

Statutes and Constitution

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1. **HISTORY**

- 1.1. The title of the Order shall be *The Healing, Teaching and Chivalric Order of St. Raphael*.
- 1.2. The Order of St. Raphael exists by virtue of a Charter dated 1st January 1953 granted by the British Patriarch of the Catholicate of the West of the Catholic Apostolic Church, which is constituted, established and erected as a lawful and canonical Religious Order. The Catholic Apostolic Church operates in the East, mainly in India, though its Catholicate of the West controls operationally its activities in the United Kingdom and other European States; it has full Apostolic Succession.
- 1.3. In January 2003, the British Patriarch of the Catholicate of the West confirmed that the Metropolitan See of Glastonbury considered the Order of St. Raphael, by virtue of its Charter, to be fully independent from the founding authority, having a life of its own.
- 1.4. The Order of St. Raphael further exists by virtue of a Charter dated 17th June 1954 granted by the Sovereign Grand Master of The Teutonic Order of the Levant, by which it received the status of a Chivalric Order. The Teutonic Order of the Levant has since been reconstituted under the title Ordo Militaris Teutonicus.

2. **STRUCTURE**

- 2.1. The Order shall be ruled by a Grand Master. In circumstances where the Grand Master is an ordained minister, then he shall also take the title Lord Abbot. This title shall remain dormant when the Grand Master is not ordained.
- 2.2. The Grand Master shall hold office for life or until his resignation be received in writing, or orally in Grand Council. In the event of the Grand Master becoming temporarily or permanently incapacitated and unable to discharge his duties, the Order shall be governed by the Regency Council until such time as a new Grand Master is appointed.
- 2.3. In the event of the retirement of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, they shall henceforth receive the title of Grand Master (or Deputy GM) Emeritus for life. In this capacity they shall also be ex-Officio members of the Grand Council.
- 2.4. The Grand Master shall at his pleasure appoint Officers to assist him in the government of the Order. He shall appoint them to such offices as he thinks fit. The present list of offices takes precedence as follows acting during the pleasure of the Grand Master. Other than the GM, Officers marked + shall be appointed for a term of five years, subject to a maximum of two

consecutive terms, officers from 6-13 for a term of three years, subject to a maximum of two consecutive terms, and the remaining ceremonial officers for a one year term, subject to a maximum of three consecutive terms. All appointments may be terminated at any time at the Grand Master's discretion.

1. Deputy Grand Master +
2. Grand Prior +
3. Grand Chancellor +
4. Grand Marshal +
5. Grand Treasurer +
6. Grand Hospitaller
7. Grand Almoner
8. Grand Registrar
9. Grand Herald
10. Grand Lecturer
11. Grand Director of Music
12. Grand Steward
13. Grand Custodian of Insignia
14. Grand Deputy Marshal *
15. Grand Sub Prior
16. Grand Sword Bearer *
17. Grand Cross Bearer *
18. Grand Banner Bearer *
19. Captain of the Guard
20. Grand Guard *

+ indicates member of
Executive Council

* indicates ceremonial officers

- 2.5. The Grand Master shall, at his pleasure, confer the status of Emeritus on the past Grand Master and/or Deputy Grand Master, allowing all due honour and powers except Executive status.
- 2.6. The Grand Master shall, at his pleasure, confer on subscribing members who have already taken the vows and received the accolade of knighthood within the Order, the honour and dignity of *Knight (or Dame) Grand Cross*, who shall take precedence immediately after the Grand Chancellor.
- 2.7. The Grand Master shall, at his pleasure, confer on subscribing members who have already taken the vows and received the accolade of knighthood within the Order, the appointment and distinction of Knight (or Dame) Commander, who shall take precedence immediately after the Knights/Dames Grand Cross
- 2.8. On the day of his installation a new Grand Master shall nominate three members of the Order to be members of the High Council. These three members shall at once be created Knights Grand Cross of the Order.
- 2.9. The High Council of the Order shall consist of the Grand Master and those three Knights Grand Cross appointed as in paragraph 2.8 of these Statutes.
- 2.10. The Executive Council shall consist of the Grand Master, Grand Chancellor, Grand Prior, Grand Marshal and Grand Treasurer together with all Conclave Commanders. Its purpose is to advise the High Council on a wider basis so that the members of the High Council may make appropriate recommendations to the Grand Council.
- 2.11. On the failure of a member of the High Council due to death, resignation or illness, the Grand

Master may, at his pleasure, name a successor. Should it be for the good of the Order, the Grand Master may, with the approval of the other High Council members, remove any of the other High Council members and replace them by another appointment.

- 2.12. On the death, resignation or incapacity of the Grand Master the remaining members of the High Council shall be designated the Regency Council of the Order.
- 2.13. When a new Grand Master nominates his new High Council, the members of the previous Regency Council cease to hold that office and revert to the rank of Knight (or Dame) Grand Cross.
- 2.14. The High Council exists to advise the Grand Master and assist him in the executive decisions essential to the good running of the Order. They should consider themselves as Trustees in whose hands the future of the Order rests.
- 2.15. The Grand Council of the Order shall be composed of all Members of the High or Regency Council, Knights (and Dames) (and Ecclesiastical) Grand Cross, Knights (and Dames) Commander, Senior Chaplains of the Order.
- 2.16. The Grand Council of the Order shall meet annually, when propositions may be considered for the good of the Order, and recommendations received from the High or Regency Council be given consideration.
- 2.17. Especial meetings of the Grand Council may be convened by the Grand Master at his pleasure, by the High or Regency Council to consider matters of importance to the Order, by the Grand Chancellor, or by notice signed by not less than ten members of the Grand Council.
- 2.18. All members of the Order, together with invited guests and invited spectators from other Orders of Chivalry may attend meetings of the Grand Council, but may not vote unless being a member of the Grand Council as defined in paragraph 2.15 of these Statutes.
- 2.19. The Grand Prior of the Order shall be responsible for all matters concerning the spiritual welfare and growth of the Order and the work of healing. He shall provide counsel and support to the Order and Conclaves, and advise the Grand Master and the Grand Council on all matters of ecclesiology and spirituality of the Order. To the Grand Prior shall report the Grand Sub Prior, together with all Conclave Chaplains. The office of Grand Prior and all other ecclesiastical positions should be held only by such persons who profess the full Faith of Christ Crucified and with the knowledge of the liturgical significance written and contained within the Ritual.
 - 2.19.1. There may be exceptional occasions when the Grand Prior is unable to attend a meeting and no suitably qualified clerical members is available to deputise. In such circumstances, a lay member of the Order may stand in for the Grand Prior, but must use only authorised text in the ritual, taking care not to use wording that is reserved solely for an ordained person (i.e. Blessings, etc)
- 2.20. The Grand Chancellor of the Order shall be responsible for all administrative matters of the Order. To the Grand Chancellor shall report the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar and the Grand Herald, together with all Conclave commanders.
- 2.21. The Grand Treasurer of the Order shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Order including the allocation of funds to charity from time to time.
- 2.22. The Grand Marshal of the Order shall be responsible for the conduct of the ceremonies and Service of Investiture and for marshalling the participants on ceremonial occasions. To the Grand Marshal shall report the Grand Deputy Marshal, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Cross Bearer, the Grand Banner Bearer and the Captain of the Guard.
- 2.23. The Grand Hospitaller shall be responsible for dealing with the Order's charitable giving, and

will provide guidance and recommendations about the various charities to which the Order makes charitable donations, as well as liaising directly with such charities.

- 2.24. The Grand Almoner shall be responsible for communicating with Members of the Order who are suffering illness or bereavement or other personal difficulties. This to be undertaken in conjunction with the Grand Prior
- 2.25. The Grand Registrar shall be responsible for the recording of names, addresses, honours and awards of merit of members and the publication, from time to time, of a Roll of Members. The Grand Registrar will also take the responsibility for the production of all certificates presented to members at Investitures.
- 2.26. The Grand Herald of the Order shall be responsible for keeping members of the Order informed of the activities of the Order, in particular by the publication of a newsletter. The Grand Herald shall also be responsible for maintaining the Order's website and Social media sites, in conjunction with the Grand Chancellor.
- 2.27. The Grand Lecturer of the Order shall be responsible for all teaching aspects of the Order, shall ensure that this aspect is not overlooked and shall keep and circulate papers written and presented. To the Grand Lecturer shall report all Conclave Lecturers.
- 2.28. The Grand Director of Music shall be responsible for arranging any musical accompaniment on ceremonial occasions.
- 2.29. The Grand Steward shall be responsible for all dining arrangements after ceremonial occasions.
- 2.30. The Grand Custodian of Insignia shall be responsible for all aspects of ordering and the supply of insignia in accordance with the Constitution and Dress Regulations of the Order. The Grand Custodian of Insignia is also responsible for the ceremonial presentation of insignia at the Service of Investiture.
- 2.31. The Grand Deputy Marshal shall assist the Grand Marshal in his duties and by fulfilling the duties of the Grand Marshal when the Grand Marshal is unable to attend any ceremony or Investiture.
- 2.32. The Grand Sub Prior shall be responsible for supporting the Grand Prior in his duties and for fulfilling the Grand Prior's ceremonial duties when the Grand Prior is unable to attend any ceremony or Investiture.
- 2.33. The Grand Sword Bearer shall carry the sword of the Order at all ceremonial occasions.
- 2.34. The Grand Cross Bearer shall carry the cross of the Order at all ceremonial occasions.
- 2.35. The Grand Banner Bearer shall carry the banner of the Order at all ceremonial occasions.
- 2.36. The Grand Guard, led by the Captain of the Guard, traditionally guards the entrance to the venue being used for ceremonial purposes even though there is no secrecy attached to the ceremonies or Investitures of the Order.

3. CONCLAVES

- 3.1. The Grand Master shall, at his pleasure, approve, constitute and consecrate Conclaves of the Order assisted by officers selected and approved by him.
- 3.2. Each Conclave of the Order shall be ruled by a Commander, who shall hold the grade of at least Knight Commander, and hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Master.
- 3.3. The Commander of a Conclave shall appoint the following officers to assist in the ruling of his Conclave, such officers to act during his pleasure. However, every appointment is subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Proposed appointments should be sent to the Grand

Chancellor for approval by the Grand Master, and for Ecclesiastical appointments also to the Grand Prior. Officers take precedence as follows: (** must be appointed, remainder are optional)

- 1) Vice Chancellor **
- 2) Chaplain ** ++
- 3) Marshal **
- 4) Treasurer **
- 5) Lecturer
- 6) Director of Music
- 7) Deputy Marshal
- 8) Sword Bearer
- 9) Banner Bearer
- 10) Captain of Guard

++ It is recognised that Conclaves may not always be able to appoint an ordained minister to the rank of Chaplain. In such circumstances, a Lay member may be appointed to the role for Conclave meetings, but must only use wording approved by the Grand Prior for such occasions, taking care not to use wording that is reserved solely for an ordained person (i.e. Blessings, etc)

- 3.4. Each Conclave shall have a Bank account in the name "Order of St Raphael, Conclave of ***". All receipts and payments relating to the activities of the Conclave shall be processed through this account, with a full record of transactions being maintained by the Conclave Treasurer. A report of Income and Expenditure shall be produced as at the 31st December and a copy submitted to the Grand Treasurer no later than the end of the following March. Under no circumstances should payments intended for the Conclave be paid into the personal account of any member. Signing arrangements should be for "any two of three named officers". Which should include the Conclave Treasurer and the Commander.
- 3.5. It is expected that all members will become a member of a local Conclave but a member may not generally belong to more than one Conclave, except in those circumstances when to do so would be beneficial to the Order. In such circumstances their financial commitment will be to their mother Conclave.
- 3.6. The Vice Chancellor of each Conclave shall send to the Grand Chancellor a copy of the notice of every intended meeting of his Conclave, and, following the meeting, a report of the proceedings.
- 3.7. Vice Chancellors will keep records of the meetings and proceedings of his Conclave, as well as details of the membership.
- 3.8. Vice Chancellors will send an annual report on the proceedings of his Conclave which shall be considered at the meeting of Grand Council.
- 3.9. Each year the Vice Chancellor will send a list of current members of his Conclave to the Grand Chancellor and the fees due to the Grand Treasurer.
- 3.10. Each Conclave shall organise its work in the distinct aspects of:
 - a. healing the sick through prayer
 - b. teaching members of the Order and the public in general such knowledge as is preserved or discovered from time to time and the thoughts of the great philosophers
 - c. chivalry

- d. Conclaves may also engage in work of a charitable nature should the members thereof so desire, particularly in respect of the Charitable objectives contained in paragraph 9.4.

It is expected that Conclaves will actively engage their members and organise events throughout the year in accordance with the above objectives.

- 3.11. Each Conclave shall hold an Annual General Meeting of its members, using a standard Agenda. A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting, and financial report, shall be distributed at least 14 days in advance to all its members, with copies to the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor. In exceptional circumstances, and with permission of the Grand Master, the annual general meeting may be held remotely using video conferencing software.

4. GRADES AND ROLES

- 4.1. The Grades of the Order, together with administrative appointments shall rank as follows: (Where a senior officer has been granted Emeritus status, they shall rank immediately after the current holder of their previous rank)

- 1) Grand Master
- 2) Deputy Grand Master
- 3) Member of High Council
- 4) Grand Prior
- 5) Grand Chancellor
- 6) Ecclesiastical Grand Cross Chaplain
- 7) Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Order
- 8) Conclave Commander
- 9) Senior Chaplain
- 10) Knight or Dame Commander of the Order
- 11) Knight or Dame of the Order

(The above grades can only be conferred by the Grand Master [or by the Deputy Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Master])

- 12) Chaplain
- 13) Commander of the Order
- 14) Assistant Chaplain
- 15) Officer of the Order
- 16) Member of the Order

(The above grades can be conferred by the Conclave Commander with the permission of the Grand Master)

- 4.2. In addition to the grades detailed in paragraph 4.1, suitable young people between the ages of ten and eighteen years may be admitted as junior members. Boys will be known as Esquires, and girls as Demoiselles. At least one of the sponsors must be the junior member's parent/guardian.
- 4.3. A junior member who has been such for three full years may join the adult Order at age seventeen.
- 4.4. No junior member may hold office within the Order.
- 4.5. A junior member who was admitted as such prior to the age of seventeen may, if they wish, remain as a junior member until they reach their twenty first birthday. At that point they must either formally join the Order as an adult, or be placed on the inactive list.

- 4.6. No member may receive the accolade of Knight or Dame until they have attained the age of twenty one years. Similarly no one may be appointed to the grade of Knight Commander until they have attained the age of twenty five years. (This shall not apply where a Peer of the Realm, or foreign equivalent, shall be appointed to an Honorary Grade).
- 4.7. The Grand Registrar shall control the junior section of the Order, and shall appoint such officers as may be thought necessary.
- 4.8. In addition to the grades detailed in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2, suitable candidates who do not qualify for membership may be admitted as Friends of the Order.

5. ADMISSIONS AND PROMOTIONS

- 5.1. An applicant for membership of the Order shall submit his/her application in writing on the prescribed forms to the office of the Grand Chancellor, and such other documentation as may be laid down from time to time. In the case of Ecclesiastical appointments the Chancellor shall liaise with the Grand Prior as to the candidate's suitability for such a role.
 - 5.1.1. Applications for membership should normally be endorsed by an existing member of the Order to indicate that the prospective member is a suitable candidate for the Order. However, in the case of a potential member not being closely associated with an existing member they may provide details of two people who may vouch for them, and at the discretion of the Grand Chancellor such references may be taken up in writing. The decision to admit the person under such circumstances rests with the Grand Master.
- 5.2. Prior to final approval of membership, details of the applicant will be circulated amongst the membership to see if there are any objections. Should this be the case, the Grand Chancellor will take whatever action is required, with the final decision made by the Grand Master.
- 5.3. New applicants may be interviewed by a panel of three senior members, nominated by the Grand Master. In the case of clerical applicants, the panel MUST include the Grand Prior. The interview may be conducted either in person or remotely, whichever is most convenient.
- 5.4. The Grand Master shall consider all such applications for membership and shall award such grade of membership as he feels appropriate, when a certificate of membership shall be prepared by the Grand Registrar and presented to the new member at the next possible occasion.
- 5.5. Recommendations for promotion within the Order, including admission to, and promotion in the Order of St Mark, must be made on the prescribed forms to the Grand Chancellor by the Conclave Commander for consideration by the Grand Master. The Grand Master may, at his pleasure, promote members of the Order, whether or not a recommendation has been made.
- 5.6. Under normal circumstances, any promotions above the rank of Knight or Dame should be a minimum of three years after any previous promotion in the Order.
- 5.7. The rank of Knight or Dame Commander will normally only be conferred on Conclave Commanders and Grand Officers who have proved themselves worthy of such promotion. The Grand Master may, if he feels it appropriate, confer such rank on other Knights or Dames who he feels have served the Order faithfully over a period of time.
- 5.8. The rank of Knight or Dame Grand Cross is normally reserved for the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor, and members of High Council. The Grand Master may, if he feels it appropriate, confer such rank on other Knights or Dames Commander who he feels have served the Order faithfully over a considerable period of time.
- 5.9. The rank of Ecclesiastical Grand Cross is normally reserved for a Grand Prior who has served

the Order faithfully in that position. The Grand Master may, if he feels it appropriate, confer such rank on other Chaplains who he feels have served the Order faithfully over a considerable period of time.

- 5.10. All admissions to the Order, together with promotions and awards in the Order of St Mark, shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Order, subject to the exceptions contained in Item 5.11
- 5.11. The Annual Meeting will be held at a central venue decreed by the Grand Master. In exceptional circumstances, the Grand Master may authorise the meeting to be held remotely using video conferencing software, and for members to be invested up to the rank of Commander in this way, but all admissions and promotions to the rank of Knight and Dame or higher must be deferred until the next physical meeting of the Order.
- 5.12. Admission to the Order, and promotions, may take place at a local Conclave Investiture for the grades of Member, Officer or Commander. The Grand Master or his Deputy should be invited to preside at such an event, but should neither be able to attend then the ceremony should be conducted by the Conclave Commander. Such Investitures to be held only with the express permission of the Grand Master and notified to the Grand Chancellor.
- 5.13. Admissions to the Order above that of Commander may only be conducted by the Grand Master or his Deputy.
- 5.14. There may be occasions where a person who has previously resigned or become inactive may wish to re-activate their membership the Order. There are too many variables involved to create a specific ruling in such cases, but should such a scenario arise, the person should make a written request to the Grand Chancellor stating their case, and the Grand Chancellor and Grand Master shall together reach a decision as to how to proceed.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1. Membership of the Order shall be open to both men and women who have been baptised or otherwise lawfully admitted into the Christian faith. They must confess a belief in the value of prayer to heal. In order to qualify for the higher grades they must be sufficiently open minded in belief to consider the teachings of the Order, studying the great philosophers and thinkers of all ages in order to gain a greater insight into Faith.
 - 6.1.1. All applicants for membership must sign a declaration as to whether or not they have not been subject to any criminal conviction and/or caution. In the event of a positive response, full details must be given (in confidence) and the decision as to whether or not to admit the person to the Order will be at the discretion of the Grand Master.
 - 6.1.2. Any existing member of the Order receiving any criminal conviction or caution must declare this to the Grand Chancellor with full details, and the Grand Master will then decide whether or not to terminate the person's membership of the Order under section 6.6
- 6.2. Membership of the Order should be a matter of pride, and in order to extend the work of the Order as widely as possible should be publicised whenever and wherever convenient, always being consistent with the dignity and honour conferred by membership.
- 6.3. The Order is not an Order of Merit, but a stateless International Order of Chivalry. It exists for the express purpose of healing the sick through the power of prayer and giving spiritual refreshment to those who suffer.
- 6.4. To reward good work by members of the Order, admission and promotion may be awarded in

our sister Order, "The Most Meritorious, Spiritual & Military Order of St Mark.

- 6.5. Under normal circumstances, any promotions in the Order of St Mark should be a minimum of three years after any previous promotion in the Order. There is no restriction on advancement within the Order of St Mark, except that the highest grades must be reserved for exceptional service to the Order.
- 6.6. The Grand Master may, at his discretion, terminate the membership of any member of the Order who fails to act in the best interests of, or in breach of, the regulations or objectives of the Order. There is no right of appeal against such decision of the Grand Master. The expelled member should be asked to return any Insignia and may no longer wear any insignia, badge or clothing referring to the Order, nor to use any titles or postnominals granted by the Order.
- 6.7. There may be occasions where a person who has previously resigned or become inactive may wish to re-activate their membership the Order. There are too many variables involved to create a specific ruling in such cases, but should such a scenario arise, the person should make a written request to the Grand Chancellor stating their case, and the Grand Chancellor and Grand Master shall together reach a decision as to how to proceed.

6.8. Members may make use of the following prefixes and postnominals:

Rank	Prefix within the Order only	Prefix within the Order and in Public life	Postnominals
Grand Master	Most Excellent	Chevalier	GCSR
Grand Master Emeritus	Most Excellent	Chevalier	GCSR
Deputy Grand Master	Right Excellent	Chevalier	GCSR
High Council Member	Right Excellent	Chevalier	GCSR
Past Grand Master	Right Excellent	Chevalier	GCSR
Ecclesiastical Grand Cross	Right Excellent (or Rt Rev'd)		EGCSR
Knight Grand Cross	Right Excellent	Chevalier	GCSR
Dame Grand Cross	Right Excellent	Dame	GCSR
Senior Chaplain	Excellent or Rev'd		SChSR
Knight Commander	Excellent	Chevalier	KCSR
Dame Commander	Excellent	Dame	DCSR
Chaplain	Rev'd	Rev'd	ChSR
Knight		Chevalier	KSR
Dame		Dame	DSR
Commander (male)			CSR
Commander (female)			CSR
Officer			OSR
Assistant Chaplain	Rev'd	Rev'd	AChSR
Member			MSR

6.9. All members are required to complete a General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) form to comply with legislation. This gives permission for the Order to contact the member by the means selected on the form (mail, email, phone, mobile). Without a valid form, the Order would not be able to contact the member about their membership or events, and so at the discretion of the Grand Master would not be entitled to become or remain as an Active Member.

7. **FINANCE**

7.1. The Grand Treasurer will provide a full analysis of Income and Expenditure and Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the end of the Order's financial year of 31st December. Such reports to be submitted to the annual Grand Council meeting following the year end and subsequently published on the Order's website and Newsletter. The accounts shall be verified by an Independent Examiner approved by the Grand Council.

7.2. The fee for the registration of a new candidate for the Order shall be such amount as shall be decided by Grand Council from time to time and shall be sent to the Grand Chancellor with the application details. At the same time, new members must complete a Bank Standing Order

mandate for payment of their annual oblation.

- 7.3. Every member of the Order shall pay an annual oblation, the amount shall be decided by Grand Council from time to time and this amount shall be included by the Conclave Vice Chancellor in his/her annual return. Life Members do not pay any annual oblation, though they make an annual donation towards the Order's Hospitaller work. The annual oblation is paid only once regardless of the number of Conclaves to which a Member belongs.
- 7.4. The date when annual fees become due to Grand Council is 1st June in each year. To assist in the efficient running of the Order, payment of such fees should be by Banker's Order unless the Grand Treasurer decrees otherwise.
- 7.5. Any member who fails to pay the due oblation for two consecutive years will be removed from the Active List of members and will not receive any further communications from the Order, nor be invited to attend any events, until such time as payments are brought up to date. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Chancellor will liaise each year to determine which members are to be made inactive.
- 7.6. A member who has been inactive in the Order for a period of less than five years may apply to be reinstated to the Order with all previous ranks and honours upon payment of any outstanding oblations which were due during the period. After five years of inactivity, any previous membership will be discounted and a fresh application for membership must be made.

8. INSIGNIA

The Insignia of the Order is described hereunder and is obtainable from the Grand Custodian of Insignia.

- a) Every member of the Order shall, in addition to other regalia, wear a small wooden cross, supported from a plain black cord, as has been customary among Teutonic Knights from time immemorial. This cross may be worn at any time. It is bestowed on all aspirants at the time of their admission, regardless of rank allotted.
- b) Every member of the Order shall be entitled to wear a buttonhole badge or brooch, tie or scarf, or similar item, of design approved by the Grand Chancellor's office, and is encouraged to do so to provide opportunity to discuss the work and merits of the Order.
- c) The mantle or church cape may be worn by all those holders of Grades listed as entitled to use post-nominals in paragraph 6.8. This item is not compulsory, though all members are strongly encouraged to purchase one. Mantles must be worn by those officiating or acting in office at ceremonial meetings of the Order, or taking part in processions of members of the Order.
MANTLES OF ORDERS OTHER THAN THE ORDER OF ST RAPHAEL SHOULD NOT BE WORN ON CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS.

The mantle is of black gabardine, lined with purple taffeta or similar material. The neck should be fastened with a gilt chain from two lion-head clasps. On the left breast is the Cross of the Order, the 220mm Maltese Cross being in white, lined with gold. The Potent Cross will be in gold to match the outlining of the Maltese Cross. The mantle should fall to between six and nine inches from the ground.

- d) At ceremonial meetings of the Order only members wearing a mantle may wear beneath it a white tunic, alb or similar garment. It is preferred, but not essential, that members below the Grade of Knight, together with clerical members, should wear an alb, those of Knight and above to wear a tunic. When a tunic is worn a sword and sword-belt should also be worn. However the alb or tunic is never worn if the member is wearing uniform, morning suit, full evening dress or dinner jacket, regardless of office or duties. Ladies may also wear an alb or

surplice, or, if preferred a white dress, or white blouse and black or navy skirt. Ladies never wear a sword or sword-belt.

- e) Junior members should wear a purple sash, 50mm in width, worn from the left shoulder to the right hip and finished at the hip with a purple fringe (boys) or purple bow (girls).

WEARING OF INSIGNIA

It is expected that members will purchase and wear the Insignia of their rank at all ceremonial events held by the Order. Insignia for the Orders of St Raphael and St Mark should be obtained only from the Grand Custodian of Insignia.

Only the insignia for the *current* rank held by the member should be worn.

Insignia for other Orders should not be worn except for medals awarded by the Sovereign.

- f) Members (male) should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple ribbon on the left breast. A miniature of the medal suspended from a 16mm wide purple ribbon may be worn on appropriate occasions, and may be mounted on a bar with other decorations.
- g) Members (female) should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple ribbon on the left breast.
- h) Officers (male) should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple ribbon miniature of the medal suspended from a 16mm wide purple ribbon with a silver metal button rosette in the centre of the ribbon may be worn on appropriate occasions.
- i) Officers (female) should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple ribbon with a silver basket weave button rosette in the centre of the ribbon on the left breast.
- j) Assistant Chaplains should wear the breast medal and ribbon as for Officers (male). A cope, tippet or stole may be decorated with the badge of the Order.
- k) Commanders (male) should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple ribbon with a gilt basket weave button rosette in the centre of the ribbon on the left breast. A miniature of the medal suspended from a 16mm wide purple ribbon with a gilt metal button rosette in the centre of the ribbon may be worn on appropriate occasions.
- l) Commanders (female) should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple ribbon with a gilt basket weave button rosette in the centre of the ribbon on the left breast.
- m) Knights should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple collarette. A silver plated breast star may also be worn showing the badge of the Order with a white Maltese Cross and gilt Potent Cross. A miniature of the medal suspended from a 16mm wide purple ribbon with a silver metal button rosette with silver flashes in the centre of the ribbon may be worn on appropriate occasions.
- n) Dames should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple bow.
- o) Chaplains should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a collarette or bow depending on whether male or female, as for Knights and Dames. A breast star may also be worn as for Knights. A cope, tippet or stole may be decorated with the badge of the Order.
- p) Knight Commanders should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple collarette with silver Russia braid to both edges of the ribbon. A silver plated breast star may also be worn, as for a Knight. A miniature of the medal suspended from a 16mm wide purple ribbon with a silver metal button rosette with a silver and gilt flash in the centre

of the ribbon may be worn on appropriate occasions.

- q) Dame Commanders should wear the medal of the Order suspended from a 32mm wide purple bow with a silver metal button rosette with a silver and gilt flash on the centre of the bow.
- r) Knights Grand Cross should wear a 100mm wide purple cordon (sash) with bow; 100mm gold bullion fringe; the medal of the Order suspended from the bow worn from right shoulder to left hip. A gilt breast star may also be worn showing the badge of the Order with a white Maltese Cross and gilt Potent Cross. A miniature of the medal suspended from a 16mm wide purple ribbon with a gilt metal button rosette with gilt flashes in the centre of the ribbon may be worn on appropriate occasions. N.b. The only neck decoration to be worn with the cordon is that of the Order of St Mark Knight Grand Cross.
- s) Dames Grand Cross should wear a 100mm wide purple cordon (sash) with bow; 100mm gold bullion fringe; the medal of the Order suspended from the bow worn from right shoulder to left hip.
- t) The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master Emeritus, Grand Prior and Grand Chancellor may wear a chain of office, each of specific design. A Commander of a Conclave may, in their own Conclave, wear a purple collar, which may be decorated with a silver chain.
- u) The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chancellor and Grand Marshal may carry a baton, each of specific design, in which case no sword is worn.
- v) The Meritorious Order of St Mark exists to reward members of the Order for work done which cannot be recognised by normal promotions within the Order of St Raphael. Grades of the Order are (ascending): Member, Officer, Commander, Knight or Dame, Knight or Dame Commander and Knight, Dame, or Ecclesiastical Grand Cross.
- w) Insignia for all ranks in St Mark consists of a red ribbon (ladies a bow) from which is hung a pentagonal jewel depicting the image of a winged Lion of Venice holding an open book. Ranks are differentiated by a metal star, pinned on to the ribbon. Member (MSM) will have no star, Officer (OSM) green, Commander (CSM) yellow, Knight or Dame (KSM or DSM) orange, Knight Commander (KCSM) or Dame Commander (DCSM) silver and Knight Grand Cross (KGCSM) ** or Dame Grand Cross (DGCSM) gold. These stars will be presented to members free of charge when they are promoted within the Order of St Mark, with any previous star handed back in exchange.

** For those members who are Knight Grand Cross in both St Raphael and St Mark, it is recognised that in wearing the cordon (sash) of St Raphael you will no longer wear a neck decoration. In these circumstances, the insignia for Knight Grand Cross of St Mark is a red collarette with gold edging, from which is suspended the St Mark jewel.
- x) In addition to awards in the Order of St Mark, for members attaining the rank of Grand Cross in both Orders, additional exceptional work may be rewarded by the award of a Medal of Merit. In ascending order this is awarded in Bronze, Silver and Gold. It is expected that such awards commence at the lower level, with a minimum period of three years between elevations. The insignia is a red ribbon (same as St Mark), from which is hung the St Raphael jewel. The levels are differentiated by bronze, silver and gold stars.

9. GENERAL

- 9.1. Members of all Grades are especially reminded that the Order exists to the Greater Glory of God and to work in those aspects detailed in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3. At all times they should conduct themselves in a manner consistent with membership of a Religious and Chivalric

Order.

- 9.2. The Order in general shall support such charities as may be decided by the Grand Council from time to time.
- 9.3. The Grand Master may, at his discretion, admit to Life Membership any person who he deems as being worthy of association with our Order, due to their position in life and society, or to their office in other Chivalric Orders, granting them such grade as he feels appropriate. Such Life Members shall not be charged any fees. However, they may elect to be treated as full subscribing members, should they so prefer.
- 9.4. The Grand Master may, at his discretion, approve the issue of a Certificate of Appreciation to non-members who have shown consistent support to the Order over a period of years, but who do not wish to become members in their own right.
- 9.5. Any matter not covered by these Constitutions or which requires explanation shall be referred to the Grand Chancellor. The decision of the Grand Master and his High Council in such matters shall be final.

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