one button.

Grand Master - Gold epaulette, one Crown, four Green Crosses and one button.

The crosses shall be of enamelled metal in a size prescribed by the Grand Master.

Section 304. All insignia of the Order shall be worn in accordance with uniform regulations promulgated by the Grand Master.

Section 305. The following additaments are permitted to the arms of Members and Affiliates of the Order:

(1) Ranks below that of Knight may suspend the cross of the Order beneath their coats of arms.

(2) Knights and above may carry the Chief of Religion of the Order. Knights shall show the green ribbon surrounding the shield, with the badge of the Order dependent therefrom. Knights Grand Cross shall replace the ribbon around the shield with the Grand Collar of the Order.

(3) In addition to the foregoing, the following additaments may be used by the officers indicated:

The Herald - Principal - One upright baton behind the shield.

The Grand Marshal - Two batons in saltire behind the shield.

The Auditor - General - One upright key behind the shield.

The Grand Custodian of the Treasury - Two keys in saltire behind the shield.

The Grand Chancellor - Two maces in saltire behind the shield.

The Grand Referendary - A sword and baton in saltire behind the shield.

The Grand Commander - A sword and sceptre in saltire behind the shield.

The Coadjutor - A baton and sceptre in saltire behind the shield.

The Grand Master - Two sceptres (crowned with the Order's Crown) in saltire behind the shield.

Chapter 4 - Awards for Merit made by the Order

Section 401. The medals of merit of the Order may be conferred upon Members and Affiliates of the Order and on those performing meritorious conduct in any of the volunteer corps, clinics, leprosaria and hospitals affiliated to or connected with the Order.

Section 402. The Companionship of Merit is open to those meriting well of the Order without distinction of religion, nationality, race, language or sex.

Section 403. The Companionship of Merit may be conferred by the Grand Master *motu proprio*, or by him on the recommendation of heads of Jurisdictions, made to the Grand Master through the Grand Chancellor.

Section 404. The Grand Master may establish by decree such other procedures as may be appropriate for the awarding of the Companionship of Merit.

Section 405. The award of the Companionship of Merit does not constitute membership in the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem nor does it confer a knightly title.

Section 406. A category of Donat shall be open to all whose munificence has been of signal assistance in the charitable works of the Order. They shall be in three classes, first, second and third class. Their insignia shall be a three limbed cross edged with silver for the third class, edged with gold for the second class, and edged with gold surmounted by the antique 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. The same badges will be worn by the appropriate ranks on their church capes.