

THE ORDER OF ST JOHN

THE BANNER AND FLAG  
HANDBOOK

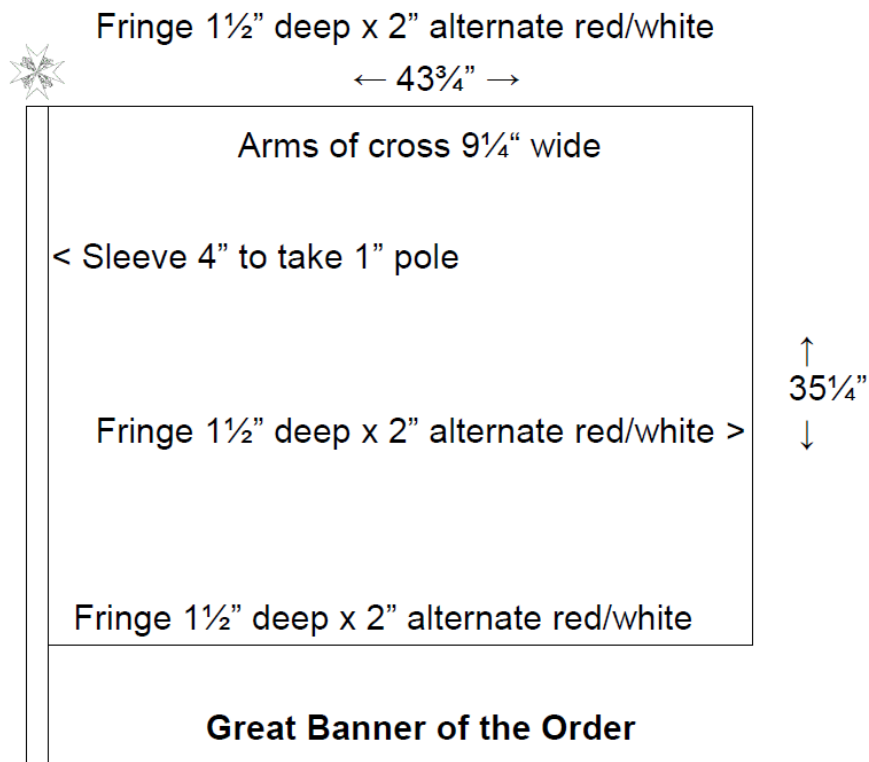
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## The Great Banner of the Order

The Great Banner of the Order is specified in Statute 46 (with reference to Statute 44) and is described at Paragraph 3 of Appendix I to the Regulations (with reference to Regulation 34). The key dimensions are as follows:



The Regulations confuse banners and flags but the following may be inferred. The Great Banner may be carried:

- when the Grand Prior is present;
- when the Lord Prior is present;
- by the Grand Council when in procession or in session;
- by the Grand Prior's Advisory Council when in procession or in session;
- by Priory or Commandery Chapters when in procession or in session; and
- by other assemblies of the Order, or by any of its Establishments or Foundations, with the express consent of the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council.



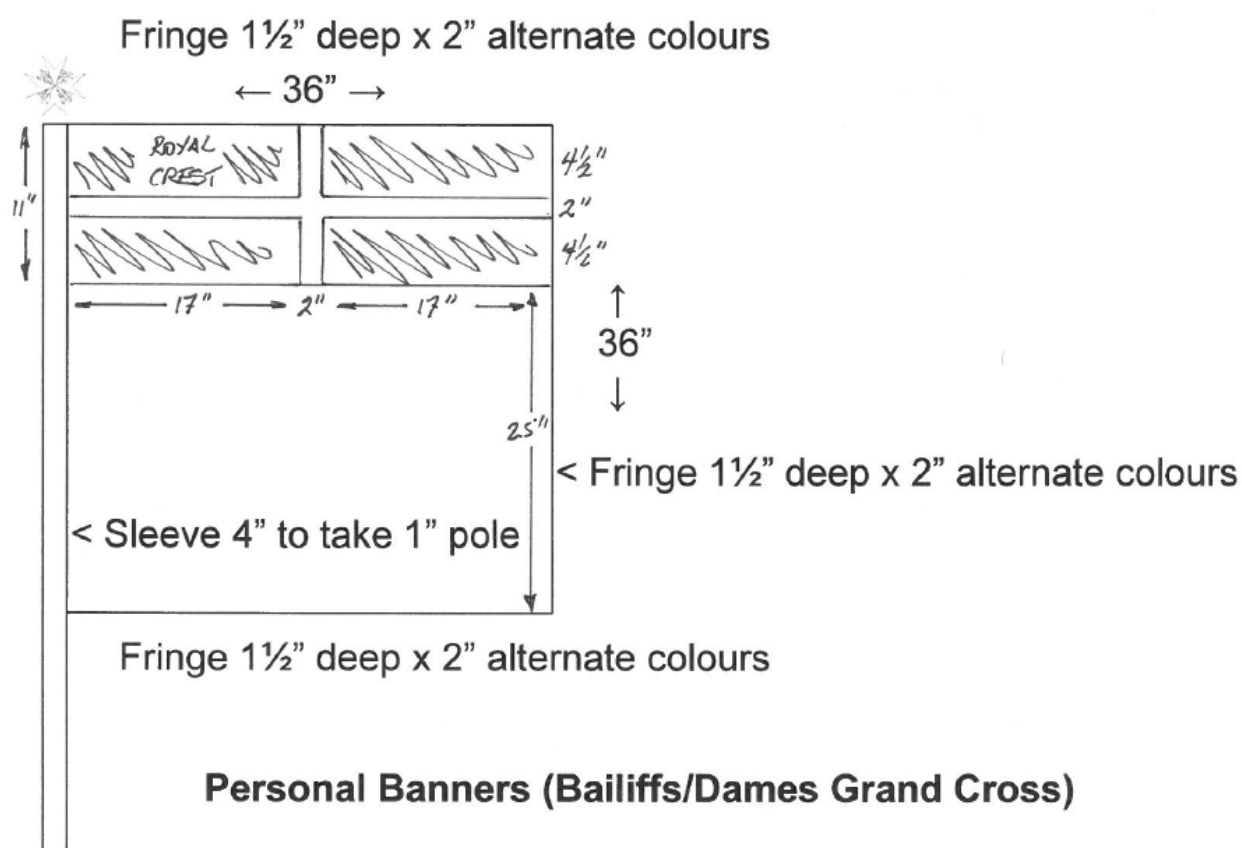
The Great Banner of the Order  
(photographed in 2016)



The Great Banner Finial  
(photographed in 2016)

## Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross

Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross being armigerous are entitled to a personal banner depicting his or her Arms with the Arms of the Order in chief, as per Paragraph 5(ii) of Appendix I to the Regulations. The banner is carried immediately after him or her at an Order or Priory ceremony at which robes are worn. The dimensions of a personal banner are as follows:



Personal banners may not be displayed, and should not be processed, until they have been presented to HRH The Grand Prior.

## The Sovereign Head



The Banner of the Sovereign Head  
(Photographed in 2016)

## The Grand Prior

The Banner of the Grand Prior is detailed at Paragraph 4 of Appendix I to the Regulations; he displays his Arms with the Arms of the Order in chief.



The Banner of the Grand Prior  
(Photographed in 2016)

The Regulations continue to confuse banners and flags.



## **The Lord Prior of St John**



The Banner of the Lord Prior Professor Mark Compton AM  
(2019)

## **The Prelate**

The Prelate is currently not armigerous.

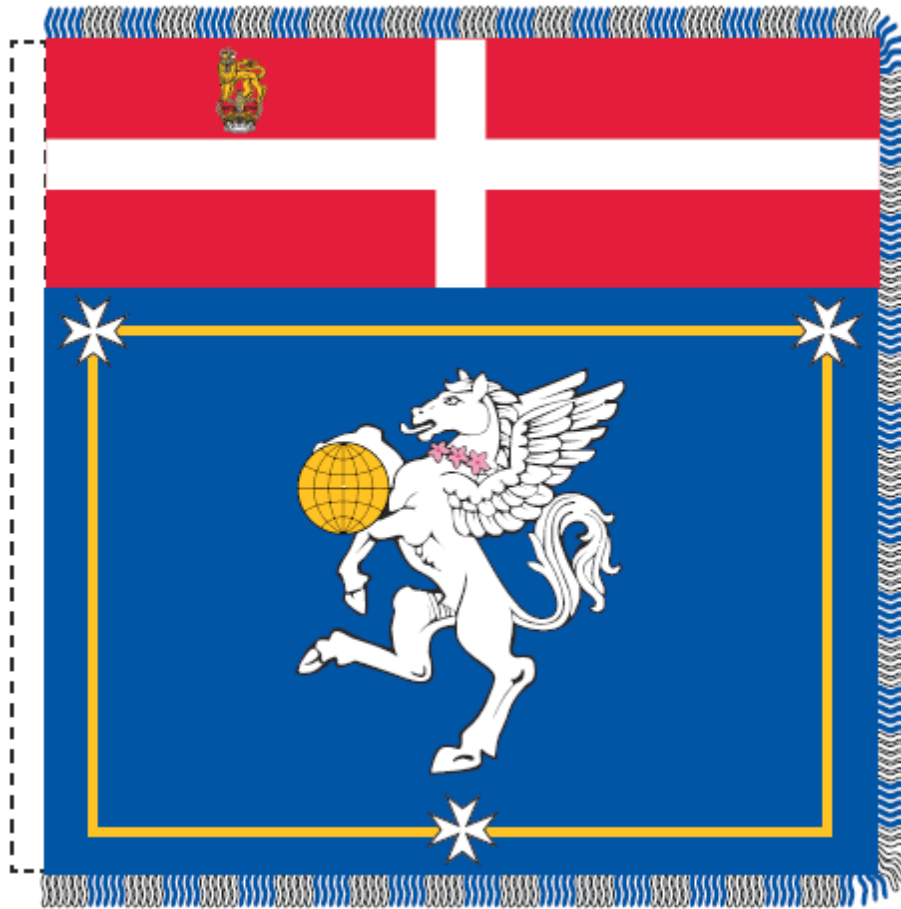


## The Chancellor



The Banner of Patrick Burgess OBE DL  
(Photographed in 2017)

## The Sub-Prior



The Banner of John Mah CD QC  
(Specification 2016)

## The Former Great Officers



The Banner of The Rt Hon the Lord Vestey KCVO DL  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of The Hon Dr Neil Conn AO  
(Photographed in 2017)

The Right Reverend John Waine KVCO does not have a banner.



The Banner of the Right Reverend John Nicholls  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of The Right Hon the Lord Remnant CVO  
(Photographed in 2017)





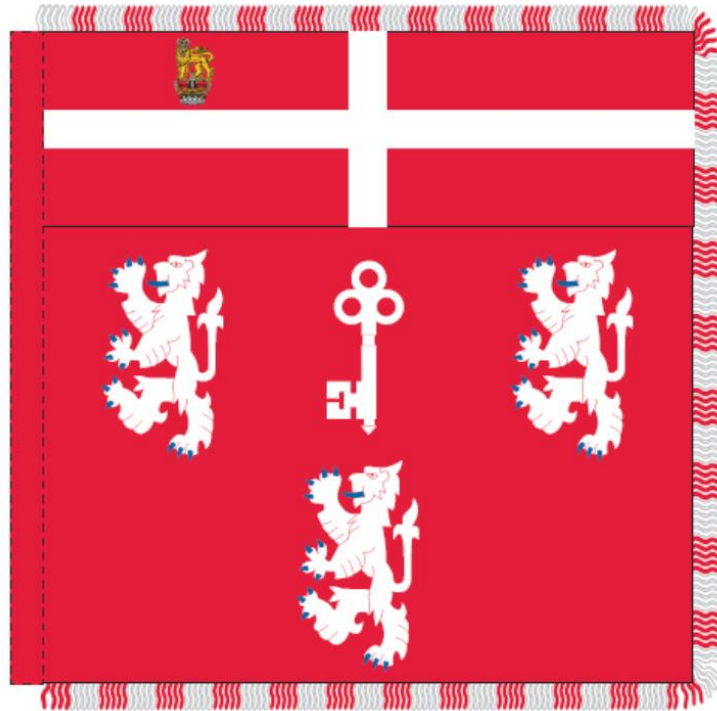
The Banner of Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards KCVO RD  
(Photographed in 2017)

Mr John Strachan does not have a banner.

Professor Villis Marshall AC does not have a banner.



The Banner of Stuart Shilson LVO  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of Sir Malcolm Ross GCVO OBE  
(Specification 2016)

## The Other Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross



The Banner of HRH The Princess Royal LG LT GCVO  
(Photographed in 2016)

HM The Sultan of Oman does not have a banner.

HM Queen Noor of Jordan does not have a banner.





The Banner of the Dowager Lady Westbury CBE JP  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of Lady Elizabeth Godsall MBE DL  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of Colonel Sir James Stirling of Garden KCVO CBE TD  
(Photograph obtained in 2018)



The Banner of Audrey Caroline The Rt Hon the Baroness Emerton  
DBE DL  
(Photographed in 2017)

Mr Neville Darrow does not have a banner.



The Banner of David Kingan OBE DL  
(Photographed in 2017)

Mr John Spencer AM does not have a banner.

Mr Anthony Chignell MBE does not have a banner.





The Banner of Fra Matthew Festing OBE TD DL  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of Brigadier John Hemsley OBE  
(Photographed in 2017)

Major Ian Crowther JCD MBE does not have a banner.  
Mr John Drexel IV does not have a banner.



The Banner of Mr D Hugh Thomas CBE DL  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of Mr F Richard Bruce MOM  
(Photographed in 2017)

Mrs Judith Hoban does not have a banner.

Professor John Pearn AO RFD does not have a banner.



The Banner of Mr A Marshall Acuff Jr  
(Photographed in 2017)

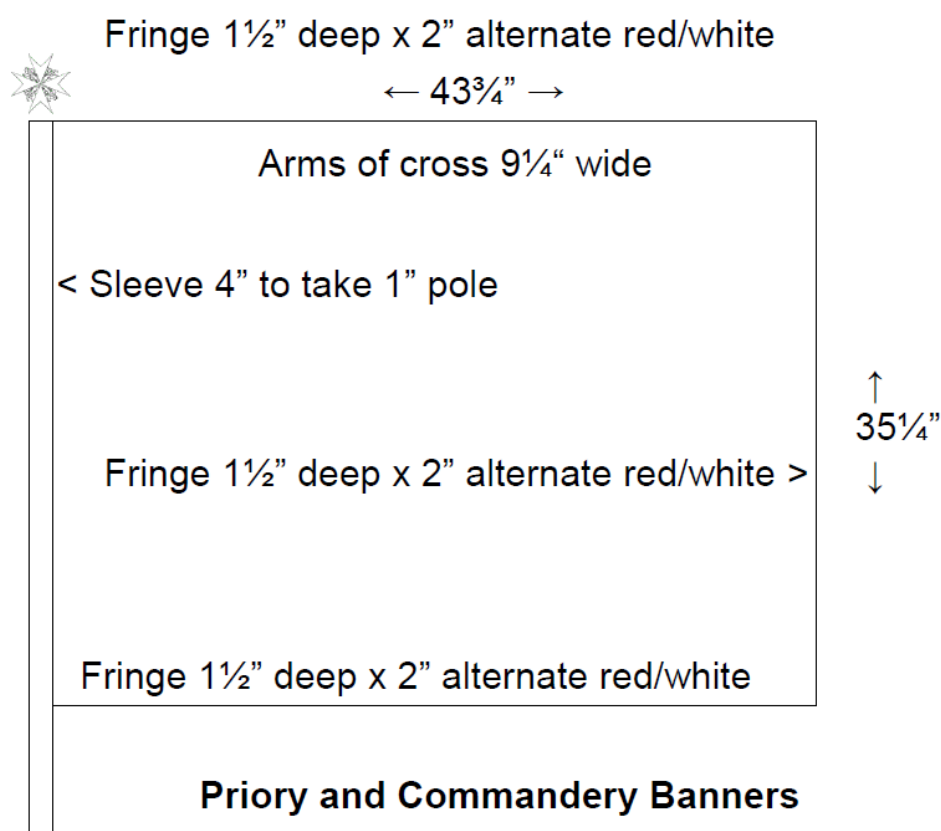
Dato' Dr Low Bin Tick OBE JP does not have a banner.

The Hon Lady Barttelot, MBE DL not known if has a banner

The Most Revd Archbishop Desmond Tutu, OMSG CH does not have a banner

## Priories, Commanderies and Establishments

The Great Banner of the Order may be used by any of the Establishments or Foundations, with the express consent of the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council as per Paragraph 3 of Appendix I to the Regulations. The dimensions are the same as for the Great Banner, with a differentiating device at the centre of the cross:



Banner Finial



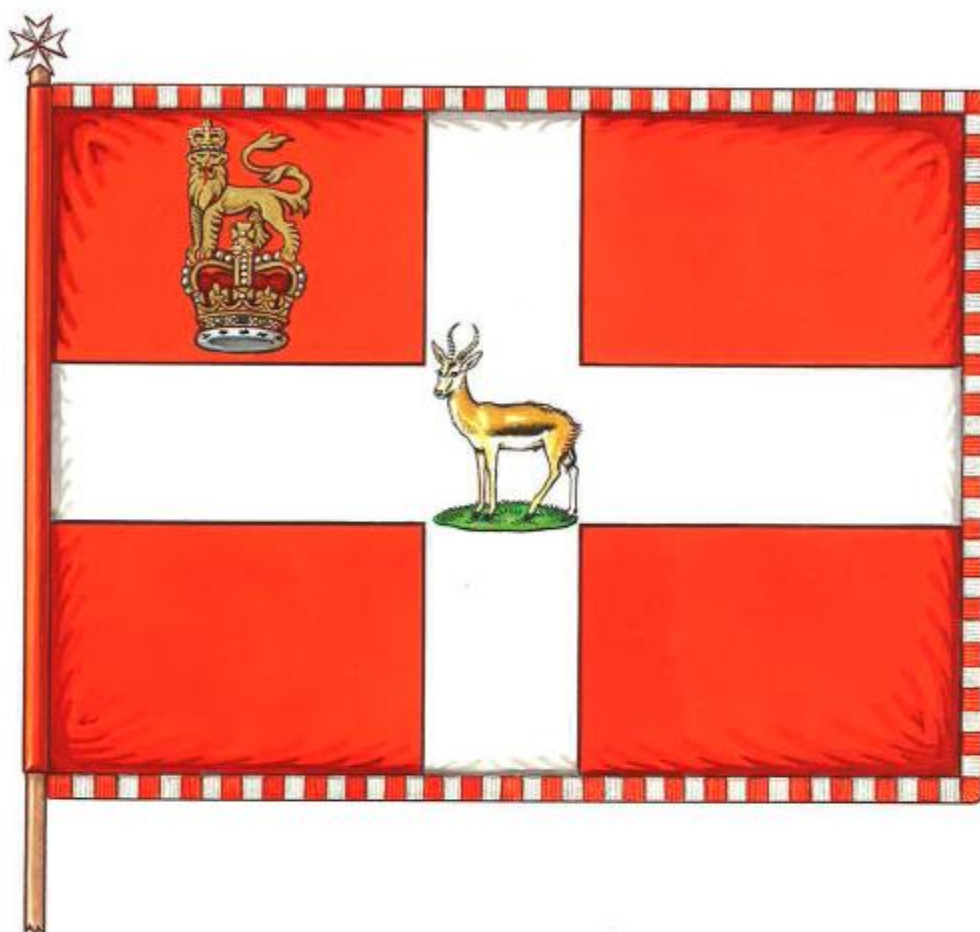


The Banner of the Priory of England and the Islands  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of the Priory of Scotland  
(Photographed in 2017)

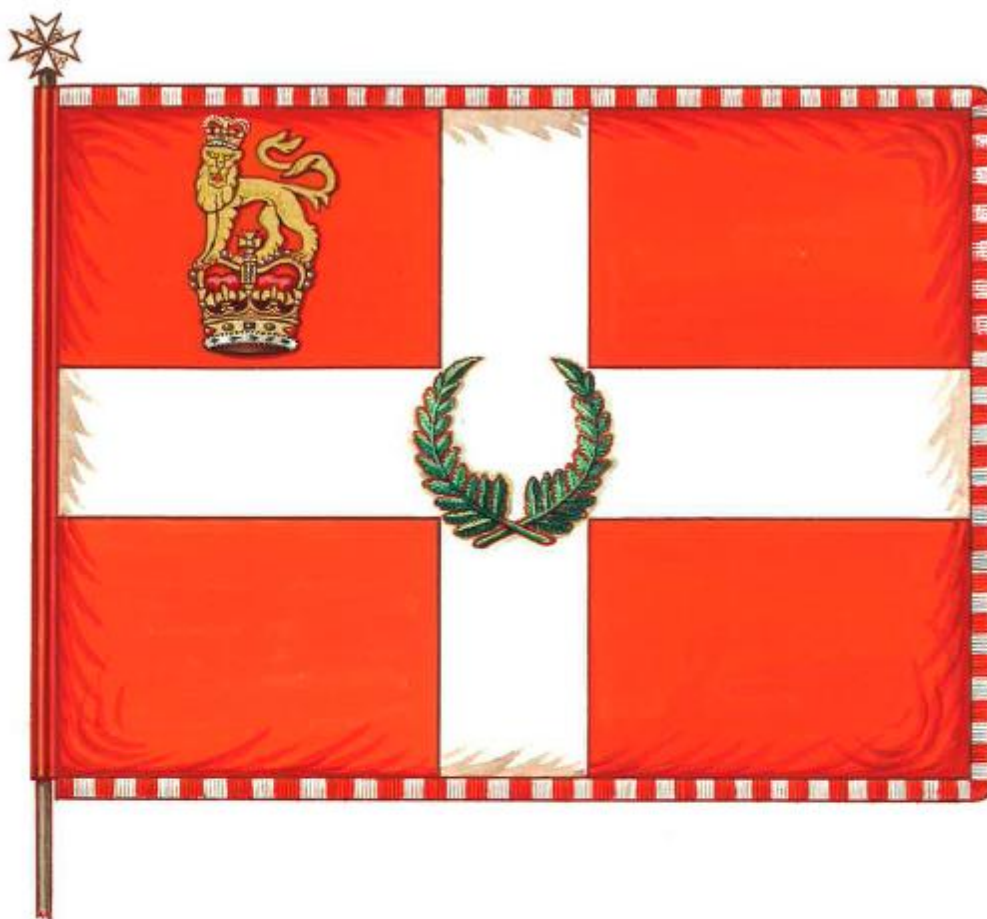




*The Order of St. John*  
*Standard of the Priory in Southern Africa*

*Approved*  
*Henry*  
*Grand Prior*

The Banner of the Priory for South Africa  
(Grand Prior's Certificate)



*The Order of St. John*  
*Standard of the Priory in New Zealand*  
*Approved*  
*Henry.*  
*Grand Prior.*

The Banner of the Priory in New Zealand  
(Grand Prior's Certificate)





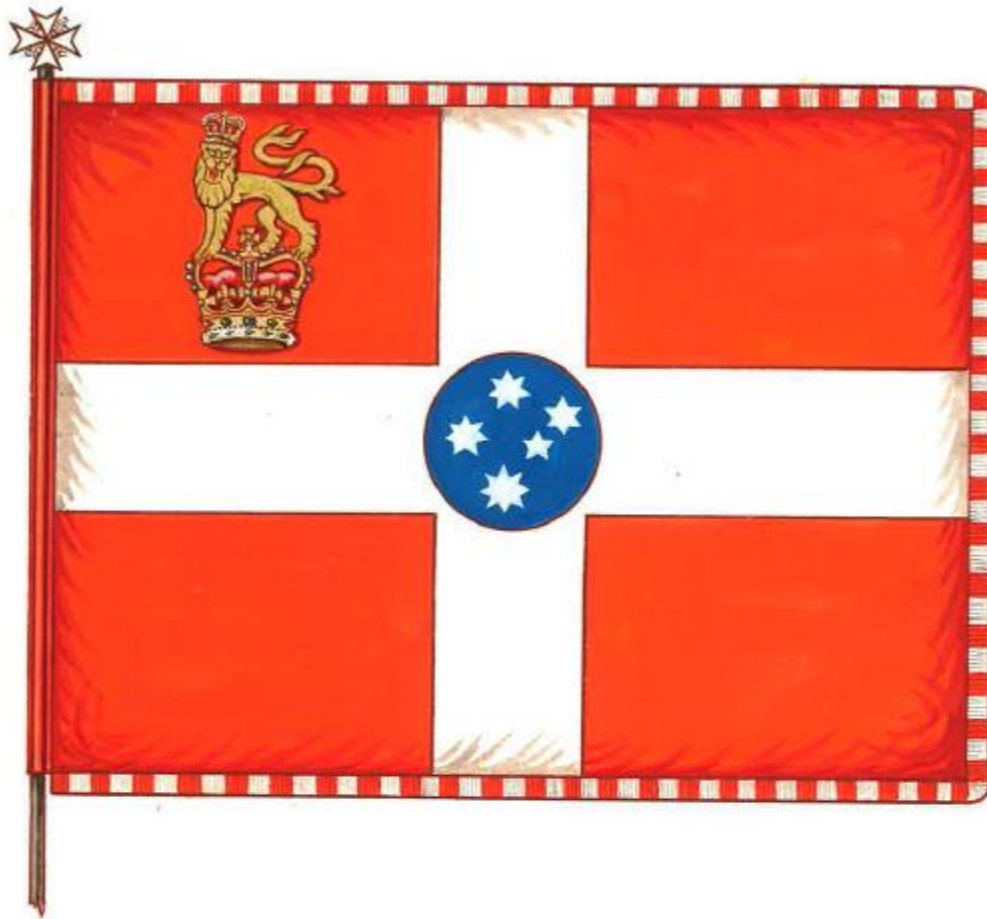
*The Order of St. John*  
*Standard of the Priory of Canada*

*Approved*

*Henry.*

*Grand Prior*

The Banner of the Priory of Canada  
(Grand Prior's Certificate)



*The Order of St. John*  
*Standard of the Priory in Australia*

*Approved*

*Henry.*  
*Grand Prior.*

The Banner of the Priory in Australia  
(Grand Prior's Certificate)





The Banner of the Priory in the United States of America  
(2019)



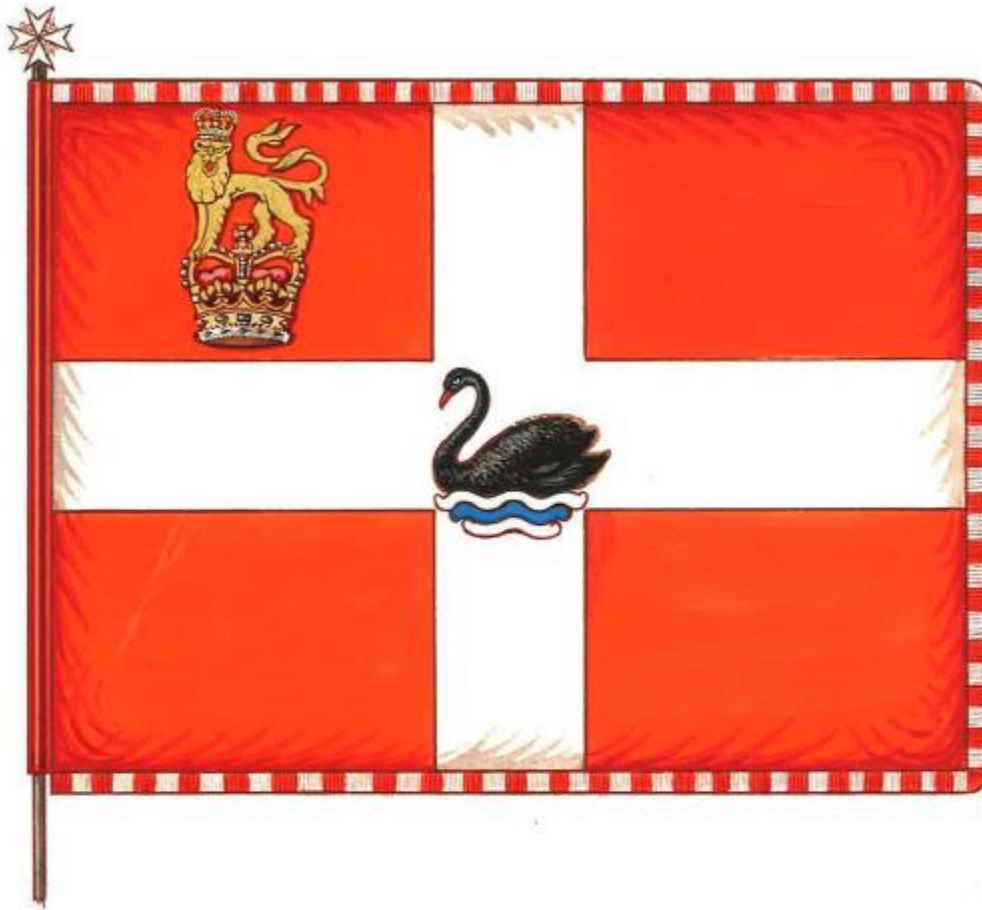
The Banner of the Priory of Kenya  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of the Priory of Singapore  
(Photographed in 2017)



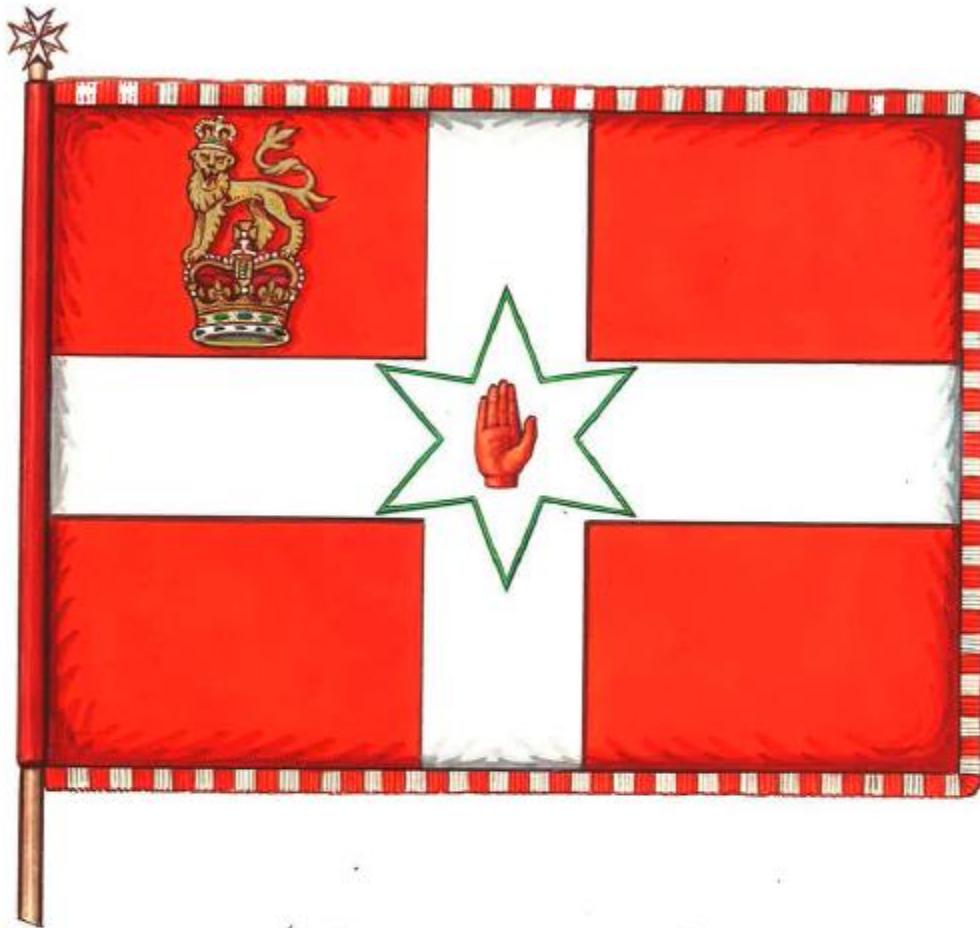
The Banner of the Priory of Hong Kong  
(Photographed in 2017)



*The Order of St. John  
Standard of the Commandery of Western Australia*

*Approved  
Henry.  
Grand Prior*

The Banner of the Commandery of/in Western Australia  
(Grand Prior's Certificate)



*The Order of St. John*  
*Standard of the Commandery of Ards in Northern Ireland*

*Approved*  
*Henry.*  
*Grand Prior*

The Banner of the Commandery of Ards in Northern Ireland  
(Grand Prior's Certificate)





The Banner of the Commandery of Jersey  
(Photographed in 2017)





The Banner of the Commandery of Guernsey  
(photographed in 2017)



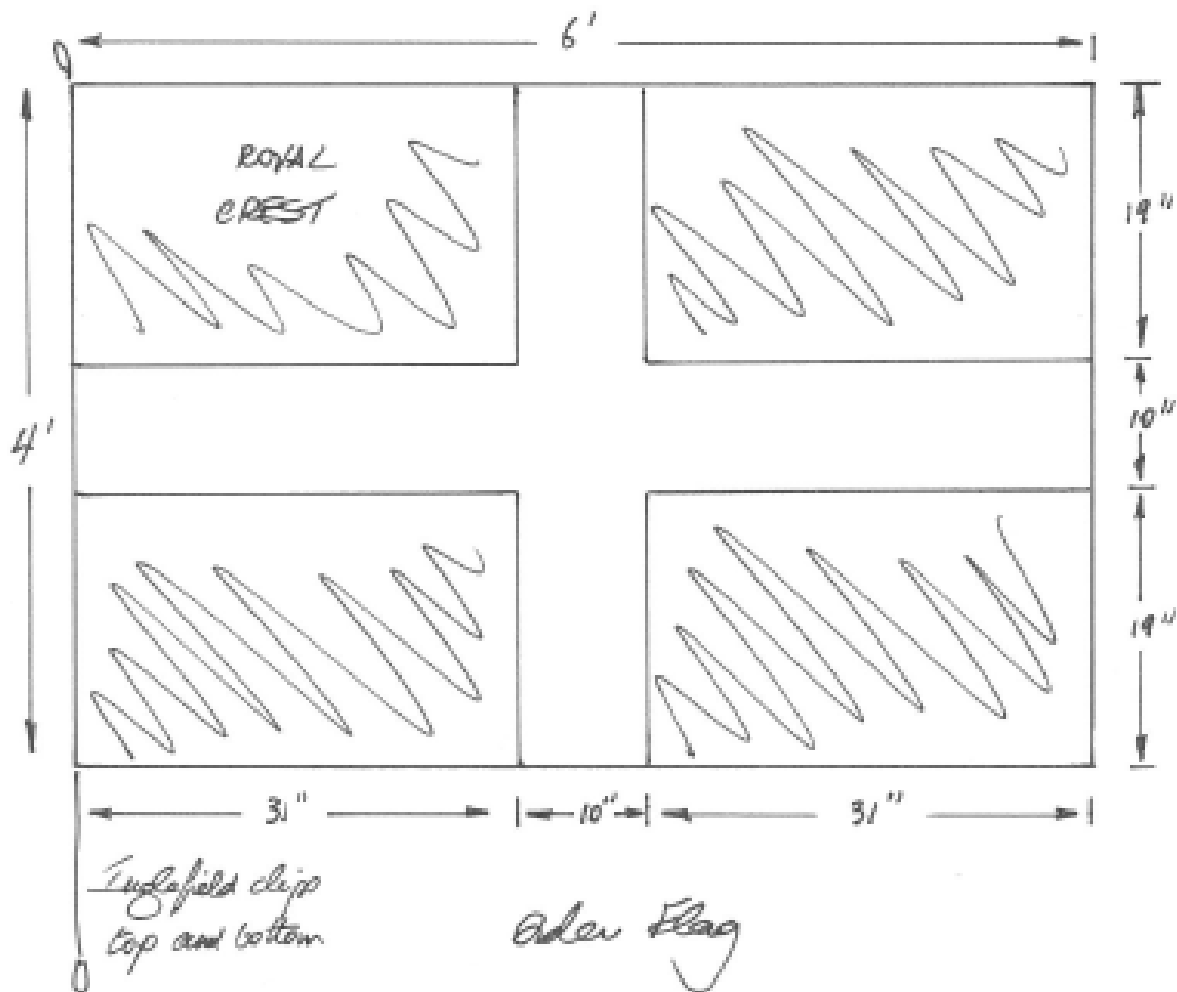
The Banner of the Commandery of the Isle of Man  
(Photographed in 2017)



The Banner of the Eye Hospital Group  
(Photographed in 2017)

## The Flag of the Order

Although a flag is mentioned in the Regulations (Paragraph 3(ii) of Appendix I) the dimensions are not specified. The flag is assumed to be a standard 3:2 ratio, for example 6' x 4' or 9' x 6'. For a small flag (as flown at Charterhouse Mews) the dimensions are as follows:



These dimensions will need to be appropriately scaled up for the larger flags flown at St John's Gate.

The flag is to be flown:

- at all times at St John's Gate;
- at all times at the Eye Hospital in Jerusalem;
- at all times over the Headquarters of all Priories and Commanderies;
- at other appropriate places on St John's Day;
- at other appropriate places on 8<sup>th</sup> September (being the anniversary of the relief of Malta in 1565);
- by the Grand Prior as he may think fit;
- by the Lord Prior as he may think fit;
- by the Grand Council when in session;
- by the Grand Prior's Advisory Council when in session; and
- by Priory or Commandery Chapters when in session.

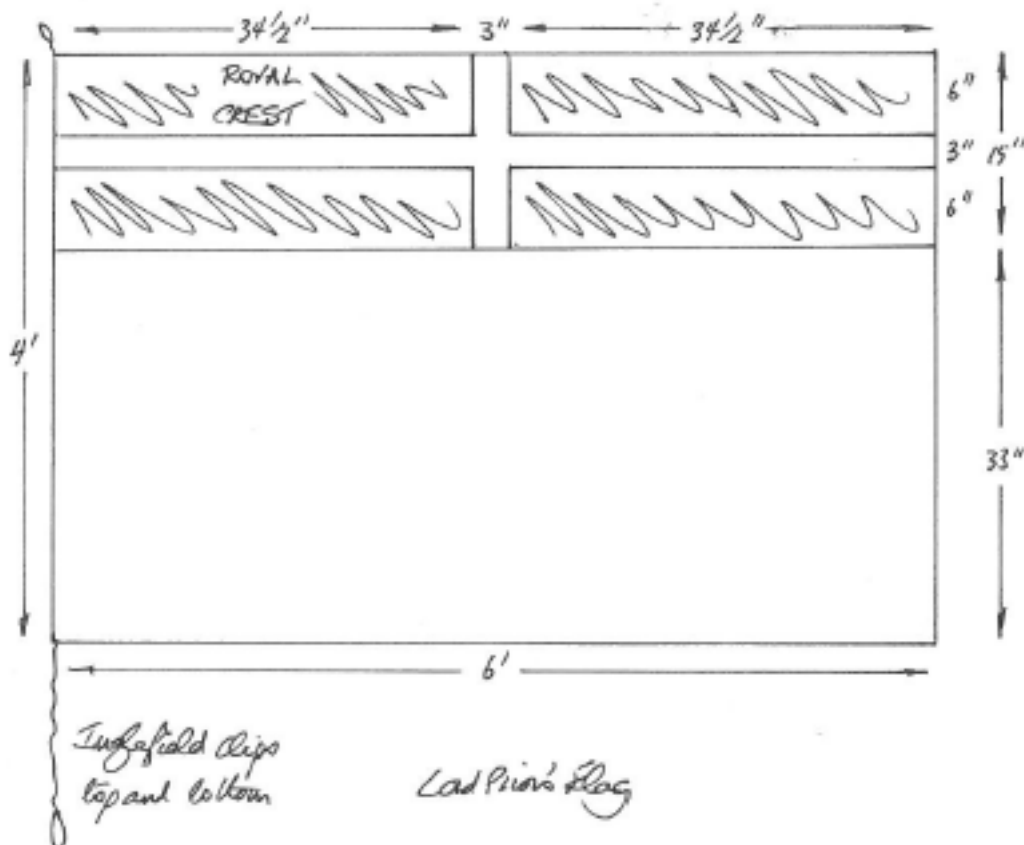
The Flag of the Order is to be flown at Half Mast:

- on days of National Mourning; and
- on the days between the death and interment of a Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross.



## The Grand Prior's and Lord Prior's Flags

Although both flags are inferred in the Regulations (Paragraph 4 of Appendix I) the dimensions are not specified. The flags are assumed to be a standard 3:2 ratio, for example 6' x 4' or 9' x 6'. For a small flag (as flown at Charterhouse Mews) the dimensions are as follows:



These dimensions will need to be appropriately scaled up for the larger flags flown at St John's Gate.

In addition to the Flag of the Order, the Grand Prior's Flag is to be flown at St John's Gate on those days when it is his intention to visit St John's Gate.

In addition to the Flag of the Order, the Lord Prior's Flag is to be flown at St John's Gate on those days when he is in London and when the Grand Prior's Flag is not being flown.

The Lord Prior's Flag is to be flown at Half Mast:

- on days of National Mourning; and
- on other occasions as directed by him.

As previously noted the Regulations confuse banners and flags.

#### FOOTNOTE – PRIOR'S BANNERS

A Prior (and Chancellor of a Vice-Regal Priory) who is armigerous is entitled to a personal banner depicting his or her Arms simpliciter, as per Paragraphs 5(iii) and 5(iv) of Appendix I to the Regulations. The banner is carried immediately after him or her at an Order or Priory ceremony at which robes are worn.