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A WORLDWIDE FRATERNITY

Dr Tamás Kutalik Grand Master, (left) on behalf of the Knightly Order Valiant of St George of Hungary, and Stuart Notholt, Magisterium Officium, of behalf of the Grand Priorities of the United Kingdom, the Americas, and Canada, sign the Memorandum of Understanding linking the Order of St. George family worldwide in fraternity, shared goals, and a commitment to mutual support. As the Order enters its 701st anniversary year, the MoU provides a stable foundation for unified global action and future growth.



Seven centuries of heritage and service

April 2026 marked the septcentenary of the Order of St George, originally founded in 1326 by King Károly Róbert of Hungary. As the first secular chivalric order in the world, the Order's foundation documents – preserved in the Hungarian National Archives – attest to its early mission as a fraternity of knights dedicated to defending the realm and upholding chivalric virtue.

To honour this remarkable 700-year legacy, international celebrations were held in Hungary, hosted by the Szent György Vitéz Lovagrend Közhazsnú Egyesület bringing together representatives from across the Order

worldwide. From the pageantary of traditional horsemanship to modern charitable action, the Hungarian celebrations stand as a powerful reminder of the Order's origins and its continuing commitment to chivalry in the 21st century.



▲ The Statutes of the Order affixed with the Great Seal bearing an image of St George slaying the dragon. The Order's 700th anniversary commemorative roundel is based on the seal.



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Our London investiture

The 2026 London Investiture of the UK Grand Priory of the Order of St George brought together members, postulants, and guests from across the UK and around the world for a weekend of ceremony, fellowship, and celebration. This year, the event marked a particularly significant occasion as the Order commemorated 700 years of its historic heritage and continuing mission of charitable service and international friendship, and we welcomed a new UK Grand Prior.

The programme centred on the traditional Investiture service, during which new members were admitted to the Order and existing members advanced in rank. The day began with the vigil for postulants, reflecting the spiritual and ceremonial traditions associated with chivalric orders through the centuries. Following the service, members and guests gathered for the formal Investiture Banquet in the crypt of the church.

Set against the historic backdrop of Southwark, the London Investiture proved to be a memorable celebration of tradition, service, and shared purpose.

INTRODUCING DAME SYLVIA



The London 2026 Investiture saw the investiture of **Dame Sylvia Edwards** as the new UK Grand Prior of the Order of St George. Her breadth of experience across clinical practice, governance, public safety, and charitable engagement will be invaluable as the Order continues to strengthen its humanitarian mission and we look forward to the continued development of the UK Grand Priory under her leadership.

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Tradition and heritage

The *Songs for St George* concert was one of the highlights of the Order of St George's 2026 London Investiture celebrations, bringing together music, fellowship, and heritage in a fitting tribute to the Order's remarkable 700-year history. Held at St George the Martyr, Southwark, the concert formed part of a wider programme of events marking both the annual UK Investiture and the installation of the new UK Grand Prior.

The concert delved into the rich musical traditions associated with St George, chivalry, England, and the wider Christian heritage that has inspired the Order throughout its long history. Produced by Master of Music Jonathan-Lee Young-Brookes, the performance traced centuries of musical heritage associated with the church and St George, featuring Renaissance and Baroque works by Dowland, Campion, Lawes, and Purcell.



Celebrating history in style

The Grand Priory of the Americas plays a vital role in advancing the mission of the Order of St George across North America, the Caribbean, and Latin America. As one of the Order's principal Grand Priorities, it supports charitable initiatives, humanitarian outreach, and the promotion of chivalric values throughout the Americas and beyond. As part of the Americas Grand Priory 2026 Investiture, this year saw the Grand Priory hold a memorable evening of elegance, fellowship, and celebration in the form of

a magnificent period-themed ball. The occasion marked not only the 700th anniversary of the Order, but also celebrated 250 years of the United States, creating a fitting tribute to shared history, service, and national heritage.



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THE END OF THE LINE

With this edition, we bid farewell to *Called to Order*, the e-newsletter that has chronicled the life, achievements, and aspirations of the Order of St George since 2013. Through its pages, members across the world have shared in our charitable endeavours, celebrated our ceremonies, and reflected on the enduring values of chivalry that unite us.

Though *Called to Order* now closes its doors, the spirit it embodied will continue through our website at www.orderofstgeorge.co.uk and through our e-newsletter, ASCALON. If you've not yet subscribed to ASCALON please sign up using the link below.

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About our Order

The International Knightly Order Valiant of Saint George takes its inspiration from the ancient and honourable Christian Order of Knighthood founded in 1326 by King Károly Róbert of Hungary.

St. George is the Patron of soldiers, and also holds a special place in the affections of Christians in Africa and the Middle East. In seeking to honour this tradition we work for the welfare of armed forces personnel in the UK and the USA, and provide medical aid and educational support internationally.

Today, the Order has members in over 30

countries worldwide.

Admission into the Order recognizes achievements in the community, whether large or small. Membership is an honour that is awarded to people who deserve it, as people who have changed things for the better.

For information about joining the Order of St. George, kindly see the *Joining the Order* section on our website at www.george.st.

"The Order of St George promotes and pursues the timeless traditions of chivalry by compassion and supporting works of charity. We focus on supporting charities that work with current and former service personnel, and with Christian communities suffering poverty or religious persecution."

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