



CHIVALRIC CODE for KNIGHTS and DAMES of THE UNITED KINGDOM GRAND PRIORY of THE INTERNATIONAL KNIGHTLY ORDER VALIANT of St GEORGE

In a modern context, chivalry is expressed in the deliberate pursuit of a positive and proactive lifestyle of integrity, honour, courage, loyalty, compassion, self-discipline, courtesy, and service. The ideals of chivalry are represented in the symbols and pageantry of the Order and in the vows reaffirmed at each investiture. This code sets out the values, ethics, and expectations to which we commit as members of our Order.

The Order of St. George has its roots in the early 14th Century order wherein "A knight is sworn to valour, his heart knows only virtue, his blade defends the helpless, his might upholds the weak, his word speaks only truth."

Once invested, every member takes up our common purpose to serve the aims of the Order and, in the words of the oath taken at investiture and reaffirmed at subsequent investitures, "to continually practice the chivalric virtues of faith, service, and honour."

Service is expected of each member. Membership in the Order incurs an obligation to serve, support, and promote its aims. All fees and annual dues support the basic operational needs, but they are insufficient to sustain the Order's charitable purpose through the associated Charitable Trust. It is only natural that members are encouraged, as their resources permit, to contribute to the work of the Order. Such work may include constituency building and fundraising/donating to our foundation to support its charitable activities.

An ongoing commitment to service is expected to be undertaken without personal advantage or conflict of interest.

Finally, members are expected to conduct themselves ethically in all matters both personally and on behalf of the Order.

The Order of St. George is a working Order whose members strive to be honourable and ethical in their actions. Our members undertake to demonstrate, by word and deed, their commitment to the Order. The values, ethics and expectations set out in this Code are intended to serve this purpose. We expect that they will be embraced and evident in all we do in faith, service and honour.

By becoming a member and paying, and continuing to pay, your yearly oblation, you agreeing to abide by the Chivalric Code and our Code of Conduct expected of all members, irrespective of rank and responsibility within the Order.