

**Constitutional Statutes of the International
Knightly Order Valiant of St George (also known as "The Order of St George"
or "The Knightly Order of St George")**

In the name of the Blessed Trinity and under the Patronage of George Saint and Martyr.

In veritate justus sum huic fraternali societati.

1. Preamble

The original Order was founded in Hungary in 1326 by King Charles Robert the First as a Military and Hospitaller Order. The current Order is a commemorative confraternity dedicated to the following principles:

- a. Supporting and upholding the Trinitarian Christian faith;
- b. Promoting a spirit of Christian fellowship and friendship amongst Trinitarian Christians irrespective of their denomination;
- c. Upholding the code of chivalric values;
- d. Supporting, praying for and assisting the needy and such worthy causes as may be selected by the Grand Priory from time to time and as are consistent with the Trust referred to in paragraph i (infra) throughout the world;
- e. The promotion of the welfare of serving and former members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and serving or former members of Her Majesty's Police Forces in the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand and her Majesty's other Dependencies, Overseas Territories and Realms;
- f. Promoting the welfare of serving or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America;
- g. Defence and support of Christians facing religious persecution;
- h. Fundraising for and support of the work of the United Kingdom Grand Priory of St George Charity Trust established on the fifth day of January 2010;
- i. Promotion of patriotism and loyalty to the Sovereign or Constitution of the Country in which the Order's members reside.

INTERPRETATION

These statutes supercede the statutes promulgated by Dr Vitez Janos Daniel Karaszy-Kulin on the 28th day of March 2002. These statutes shall be interpreted subject to the Declaration of Trust of the 5th day of January 2010 which shall prevail in the event of any conflict between the statutes and the trust or in any matter in relation to which the statutes are silent.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORDER

Membership of the order shall be open to ladies and gentlemen of good character and sound mind who are practising members of the Trinitarian Christian faith who shall have attained the age of 21 years (save for Esquires and Desmoiselles) and who have demonstrated their loyalty to the countries in which they reside and their commitment to nourishing and supporting their communities whether through military service, service in the emergency services or in a voluntary capacity.

2. Admission to the Order

Application must be in the form of a written petition in the format prescribed by the Grand Prior from time to time. Applications/petitions for membership must be sponsored by two members of the Order in good standing and submitted to the Grand Patron via the Grand Prior for approval. The Grand Prior may have delegated authority on behalf of the Grand Patron to approve petitions for admission to the Order.

The ranks of the Order

Grand Patron
Spiritual Protector
Knight Grand Cross (GCStG)
Dame Grand Cross (GCStG)
Knight Commander (KCStG)
Dame Commander (DCStG)
Knight (KStG)
Dame (DStG)
Companion (CStG)
Esquire (Esq. StG)
Demoiselle (Dem. StG)

The above accolades may be conferred on an honorary basis by the Grand Patron on the advice of the Grand Prior.

Esquires OR Desmoiselles shall, at their appointment by the Grand Patron on the advice of the Grand Prior, be deemed to be of equestrian status and shall be at least 16 years of age and shall be in the service of or mentored by a member of the Order with the rank of Knight or Dame or higher and shall remain an Esquire/Demoiselle of the Order for as long as the sponsoring Knight or Dame remains a member of the Order in good standing. On the death, resignation or exclusion of the mentoring Knight or Dame, the Esquire or Demoiselle shall be allocated to another Knight or Dame by the Grand Prior. Esquires and Demoiselles shall be expected to defend the Trinitarian Christian faith and uphold the Chivalric code at all times. If an esquire or demoiselle behaves in a manner which, in the opinion of the Grand Priory is calculated or likely to bring the Order into disrepute, then he or she may be excluded or suspended from membership of the Order or Equestrian status.

Order of Merit

There shall be an Order of Merit, which may be awarded both to existing members of the Order or non-members of the Order, by the Grand Patron, on the advice of the Grand Prior:-

- a. Who have distinguished themselves by exemplary service to the Order and its growth and/or the fund raising objectives of the Order or the Charity Trust to which it is subject;
- b. Whose contribution to the community or to their countries the Order wishes to recognise.
- c. Membership of the Order of Merit shall be open to members of any of the Abrahamic faiths and is awarded by the Grand Patron on the advice of the Grand Prior gratis (save for the cost of any insignia).

Ranks of the Order of Merit

Knight of the Order of Merit (KMStG)
Dame of the Order of Merit (DMStG)
Member of the Order of Merit (MMStG)

Organisation of the Grand Priory:-

The Grand Priory shall consist of the following:-

- a. The Grand Patron
 - b. Spiritual Protector
 - c. All members of the Order holding the rank of Knight or Dame Grand Cross (including honorary members with that rank, which latter officers may speak or make recommendations to or participate in the deliberations of the Grand Priory as non-voting members)
 - d. The Grand Prior
 - e. The Deputy Grand Prior, of whom there may be up to four in number.
 - f. The Treasurer
 - g. The Chancellor
 - h. Such other Officers as the Grand Prior shall appoint as Grand Priory Officers from time to time.
3. Auditor to the Grand Patron and Inspector-General of the Order.

There shall be an Auditor to the Grand Patron and Inspector-General of the Order who will be appointed by the Grand Patron on the advice of the Grand Priory by majority nomination from time to time, who shall report to the Grand Patron from time to time on the management of the Order and its financial affairs.

4. Powers of the Grand Priory

The Grand Priory is charged with the responsibility of running the Order and furthering the objects of the associated Charitable Trust. The Grand Prior shall execute his or her responsibilities with the consent of the Grand Patron and on the advice of the Grand Priory. The Grand Priory Officers are appointed by and hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior. On completing any period of office, the said officers may, as a courtesy, be designated Past Grand XXX and shall be at liberty to speak at (but not vote upon) deliberations of the Grand Priory.

5. Procedure

Deliberations of the Grand Priory may be in the form of a meeting or by electronic communications.

6. A commandery may be constituted in any place by the Grand Patron on the advice of the Grand Prior and, unless and until the commandery obtains the status of a Sovereign Grand Priory, shall exist at the pleasure of the Grand Patron.

7. Grand Patron

The Grand Patron shall hold office until he or she dies or until such time as he or she resigns.

8. Grand Patron's demise, resignation or incapacity.

In the event of the Grand Patron's demise, incapacity within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (as amended or re-enacted) or resignation, the Grand Prior shall have delegated to him or her such powers and privileges as were exercised by the Grand Patron as Acting Grand Patron until such time as a new Grand Patron has been elected or until such time as the Grand Patron has regained capacity within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (as amended or re-enacted).

9. Appointment of a Grand Patron

The Appointment of a Grand Patron shall only be undertaken by a decision of the Grand Priory by a majority vote of all members of Grand Priory entitled to vote (regardless of their attendance at any meeting convened for that purpose). Votes may be submitted to the Grand Chancellor or other officer nominated by the Grand Prior. Within 28 days of the death or resignation of the Grand Patron, the Grand Prior or a Deputy designated by him shall convene a meeting of Grand Priory on not less than 7 days' notice for the purpose of nominating a successor or potential successor to the late Grand Patron. Such a meeting shall be held in a venue and at a time determined by the Grand Prior and may in any event be convened by at least 3 Deputy

Grand Priors in the event of a meeting not taking place within 90 days of the demise of the Grand Patron.

10. Appointment of a Grand Prior

The Grand Prior shall be appointed by the Grand Patron on the advice of and with the consent of the Grand Priory.

11. The vacation of the office of Grand Prior

The office of Grand Prior shall be vacated :-

- a. If the Grand Prior resigns in writing;
- b. If the Grand Priory by majority vote resolves to remove the Grand Prior from Office;
- c. If the Grand Patron, having obtained the consent of Grand Priory by a majority vote, removes the Grand Prior from Office;
- d. On the death of the Grand Prior;
- e. On the Grand Prior becoming a patient within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act as reenacted or amended, then the Deputy Grand Priors (exercising any decision by a simple majority vote) shall perform the duties of and have the powers of the Grand Prior until:-
 - i. The Grand Prior ceases to be a patient within the meaning of the said Act; or
 - ii. a successor in the office of Grand Prior is elected.

12. Appointments to and promotion within the Order

Appointments to and promotions within the Order or to the Order of Merit shall be by the Grand Patron on the advice of the Grand Prior.

13. Insignia

Insignia shall be of such a design as the Grand Priory may approve from time to time.

14. The obligations of Members of the Order

- a. To support and uphold the Trinitarian Christian Faith.
- b. To pay the annual membership fees. These shall be set by the Grand Prior on the advice of the Grand Priory from time to time.
- c. To make an annual contribution to the Order's charitable undertakings, whether through attendance at events organised by the Order, participation in projects approved by the Grand Priory and/or by making an annual donation to the Order's Charitable Funds or designated projects.
- d. To uphold the chivalric code at all times.

15. Disciplinary Measures

Any member who fails to honour his or her obligations or fails to comply with the directions of Grand Priory or who brings the order into disrepute shall be subject to the following:-

- a. In the event of a member failing to pay his or her annual membership fees, that member shall be transferred to the **inactive list** on the Grand Prior or one of his authorised deputies for these purposes so certifying; whilst on the inactive list, such a member will be prohibited from using the postnominals of any rank of the Order or wearing the insignia of the Order (save for any Orders of Merit which the member has been awarded)
- b. In the event of a member of the Order being convicted of an offence carrying a term of imprisonment, whether suspended or immediate, membership shall cease upon sentence being pronounced;
- c. In any other case a special meeting (which may include representations or submissions in electronic format) shall be convened on not less than seven working days notice to the member being disciplined. All members of Grand Priory shall be entitled to attend or make written or electronic representations, and any determination by the Grand Priory as to disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion shall be made by majority vote and shall be subject to ratification by the Grand Patron.

16. Application and Investment of Funds

The powers of the Grand Priory shall be such as are provided to the Trustees in the Declaration of Trust of the 5th January 2010, save that the Grand Priory may engage in expenditure for the purposes of:-

- a. Acquiring insignia;
- b. Organising events;
- c. Arranging publicity for events and its work generally;
- d. The reimbursement of expenses incurred by Grand Priory Officers in the performance of their official duties.

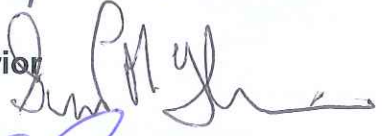
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Such expenditure shall not be to the detriment of the performance of the duties of the Trustees in the Declaration of Trust dated the 5th January 2010.

17. Powers of Trustees in relation to Grand Priory

The Trustees for the time being of the aforesaid Charity Trust shall be ex officio members of the Grand Priory with the same powers to speak and vote as the Grand Prior and other officers listed in the statute.

Signed as a Deed by **IRIS KARÁSZY-KULIN – Grand Patron** 

Signed as a Deed by **SIMON PETER McILWAINE – Grand Prior** 

Signed as a Deed by **ROGER D'ELIA** 

Signed as a Deed by **MARK DAVID IVAN HALEY** 

Signed as a Deed by **STEPHEN NIMMONS** 

Signed as a Deed by **HOWARD DOE** 