



Royal Charters and Statutes

of

The Most Venerable Order
of the Hospital of
St. John of Jerusalem

(2018)

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

Her Majesty in Council has allowed the amendments to the Supplemental Charter of 1974 of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem as set out in Part A of the Schedule to this Order, and has allowed the revised Statutes as set out in Part B of the Schedule to this Order.

Richard Tilbrook

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER OF 1974 AND REVISED STATUTES OF THE
MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM

A. Supplemental Charter of 1974

1. In Article 4 before “revoked” *insert* “ amended, revised or”.

2. *Delete* Article 6A and *substitute*:

“6A. During the period up to and including 31 December 2011, unless a contrary intention shall be manifest, all gifts, legacies and payments under covenant or gift aid to the Order made by a donor, testator or payor resident within the territory of the Priory of England and the Islands shall be deemed to vest in the Priory of England and the Islands. With effect from and including 1 January 2012, unless the contrary intention shall be manifest, all such gifts, legacies and payments shall be deemed to vest in the Order”;

3. *Delete* Article 7 and *substitute*:

“7. The powers of the Order to invest moneys and funds of the Order not immediately required to be expended shall be such as shall be specified in the Statutes of the Order

and, if Regulations are made pursuant to the Statutes in respect of the investment of such moneys and funds, in these Regulations.”.

4. **Delete** Article 8 and **substitute**:

“8. The revised Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Order are hereby declared to be the sole Statutes of the Order until they shall be altered in the manner hereinafter appearing.”.

5. In Article 10 **delete** “three months” and **substitute** “two months”.

B. Statutes

PART ONE – INTRODUCTORY

1. Short title

These Statutes may be cited as “the St John Statutes effective from 12th December 2018”.

2. Interpretation

(1) In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Anglican Communion**” means the autonomous national and regional churches and the extra provincial churches and dioceses, all of which are in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury;

“**Appointed Day**” means 12th December 2018;

“**Associate Member**” means a person who on or prior to St John’s Day 1999 was attached to the Order in pursuance of the provisions of the statute which immediately before that date was numbered Statute 26(2) and who has not ceased for any reason to be attached thereto;

“**Audit and Risk Sub-Committee**” means the sub-committee of the Executive Committee constituted pursuant to Statute 24;

“**Chancellor**” means the Great Officer referred to in Statute 8(1)(d);

“**Charities Act**” means the Charities Act 2011;

“**Chair of the Eye Hospital**” means the chair of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital appointed pursuant to Statute 9;

“**Commandery**” means an Independent Commandery or a Dependent Commandery;

“**Committee**” means the Executive Committee, the Nominations and Appointments Committee, the Honours and Awards Committee, the *Pro Fide* Committee, any other committee appointed by the Grand Prior pursuant to Statute 7(5) and any sub-committee of any of them;

“**Dependent Commandery**” has the meaning given to that expression in Statute 32(2)(b);

“**Deputy Lord Prior**” means the Great Officer referred to in Statute 8(1)(c);

“**Emblem**” has the meaning given to that expression in Statute 48(3)(d);

“**Establishment**” means a Priory, Independent Commandery, Dependent Commandery or St John Association;

“**Executive Committee**” means the committee of the Grand Council constituted pursuant to Statute 18;

“**Eye Hospital**” means The St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, including the main hospital in Jerusalem and associated hospitals and clinics in the West Bank and Gaza;

“**Foundation**” means a Foundation of the Order or a Priory Foundation;

“**Foundation of the Order**” means an institution or organised body constituted pursuant to Statute 35(2);

“**Grade**” means a grade of membership in the Order specified in Statute 43;

“**Grand Prior**” means the Great Officer appointed pursuant to Statute 6;

“**Grand Prior’s Adviser**” means the Grand Prior’s Adviser appointed pursuant to Statute 14;

“**Great Office**” means an office of the Order specified in Statutes 8(1) and (2), and “**Great Officer**” means the holder of a Great Office;

“**Honorary Officer**” means an honorary office of the Order appointed pursuant to Statute 13;

“**Honours and Awards Committee**” means the committee of the Grand Council constituted pursuant to Statute 27;

“**Hospitaller**” means the hospitaller of the Order appointed pursuant to Statute 11;

“**Independent Commandery**” has the meaning given to that expression in Statute 32(2)(a);

“**Independent Member**” means, in relation to the Honours and Awards Committee or any other committee of the Grand Council, a person who is not, at the time of his or her appointment, a Member of the Order and who does not, at that time, have any other material connection with the Order or its Establishments;

“**Johannine Orders**” has the meaning given to that expression in Statute 48(3)(c);

“**Lord Prior**” means the Lord Prior of St John whose Great Office is referred to in Statute 8(1)(a);

“**Member**” or “**Member of the Order**” means a person possessing the qualifications set out in Statute 46 who, having been duly admitted to the Order, has not ceased for any reason to be a Member;

“**Nominations and Appointments Committee**” means the committee of the Grand Council constituted pursuant to Statute 26;

“**the Order**” or “**the Order of St John**” means all the Members of the Order for the time being comprising the corporate body referred to in the Royal Charter;

“**Prelate**” means the Great Officer referred to in Statute 8(1)(b);

“**Principal Objects**” means the objects of the Order set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Statute 4(2);

“**Principal Office**” means an office of the Order specified in Statutes 12(1) and (2), and “**Principal Officer**” means the holder of a Principal Office;

“**Priory**” means an establishment of the Order constituted pursuant to Statute 31;

“**Priory Foundation**” means an institution or organised body constituted pursuant to Statute 35(4);

“**Pro Fide Committee**” means the committee of the Grand Council constituted pursuant to Statute 29;

“**Regulations**” means regulations made by the Grand Prior pursuant to Statutes 7(3), 8(9), 9(2), 11(3), 12(2), 12(5), 17(3), 20(3), 23(4), 26(4), 27(7), 28(14), 31(5), 42(12), 50, 56(3) or 60(2);

“**Reserved Matters**” means those matters set out in Statute 15(2)(c), (d), (e) (f), (g), (h), (i), (l), and (m);

“**Royal Charter**” means the Royal Charter dated 15 March 1955 and the Supplemental Royal Charter dated 29 April 1974, as amended by the Orders in Council made on 21 July 1999, 17 December 2002 and 12 December 2018;

“**Rules**” means rules made pursuant to Statutes 7(3), 31(2), 32(3), 33(3), 35(5), 55 or 72;

“**Secretariat**” means the secretariat of the Order, having such duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by Regulations;

“**Secretary-General**” means the secretary-general of the Order appointed pursuant to Statute 10;

“**Significant Matter**” means any matter involving the exercise by the Grand Council of the powers specified in paragraphs (2)(c), (d), (g), (h), (i), (k), (l) or (m) of Statute 15;

“**Sovereign Head**” has the meaning given to that expression in Statute 5;

“**Special Resolution**” means a resolution of the Grand Council passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the Grand Council members who voted in respect of that resolution;

“**Specified Body**” has the meaning given to that expression in Statute 48;

“**St John Ambulance**” means the Foundation of that name and formerly known as the “St John Ambulance Association and Brigade”;

“**St John Association**” means an establishment of the Order constituted pursuant to Statute 33;

“**St John’s Day**” means the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, save that in relation to the year 1999 it means 24 October 1999;

“**St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital**” means St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales under company number 07355619, and any other entity through which the Order holds its interests in the Eye Hospital;

“**Sub-Prior**” means the Great Officer referred to in Statute 8(1)(e).

- (2) In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine and *vice versa*, words in the singular shall include the plural and *vice versa*.
- (3) The Interpretation Act 1978 applies to these Statutes as if these Statutes were an Act of Parliament.
- (4) Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference in these Statutes to a provision of law is a reference to that provision as amended or re-enacted.
- (5) If at any time the Grand Prior in the exercise of powers conferred on him or her shall ordain that any office or body constituted by or under these Statutes shall have its title changed to a new title, any reference to such office or body in these Statutes or in any Regulations or Rules made thereunder shall be read and construed as a reference to such office or body by such new title.
- (6) Any power conferred by these Statutes on the Grand Prior or any other person to make Regulations or Rules includes the power to amend, revoke or suspend (in whole or in part and either generally or in relation to any specified area) those Regulations or Rules.

- (7) If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Statutes, the matter shall be referred to the Grand Prior, whose decision shall be final.

3. Mottoes of the Order

The Mottoes of the Order shall be “*Pro Fide*” and “*Pro Utilitate Hominum*”, which in the English language may be expressed as “For the Faith” and “In the Service of Humanity”.

4. Objects and Purposes of the Order

- (1) The Order is a Christian order of chivalry and charity which has its roots in the ancient traditions of St John.
- (2) The Order’s objects and purposes are the following three Principal Objects, namely:
- (a) the encouragement of all that makes for the spiritual and moral strengthening of humanity in accordance with the first great principle of the Order embodied in the motto “*Pro Fide*”;
 - (b) the encouragement and promotion of all work of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering or danger, without distinction of race, class or creed and the extension of the second great principle of the Order embodied in the motto “*Pro Utilitate Hominum*”; and
 - (c) the rendering of aid to the sick, wounded, disabled or suffering and the promotion of such permanent organisation during times of peace as may be at once available in times of civil emergencies or war, including if requisite the training and provision of technical reserves for the medical services of armed forces or any civil defence organisations,

and the following objects ancillary to those Principal Objects and to be pursued only in furtherance of those Principal Objects or any of them:

- (d) for the purpose of fostering the Principal Objects, the award (or the providing of advice and recommendations as to the award) of medals, badges or certificates of honour for special services in the cause of humanity, especially for saving life at imminent personal risk, whether to members of the Order or any Establishment or any other deserving person;
- (e) the support and encouragement of the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem and the clinics and research projects connected therewith;
- (f) the support and encouragement of Establishments, the objects and purposes of which include:
 - (i) the instruction of members of the public in the principles and practice of first aid, community health care and related subjects;

- (ii) the preparation, publication and distribution of text-books and other training aids to facilitate such instruction and the organisation of examinations and tests for the purpose of issuing certificates of proficiency in such subjects;
- (iii) the organisation, training and equipment of men, women and young persons to undertake, on a voluntary or remunerated basis either as individuals or as organised groups, first aid, community health care and related activities, in any place as occasion or circumstance may require for the relief, transport, comfort or welfare of those in need;
- (iv) the instruction of young persons in first aid, health care, leadership and other subjects conducive to the education of good citizens;
- (v) the provision of trained personnel to give assistance to central or local government departments or to the armed forces at times of emergency in peace or in war;
- (vi) the formation of ambulance and medical comfort depots and the organisation and administration of transport by ambulance;
- (g) the formation and administration of establishments, councils, associations, centres or other subordinate bodies to facilitate the work of the Order in local geographical areas;
- (h) the maintenance of contact and the development of collaboration with kindred Orders and bodies;
- (i) the manufacture and distribution by sale or presentation of publications, equipment or materials useful for or connected with furthering the objects and purposes of the Order;
- (j) the receipt and acceptance of donations, endowments and gifts of money, lands, hereditaments, stocks, funds, shares, securities or other assets whatsoever, and the borrowing, investing or raising of money with or without security for any objects or purposes of the Order and either subject to or free from any special trusts or conditions;
- (k) the maintenance, administration or development of all real and personal property vested in or under the control of the Order, and the sale, lease, mortgage, loan, exchange, gift, or any other disposition of the same as circumstances may arise or permit; and
- (l) the establishment and maintenance of libraries and museums and the collection of works of art and objects of historical interest relating to the Order,

provided always that the objects and purposes set out in this Statute 4 shall be limited to that which is or is ancillary to that which is charitable at law.

PART TWO – THE ORGANISATION OF THE ORDER

5. The Sovereign Head

- (1) Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors shall be the Sovereign Head of the Order.
- (2) The Sovereign Head shall make such appointments to and within the Order as She in her absolute discretion shall think fit.

6. The Grand Prior

There shall be a Grand Prior of the Order who shall be appointed by the Sovereign Head after consultation with the Grand Council and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Sovereign Head or until resignation.

7. Powers of the Grand Prior

- (1) Subject to any directions he or she may receive from the Sovereign Head, the Grand Prior shall exercise supreme direction and administrative and executive control over the Order, its Establishments, its other subordinate organisations, and its Members and shall make all appointments other than those made by the Sovereign Head. The Grand Prior shall have the right to veto any recommendation, resolution, decision or proceeding of the Grand Council or any Committee or the Senior Adviser or of any Establishment or other subordinate organisation of the Order.
- (2) The Grand Prior shall submit to the Sovereign Head for approval or direction any matter which he or she deems to be of important principle and, in particular, shall submit for the sanction of the Sovereign Head all proposals for admission to or promotion in the Order as shall have been recommended by the Grand Council and approved by him or her.
- (3) The Grand Prior, either on the recommendation of the Grand Council or of his or her own motion whether or not after consultation with the Grand Council, shall have power by Instrument under his or her hand and the Seal of the Order to make Regulations or Rules (not being repugnant to the Royal Charter or any law) for any purpose expressed in the Royal Charter or Statutes or otherwise as he or she may deem necessary or expedient for the conduct, control or management of the affairs or work of the Order and, when published in such manner as the Grand Prior may direct, such Regulations or Rules shall be binding on the organisations or persons to which they are applicable. Any provision in these Statutes empowering the Grand Prior to make Rules or Regulations for a particular purpose is without prejudice to the Grand Prior's powers under this Statute 7(3).
- (4) To facilitate the conduct of the affairs and work of the Order, the Grand Prior may, in his or her discretion and subject to such limitations as he or she may impose (including, if he or she thinks fit, a requirement to seek the advice of the Grand Council before the exercise of any particular power or authority), delegate in such manner as he or she

thinks fit any of his or her powers or authority to any other Great Officer or other officer of the Order as he or she may specify and may at any time revoke any such powers or authority so delegated; provided always that, unless or until he or she shall direct to the contrary, he or she shall not delegate:

- (a) any power of veto;
- (b) any authority to make Regulations or Rules;
- (c) his or her power to approve and submit to the Sovereign Head recommendations for admission to or promotion in the Order;
- (d) his or her power under Statute 21 to make directions in relation to Reserved Matters;
- (e) his or her power under Statute 22 to suspend the Executive Committee; or
- (f) any other power or authority conferred by any of paragraphs (2), (3) and (5) of this Statute 7,

except in each case when he or she is unable to exercise such power or authority owing to absence abroad or ill-health, in which circumstances such power or authority may be exercised by the Lord Prior on his or her behalf (but only after consultation with the Grand Council).

- (5) The Grand Prior, whether on the recommendation of the Grand Council or of his or her own motion (and whether or not after consultation with the Grand Council), may appoint standing or other committees in addition to (and not in substitution for) any of those provided for by these Statutes; in each case, of such membership and with such terms of reference as he or she may specify or as may be prescribed by Regulations.

8. The Great Officers of the Order

- (1) The Grand Prior and those holding the five offices specified below shall be the Great Officers of the Order and *ex officio* shall be Bailiffs Grand Cross or Dames Grand Cross of the Order, that is to say:
 - (a) The **Lord Prior of St John** who shall be the Lieutenant and Deputy of the Grand Prior and who shall, unless and until the Grand Prior shall direct to the contrary, exercise any power or authority delegated by the Grand Prior pursuant to Statute 7(4) and not expressly delegated to any of the other Great Officers. When acting as chair of the Executive Committee under Statute 20(2), the Lord Prior shall seek to foster and promote consensus amongst the members of the Executive Committee and in the Order.
 - (b) The **Prelate** shall be a Member of the Order and a bishop of a church which is a full member of the Anglican Communion. The Prelate shall be the adviser to the Grand Prior in all matters of an ecclesiastical nature and shall determine the form

of religious service and prayers to be used on such occasions as are not provided for by the Statutes or Regulations; save that in Scotland the Grand Prior shall be advised in these matters by the appropriate executive officer of the Priory of Scotland.

- (c) The **Deputy Lord Prior**. The Grand Prior (following consultation with the Grand Council) may from time to time appoint a Deputy Lord Prior. If appointed, the Deputy Lord Prior shall act as the Deputy of the Lord Prior at the times and in the circumstances specified by the Grand Prior.
 - (d) The **Chancellor** shall have overall responsibility for the central activities of the Order as an order of chivalry of the British Crown; monitoring and ensuring the efficient development and operation of the Order's system of nominations for honours and awards; ensuring the highest ceremonial standards; maintaining the integrity and status of the Order as an order of chivalry of the British Crown and a Johannine Order; fostering relations with other Johannine Orders and other orders of chivalry or knighthood; and (at the request of the Lord Prior but subject always to the terms of any appointment by the Grand Prior of a Deputy Lord Prior) acting as the Lord Prior's deputy, both within the Order and externally.
 - (e) The **Sub-Prior** who shall have special interest in Independent Commanderies and St John Associations.
- (2) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may change the title of, or abolish, any Great Office or may create any new Great Office, provided always that any such change, abolition or creation shall forthwith be notified by the Secretary-General in writing to the Clerk of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
 - (3) The Great Officers (other than the Grand Prior) shall be appointed by the Grand Prior following consultation with the Grand Council.
 - (4) The duties of the Great Officers (other than the Grand Prior) may be prescribed by Regulations.
 - (5) The Prelate shall be appointed to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Grand Prior may determine, but shall be eligible for re-appointment (subject as provided in Statute 8(7)).
 - (6) Subject as provided in Statutes 8(7), 8(8) and 8(9), a Great Officer (other than the Grand Prior and the Prelate) shall be appointed to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Grand Prior may determine, but shall be eligible for reappointment on one occasion only for a further period not exceeding three years (subject as provided in Statute 8(7)).
 - (7) Subject as provided in Statute 8(8), no Great Officer (other than the Grand Prior) may hold any Great Office for a period which in aggregate exceeds six years (in the case of any Great Officer other than the Prelate) or nine years (in the case of the Prelate).

- (8) The Grand Council may, for the purposes of facilitating transition between a holder of a Great Office and his or her successor or for any other reason it considers expedient, extend the term of office of a Great Officer (but so that no such extension may result in any Great Officer other than the Grand Prior holding the relevant Great Office for a period which in aggregate exceeds seven years (in the case of any Great Officer other than the Prelate) or ten years (in the case of the Prelate)).
- (9) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council or of his or her own motion whether or not after consultation with the Grand Council, may make Regulations specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Great Officers, specifying or varying the terms of their appointment or their period of office or specifying a mandatory retirement age for any Great Officer (other than, in each case, the Grand Prior).
- (10) The Grand Prior may at any time terminate the tenure of any other Great Officer.
- (11) If the holder of one Great Office is appointed to another then the period for which he or she may be appointed to that subsequent office shall not be restricted by the time which he or she served in the former office.
- (12) A Great Officer:
 - (a) who is a member of a Priory shall remain on the Roll of that Priory;
 - (b) shall be eligible to be or to continue to be a member of the priory chapter of his or her Priory; but
 - (c) shall not hold concurrent office within any Priory.
- (13) Before being appointed to any Great Office the postulant Great Officer shall in such form as the Prelate shall prescribe make a declaration that he or she personally professes the Christian faith.

9. Chair of the Eye Hospital

- (1) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may appoint a Chair of the Eye Hospital to act as chair of the board of directors of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital in accordance with that company's articles of association.
- (2) The Grand Prior (following consultation with the Grand Council) may make Regulations specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Chair of the Eye Hospital, specifying or varying the manner and terms of his or her appointment or his or her period of office or specifying a mandatory retirement age for the Chair of the Eye Hospital.
- (3) The provisions of Statute 12 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Chair of the Eye Hospital, save that the Chair of the Eye Hospital may concurrently hold office as the Hospitaller (but such concurrent office holding shall not be mandatory).

10. Secretary-General

The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may appoint a Secretary-General of the Order. The Secretary-General shall hold office during the pleasure of the Grand Prior or until resignation and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by Regulations.

11. The Hospitaller and the trustees of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

- (1) There shall be a Hospitaller of the Order who shall be appointed by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- (2) The Hospitaller may (but shall not be obliged to):
 - (a) hold concurrent office within a Priory or other Establishment;
 - (b) hold concurrent office as Chair of the Eye Hospital;
 - (c) act as a trustee of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.
- (3) The Grand Prior (following consultation with the Grand Council) may make Regulations specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Hospitaller, specifying or varying the manner and terms of his or her appointment or his or her period of office or specifying a mandatory retirement age for the Hospitaller.
- (4) Unless the Grand Prior (on the recommendation of the Grand Council) otherwise determines, any person whom the Grand Prior is satisfied is a trustee of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital and who has not, prior to his or her appointment as trustee, been a member of the Order (or who is, prior to his or her appointment as trustee, a member of the Order at Grade V) shall be appointed a member of the Order at Grade IV as soon as practicable after becoming a trustee.

12. The Secretary-General, the Hospitaller and other Principal Officers of the Order

- (1) The Secretary-General, the Hospitaller and the holders of any other Principal Offices that may hereafter be created by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council shall be the Principal Officers of the Order.
- (2) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations changing the title of, or abolishing, any Principal Office or creating any new Principal Office, provided always that any such change, abolition or creation shall forthwith be notified by the Secretary-General in writing to the Clerk of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
- (3) Subject as provided in Statute 12(5), the Principal Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Prior to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as he or she may determine and they shall be eligible for reappointment on one occasion only for a further period not exceeding three years, save that the Secretary-General and the

Hospitaller shall hold office in the manner and for the period specified in Statutes 10 and 11 respectively.

- (4) Unless the Grand Prior (on the recommendation of the Grand Council) otherwise determines, a Principal Officer who has not, prior to his or her appointment, been a member of the Order (or who is, prior to his or her appointment, a member of the Order at Grade V) shall take up his or her appointment at Grade IV, and the Lord Prior may subsequently, if he or she considers it appropriate, elevate the relevant Principal Officer to Grade III or Grade II.
- (5) The Grand Prior (following consultation with the Grand Council) may make Regulations specifying the duties and responsibilities of the Principal Officers, specifying or varying the terms of their appointment or their period of office or specifying a mandatory retirement age for any Principal Officer.
- (6) A Principal Officer other than the Secretary-General:
 - (a) who is a member of a Priory shall remain on the Roll of that Priory;
 - (b) shall be eligible to be or to continue to be a member of the priory chapter of his or her Priory; but
 - (c) (subject as provided in Statute 11(2)) shall not hold concurrent office within any Priory.

13. Honorary Officers of the Order

- (1) The Grand Prior may on the recommendation of the Executive Committee make any or all of the following appointments, each of whom shall be an Honorary Officer of the Order:
 - (a) a Genealogist;
 - (b) a Librarian;
 - (c) a Ceremonial Officer;
 - (d) Honorary Legal Counsel;
 - (e) Deputy Honorary Legal Counsel.
- (2) There shall be such other Honorary Officers of the Order as the Grand Prior (on the advice of the Executive Committee) may deem expedient from time to time.
- (3) Unless the Grand Prior (on the advice of the Executive Committee) otherwise determines, an Honorary Officer who has not, prior to his or her appointment, been a member of the Order (or who is, prior to his or her appointment, a member of the Order at Grade V) shall take up his or her appointment at Grade IV.

- (4) The Honorary Officers shall be appointed to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Grand Prior (on the advice of the Executive Committee) may determine and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (5) Each Honorary Officer shall perform such duties as the Executive Committee may determine.
- (6) The Executive Committee may establish a sub-committee pursuant to Statute 25 to oversee the appointment of the Honorary Officers.

14. Grand Prior's Adviser

- (1) The Grand Prior, having taken advice from the Executive Committee, may from time to time and for any of the purposes specified in Statute 14(6), appoint a person to act as Grand Prior's Adviser, and may remove any person so appointed.
- (2) A Grand Prior's Adviser shall serve for such period as the Grand Prior may specify.
- (3) When selecting the person to serve as a Grand Prior's Adviser, the Grand Prior shall have regard to the skills and knowledge required in order to carry out the role of Grand Prior's Adviser and the nature of issue in relation to which the Grand Prior's Adviser is being appointed to advise.
- (4) A Grand Prior's Adviser need not be a member of the Order.
- (5) During the period for which he or she holds office, a Grand Prior's Adviser shall be accorded a status analogous to that of an Honorary Officer (but the provisions of Statute 13 shall not apply to a Grand Prior's Adviser).
- (6) A Grand Prior's Adviser may be appointed for the purpose of advising the Grand Council, the Lord Prior or the Grand Prior, as appropriate, in relation to a conflict of interest or other conflict, dispute or issue affecting the Order as the Grand Prior, having taken advice from the Executive Committee, thinks expedient. For that purpose, the Executive Committee shall at the request of the Grand Prior's Adviser use reasonable endeavours to make available to the Grand Prior's Adviser such documents, emails and other materials and such information, and provide such assistance from the Secretariat, as the Grand Prior's Adviser may reasonably request for the purpose of the matter before him or her.
- (7) The Grand Prior's Adviser may make recommendations to the Grand Council, the Lord Prior or the Grand Prior, as appropriate, but shall not have executive powers.

15. The Grand Council

- (1) There shall be a Grand Council of the Order which, subject to the authority and the powers of the Sovereign Head and the Grand Prior and the provisions of these Statutes, shall be the governing body of the Order in all matters of strategy, policy or constitutional review and may deliberate upon and make recommendations to the Grand Prior regarding all matters which appertain to the affairs or work of the Order and may

exercise any of the powers or authority expressly conferred upon the Grand Council by the Royal Charter, these Statutes and any Regulations or Rules.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Grand Council shall:
- (a) ensure the observance of provisions of the Statutes which are designed to safeguard the Christian nature of the Order;
 - (b) promote the furtherance of the Principal Objects and the ancillary objects and purposes of the Order as set out in Statute 4.
 - (c) be responsible for formulating policy and developing strategy in relation to all activities to be undertaken in pursuit of the Principal Objects and the ancillary objects and purposes of the Order specified in Statute 4;
 - (d) subject to any directions given by the Grand Prior, appoint and terminate the appointment of members of the Executive Committee, the Nominations and Appointments Committee, the Honours and Awards Committee and the *Pro Fide* Committee pursuant to Statutes 23, 26, 27 and 29 respectively;
 - (e) oversee the Executive Committee's general management and administration of the Order and make such reports to the Grand Prior as to the functions, debates and decisions of the Executive Committee as may be required of it by the Grand Prior and receive such reports as it shall require as to the discharge of the duties of the Executive Committee (including in particular copies of the minutes of its meetings);
 - (f) consult with the Grand Prior in relation to the appointment of Great Officers (other than the Grand Prior) pursuant to Statute 8(3) as it shall from time to time think fit;
 - (g) consider and, if thought fit, recommend the establishment, suspension or dissolution of Priories, Independent Commanderies and St John Associations and, subject to the provisions of Statute 32, recommend the establishment, suspension or dissolution of Dependent Commanderies;
 - (h) consider and, if thought fit, propose to the Grand Prior and the Sovereign Head any changes to the Statutes;
 - (i) consider proposed new Regulations and Rules and changes to existing Regulations and advise the Grand Prior thereon, provided that before advising the Grand Prior to approve such Regulations, Rules or changes, the Grand Council shall be satisfied that the proposed Regulations, Rules or changes accord with the Statutes of the Order;
 - (j) be responsible, through the Honours and Awards Committee, for the policy on appointments and promotions in the Order;

- (k) consider any proposals from the Honours and Awards Committee for changes to the complements of Grades in the Order and the allocation between Establishments;
 - (l) approve a budget for the Secretariat and central services of the Order;
 - (m) determine the basis of financial contributions by Establishments;
 - (n) consider and make such comments on the draft of the Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Order required to be laid before the Grand Council by the Executive Committee pursuant to Statute 19(2)(1) as it shall think fit;
 - (o) deal with any other matter referred to it by the Lord Prior, the Executive Committee or the Secretariat; and
 - (p) in the circumstances contemplated in Statute 22, exercise the powers or authority conferred on the Executive Committee by the Royal Charter, these Statutes and the Regulations and Rules.
- (3) The Grand Council is responsible for providing leadership and setting standards on ethical behaviour within the Order.
 - (4) Unless the Grand Prior otherwise directs, and save as expressly provided by these Statutes or by Regulations, all Committees shall report to and exercise their functions under the general supervision of the Grand Council.
 - (5) Subject to any directions of the Grand Prior, the Grand Council may delegate any of its functions to the Lord Prior in such manner as it shall think fit.

16. Membership of the Grand Council

- (1) The Grand Council shall consist of *ex officio* and appointed members as follows:
 - (a) The *ex officio* members shall be:
 - (i) the Great Officers;
 - (ii) the Prior or (if he or she so appoints) the Chancellor of each Priory;
 - (iii) the Chair of the Eye Hospital; and
 - (iv) the Hospitaller (if not also Chair of the Eye Hospital); and
 - (b) there shall be such number (if any) of appointed members as the Grand Prior, having regard to the advice of the Grand Council, shall from time to time determine.

- (2) The appointed members shall be Members of the Order selected by the Grand Prior. An appointed member shall be appointed to hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Grand Prior may determine but shall be eligible for reappointment on one occasion only for a further period not exceeding three years.
- (3) The Grand Prior may on a recommendation of not less than three-quarters of all members of the Grand Council make changes in the composition of the Grand Council.

17. Procedure in the Grand Council

- (1) The Grand Council shall be convened by authority of the Grand Prior not less than once in each year upon not less than 28 days' previous notice at such place as the Grand Prior may from time to time appoint.
- (2) Meetings of the Grand Council shall always be opened and closed with prayer, provided nevertheless that no form of prayer shall be used which is inconsistent with the forms of worship of the Church of England or of the Church of Scotland as by law established.
- (3) Subject as provided in Statute 17(4), the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council and subject to the provisions of Statute 17(2), may make Regulations as to the manner in which the Grand Council shall conduct its business and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such Regulations may prescribe who shall preside in the absence of the Grand Prior, the number of members forming a quorum, the method of voting, the management and resolution of conflicts of interest and the circumstances in which persons who are not members of the Grand Council may be admitted to and be heard at any meeting.
- (4) Each *ex officio* member of the Grand Council (other than the Hospitaller) and (if specified in their appointment) each appointed member of the Grand Council shall have one vote.
- (5) Any resolution proposed at a meeting of the Grand Council which relates to a Significant Matter must be proposed and passed as a Special Resolution.

18. The Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be a standing committee of the Grand Council.

19. The Executive Committee – role

- (1) Subject as provided in Statutes, 21 and 22 and subject to any directions by the Grand Prior, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the Order.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of Statute 19(1), the Executive Committee shall:

- (a) promote the furtherance of the Principal Objects and the ancillary objects and purposes of the Order as set out in Statute 4;
- (b) assist the Grand Council in carrying out the Grand Council's work pursuant to Statute 15;
- (c) organise meetings of the Grand Council in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations;
- (d) oversee and supervise the work of the Secretariat;
- (e) subject as provided in Statutes 9, 11(1) and 26(3), conduct the Order's relationship with St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, including making recommendations to the Grand Prior for the appointment of the Chair of the Eye Hospital as chair of the board of directors of that company;
- (f) acting through the Secretariat and on the instructions of the Grand Council, co-ordinate, and facilitate communications with and among, the Order's Establishments throughout the world (but without having power to direct the activities of any Establishment);
- (g) consider proposals by Establishments for changes to their Rules and advise the Grand Prior thereon, provided that before advising the Grand Prior to approve such changes the Executive Committee shall be satisfied that the proposed Rules accord with the Statutes of the Order;
- (h) liaise with, monitor, co-ordinate and encourage the activities and the development of Independent Commanderies and St John Associations;
- (i) make recommendations to Grand Council as to the basis of financial contributions by Establishments;
- (j) exercise the powers of investment conferred on the Order by Statute 42;
- (k) appoint and terminate the appointment of the Order's auditors;
- (l) do such things as shall ensure that its members comply with all requirements imposed on them as charity trustees by the Charities Act and for that purpose shall, in particular, prepare in respect of each financial year of the Order a Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Order as required by law (to be laid in draft before the Grand Council and the Grand Prior for consideration on the basis that the Executive Committee shall be bound to take account of (but not be bound by) any comments, guidance or advice given by the Grand Council or the Grand Prior before rendering its Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Order in final form);

- (m) endeavour to co-ordinate and harmonise the use and exploitation by the Order or by any Establishment or other subordinate body of intellectual property rights held by any other Establishment or other subordinate body;
- (n) liaise with the Pories on matters of common concern;
- (o) subject as provided in Statutes 10 and 11, make recommendations to the Grand Prior for the appointment of the Secretary-General, the Hospitaller, any other Principal Officers and Honorary Officers of the Order;
- (p) liaise with such other bodies as it shall think fit on matters affecting the Order as a whole;
- (q) appoint and terminate the appointment of representatives of the Order (but not representatives of Pories) on such other bodies;
- (r) encourage comity and co-operation between the Order's Establishments;
- (s) provide minutes of its meetings and make such reports and recommendations to the Grand Prior and the Grand Council as it shall think fit or as shall be required of it; and
- (t) generally do such things as may be required of it in by virtue of the capacity of its members as the Order's charity trustees for the purposes of section 117 of the Charities Act.

20. Executive Committee – procedure

- (1) The Executive Committee shall meet not less than three times in each calendar year (or at such other times as may be prescribed by Regulations) and in such places as it may from time to time determine.
- (2) The Lord Prior shall, if present, act as chair of meetings of the Executive Committee.
- (3) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations specifying the person who shall act as chair in the absence of the Lord Prior. Such Regulations may also specify the number of Executive Committee members who shall constitute a quorum, the method of voting (including resolution of deadlocks), the circumstances in which persons who are not members of the Executive Committee may attend and speak at Executive Committee meetings and other procedural matters.
- (4) The decision of the chair as to any procedural matter shall be final.
- (5) If all of the members of the Executive Committee appointed pursuant to Statute 23(3) consider that a matter before the Executive Committee should be referred to the Grand Council, they may by notice to the *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee require that matter to be so referred.

(6) The Secretary-General shall be the secretary of the Executive Committee.

21. Executive Committee – Reserved Matters

Notwithstanding Statute 19, the Executive Committee shall, unless and until the Grand Prior shall direct to the contrary, have no powers in relation to the Reserved Matters, all of which remain the exclusive remit of the Grand Council (but nothing in this Statute 21 shall operate to prevent the Executive Committee from providing advice or making recommendations to the Grand Council in respect of a Reserved Matter).

22. Executive Committee – Grand Prior’s right to suspend

The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council or of his or her own motion, whether or not after consultation with the Grand Council, may at any time and from time to time suspend the Executive Committee. During any period when the Executive Committee is suspended, the Grand Council may exercise all of the powers conferred on the Executive Committee by Statute 19. In the event of any such suspension, the Grand Council shall ensure that the Order continues to comply with the provisions of the Charities Act.

23. Executive Committee – membership

(1) The Executive Committee shall consist of *ex officio* and appointed members.

(2) The *ex officio* members shall be:

- (a) the Lord Prior;
- (b) the Prelate;
- (c) the Chancellor;
- (d) the Sub-Prior; and
- (e) the Chair of the Eye Hospital.

(3) The appointed members shall be:

- (a) not less than three nor more than five individuals, each of whom is the Prior or the Chancellor of a Priory and nominated by (i) his or her Priory and (ii) the Priors collectively; and
- (b) such other individuals as may from time to time be appointed by the Grand Council for any particular purpose.

(4) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations amending the composition of the Executive Committee and the manner of appointment and the term of office of its members.

- (5) Each member of the Executive Committee shall act in good faith in the interests of the Order as a whole, and not as a delegate of his or her Establishment (but shall disclose to the Executive Committee any conflict of interest arising as a result of that member's membership of a particular Establishment).
- (6) The *ex officio* members shall remain members of the Executive Committee during the period for which they hold their respective Great Offices or (in the case of the Hospitaller) office.
- (7) Each of the appointed members shall be appointed, and may be removed, in the manner determined by the Grand Council or, if Regulations are made stipulating the manner of such appointments and removals, then in accordance with those Regulations.
- (8) Members of the Executive Committee appointed pursuant to Statute 23(3)(a) shall serve for an initial period not exceeding three years as shall be specified by the Grand Council at the time of appointment, and shall be eligible for reappointment on one occasion only for a further period not exceeding three years.
- (9) Members of the Executive Committee appointed pursuant to Statute 23(3)(b) shall serve for such period and on such terms as the Grand Council may determine.

24. Audit and Risk Sub-Committee

- (1) There shall be an Audit and Risk Sub-Committee which shall be a standing sub-committee of the Executive Committee.
- (2) The Audit and Risk Sub-Committee shall comprise not less than one member of the Executive Committee and one member of the Grand Council and not less than three other members (who are not members of the Executive Committee or of the Grand Council and whether or not members of any Establishment) in each case appointed by the Executive Committee (having regard to the core competencies required of Audit and Risk Sub-Committee members). The members of the Audit and Risk Sub-Committee shall hold office for such period as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall nominate the member of the Audit and Risk Sub-Committee who is to act as chair.
- (4) The Audit and Risk Sub-Committee shall have such functions and responsibilities as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.
- (5) The Audit and Risk Sub-Committee shall meet at such times and in such places as the sub-committee thinks expedient, and may regulate its own procedure.

25. Other Sub-Committees

Subject always to the powers of the Grand Prior under Statute 7(4) and with the consent of the Lord Prior, the Executive Committee may constitute such other standing or *ad hoc* sub-committees (including without limitation an ethics sub-committee) as the

Executive Committee thinks fit. The membership and terms of reference of such sub-committees shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

26. The Nominations and Appointments Committee

- (1) There shall be a Nominations and Appointments Committee which shall be a standing committee of the Grand Council.
- (2) The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall identify candidates for appointment as a Great Officer, Principal Officer or Secretary-General and shall advise the Grand Council in relation to such candidates and appointments.
- (3) The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall evaluate candidates for appointment as the Chair of the Eye Hospital (on the recommendation of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital) and shall advise the Executive Committee in relation thereto.
- (4) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations specifying the functions and responsibilities of the Nominations and Appointments Committee, specifying or varying the terms of appointment or period of office of its members or specifying a mandatory retirement age for its members.
- (5) The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall consist of not less than two members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Council. The Grand Council may at any time terminate the appointment of any member of the Nominations and Appointments Committee. Subject to such power of termination, each member of the Nominations and Appointments Committee shall hold office for such period as Grand Council may from time to time determine.
- (6) The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Grand Council appointed from time to time by the Grand Council for that purpose.
- (7) Subject to the approval of the Grand Prior, the Nominations and Appointments Committee may make by-laws to regulate its own procedures.
- (8) The Nominations and Appointments Committee shall seek to ensure a seamless transition between holders of office as Great Officer, Principal Officer or Chair of the Eye Hospital, as the case may be, by identifying candidates for appointment in accordance with this Statute 26 and providing advice to the Grand Council in relation to candidates in good time before termination of the term of office of the incumbent.

27. The Honours and Awards Committee

- (1) There shall be an Honours and Awards Committee which shall be a standing committee of the Grand Council.
- (2) The Honours and Awards Committee is responsible for monitoring the Order's system of honours and awards and ensuring that it is operated fairly, consistently and to a high standard across the Order, so maintaining the integrity and status of the Order as an order of chivalry of the Crown.

- (3) Subject as provided in Statute 28, the Honours and Awards Committee shall exercise the Grand Council's powers to make recommendations to the Grand Prior in respect of appointments to and promotions in the Order, the award of The Life-Saving Medal, The Sovereign's Medal of Merit and The Service Medal and the appointment of Donats.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of Statute 27(3), the Honours and Awards Committee shall:
 - (a) consider all recommendations for appointment as or promotion to the grade of Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross of the Order and make recommendations to the Grand Prior in relation thereto;
 - (b) if and to the extent that the Honours and Awards Committee has not exercised its powers of delegation under Statute 28, consider all recommendations for appointment as or promotion to other grades of the Order, for the award of The Life Saving Medal, The Sovereign's Medal of Merit, The Service Medal and the appointment of Donats;
 - (c) consider all recommendations for the appointment to or promotion in the Order in any grade of any person who is not resident within the territory of any Priory;
 - (d) keep under review and advise the Grand Council with regard to complements for the purposes of Statute 51; and
 - (e) keep under review and where it thinks fit make recommendations to the Grand Council in respect of the criteria for the award of The Life-Saving Medal, The Sovereign's Medal of Merit and the Service Medal.
- (5) The Honours and Awards Committee shall consist of the Lord Prior as president, the Chancellor as chair, the Prelate, the Deputy Lord Prior (if appointed), the Sub-Prior and not less than one Independent Member appointed by the Grand Council. The Secretary-General shall be the secretary of the Honours and Awards Committee.
- (6) The Honours and Awards Committee may invite members of the Executive Committee who are appointed pursuant to Statute 23(3) and the Chair of the Eye Hospital to attend (but not vote at) its meetings.
- (7) The Honours and Awards Committee shall meet whenever the Grand Prior or the Lord Prior may see fit to convene it.
- (8) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations in respect of the Order's system for appointments to and promotions in the Order, including (without limitation) Regulations specifying the criteria for membership of and advancement within the Order, varying the functions and responsibilities of the Honours and Awards Committee, specifying or varying the terms of appointment or period of office of its members or specifying a mandatory retirement age for its members.

- (9) Subject to the approval of the Grand Prior, the Honours and Awards Committee may make by-laws to regulate its own procedures.

28. Delegation to Priories in respect of Honours and Awards

The Honours and Awards Committee shall have the power to delegate to Priories in all cases subject to such conditions as it may from time to time prescribe:

- (a) the power to make recommendations to the Grand Prior in respect of appointments to or promotions in the Order other than appointments as or promotions to the grade of Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross of the Order;
- (b) the award of The Service Medal; and
- (c) the appointment of Donats,

and shall have the power at any time and from time to time to revoke any such delegation.

29. The *Pro Fide* Committee

- (1) There shall be a *Pro Fide* Committee which shall be a standing committee of the Grand Council.
- (2) The *Pro Fide* Committee shall consist of *ex officio* and co-opted members.
- (3) The *ex officio* members shall be:
 - (a) the Lord Prior;
 - (b) the Prelate;
 - (c) the Deputy Lord Prior (if appointed);
 - (d) the Chancellor;
 - (e) the Sub-Prior.
- (4) The Executive Committee may from time to time second individuals to become members of the *Pro Fide* Committee.
- (5) The *Pro Fide* Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members.
- (6) The *ex officio* members shall remain members of the *Pro Fide* Committee during the period for which they hold their respective Great Offices.

- (7) Each of the co-opted members shall be appointed, and may be removed, in the manner determined by the *Pro Fide* Committee or, if Regulations are made stipulating the manner of such appointments and removals, then in accordance with those Regulations.
- (8) Subject as provided in Statute 29(14), unless the *Pro Fide* Committee determines otherwise, seconded and co-opted members shall serve for an initial period not exceeding three years as may be specified by the Executive Committee (in the case of seconded members) or the *Pro Fide* Committee (in the case of co-opted members) at the time of appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment on one occasion only for a further period not exceeding three years.
- (9) Each seconded and co-opted member shall:
 - (a) be a member of the Order in any Grade; and
 - (b) before joining the *Pro Fide* Committee, make the declaration referred to in Statute 8(13).
- (10) A Member of the Order whose name is borne on the roll of an Establishment may only become a co-opted member if the relevant Establishment has consented to him or her becoming a co-opted member.
- (11) In exercising its powers to co-opt members under Statute 29(5), the *Pro Fide* Committee shall have regard to the desirability of populating the *Pro Fide* Committee with co-opted members from a range of different Establishments.
- (12) The *Pro Fide* Committee shall:
 - (a) assist the Great Officers and the Executive Committee in maintaining and enhancing the Christian nature and ethos of the Order;
 - (b) advise the Great Officers, the Grand Council and the Executive Committee on ecclesiastical, pastoral, spiritual, religious and related matters pertaining to the Order;
 - (c) advise Establishments regarding the matters specified in paragraph (b) above and issue guidelines in relation thereto;
 - (d) consider reports provided by Deans and Principal Chaplains; and
 - (e) consider such other ecclesiastical, pastoral, spiritual, religious and related matters as may from time to time be referred to it by Establishments and (if the *Pro Fide* Committee thinks fit) Members of the Order.
- (13) The Prelate shall be the chair of the *Pro Fide* Committee.
- (14) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations varying the functions and responsibilities of the *Pro Fide* Committee, specifying or

varying the terms of appointment or period of office of its members or specifying a mandatory retirement age for its members.

- (15) Subject to the approval of the Grand Prior, the *Pro Fide* Committee may make by-laws to regulate its own procedures.

30. Establishments of the Order

- (1) Distinct Establishments of the Order, designated Priories, Commanderies or St John Associations may be constituted within the Order in accordance with the provisions of Statutes 31, 32 and 33 in any area where the work of the Order is being carried on, subject to the Grand Prior being satisfied, in the case of Priories and Commanderies, that the number of Members of the Order resident in that area, and in all cases that the importance and value of the work being carried on therein, make it desirable to do so.
- (2) A Priory shall be governed by a Prior and a Priory Chapter; a Commandery shall be governed by a Knight or Dame Commander and a Commandery Chapter.
- (3) A St John Association shall be governed in accordance with Rules made under Statute 33(3).
- (4) Each Priory, Commandery and St John Association shall have the immediate general control and supervision of the affairs and work of the Order and the Members of the Order resident within its geographical area of authority.
- (5) Each Establishment shall be subject to the provisions of the Royal Charter and these Statutes as are in force from time to time.
- (6) Each Establishment shall use its best endeavours to co-operate with and support the other Establishments.
- (7) Each Establishment shall, in carrying out its work as contemplated in this Statute 30, do so in a manner consistent with the declarations made by prospective Members under Statutes 47 and 49.
- (8) Subject to mandatory provisions of applicable law, each Establishment shall adopt such policies as may from time to time be prescribed by Grand Council.

31. Priories

- (1) Subject as provided in Statutes 28, 30(6) and (7) and 31(3), a Priory may properly be constituted with the widest practicable degree of autonomy in any country or group of countries and (without limitation) in a manner consistent with charitable and other applicable laws in the jurisdiction in which it is constituted.
- (2) Where in any case, having regard to the foregoing provisions and to Statute 30, the Grand Council so recommends, the Grand Prior with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may by instrument under his or her hand and the seal of the Order constitute a

Priory and declare its style and title, its area of authority and its membership. In addition the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, shall make Rules for the government of the Priory including its powers and functions and the composition of its Priory Chapter and thereafter such Rules shall be capable of addition, amendment or revocation from time to time (as shall be stated therein) by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Prior of the Priory and his or her Priory Chapter and having regard to the advice of the Executive Committee. The provisions of the Priory Rules for the time being in force shall in all respects be consistent with local law.

- (3) The Grand Prior shall have power to suspend temporarily all or any part of the operations of a Priory and all or any of the Rules applicable thereto and, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may vary the constitution of the Priory, or dissolve it or any of its dependent Establishments.
- (4) All Priories shall rank *pari passu*; provided that the Grand Council shall be entitled to prescribe differential rates of financial contribution to the central work of the Order.
- (5) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations specifying the circumstances in which an Independent Commandery or St John Association which otherwise satisfies the requirements for a Priory may be accorded status equivalent to that of a Priory within the Order and the process by which that may occur.

32. Commanderies

- (1) A Commandery may properly be constituted in any country or part of a country or group of countries.
- (2) A Commandery shall be either:
 - (a) an Independent Commandery, that is an Establishment the territory of which is wholly outside the territory of a Priory; or
 - (b) a Dependent Commandery, that is an Establishment the territory of which is wholly or partly within, or geographically proximate to, the territory of a Priory and which is dependent on that Priory.
- (3) Where in any case, having regard to the foregoing provisions and to the provisions of Statute 30, the Grand Council so recommends and in the case of a Commandery dependent on a Priory, the Priory Chapter also recommends, the Grand Prior with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may by instrument under his or her hand and the seal of the Order constitute a Commandery and declare its style and title, its membership, its area of authority and in the case of a Dependent Commandery its dependence on a stated Priory. In addition, the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, shall make Rules for the government of the Commandery including its powers and functions and the composition of the Commandery Chapter and thereafter such Rules shall be capable of addition, amendment or revocation from time to time (as shall be stated therein) by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Executive

Committee together with, in the case of a Dependent Commandery, the recommendation of the Prior concerned and his or her Priory Chapter.

- (4) The Grand Prior, or the Prior of a Priory on which a Commandery is dependent, shall have power to suspend temporarily all or any part of the operations of a Commandery and all or any of the Rules applicable thereto and on the recommendation of the Grand Council, coupled with that of the Priory Chapter where appropriate, the Grand Prior may dissolve a Commandery or vary its dependence and, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, coupled with that of the Priory Chapter where appropriate, the Grand Prior may vary the Constitution of a Commandery.

33. St John Associations

- (1) A St John Association may properly be constituted in any country or group of countries (but not being within the territory of another Establishment).
- (2) Within the territory for which it is constituted, the general objects and purposes of a St John Association shall be to further any one or more of the Principal Objects and the ancillary objects and purposes of the Order as prescribed by Statute 4 and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
 - (a) to encourage and promote all work of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering, or danger without distinction of race, class, colour or creed; and
 - (b) to render aid to the sick, wounded, disabled, or suffering and to promote such permanent organisation during times of peace as may be at once available in times of civil emergencies or war, including the training and provision of technical reserves for the medical services of the armed forces or civil defence organisations, and in particular a St John Association shall have within its area the control and management of St John Ambulance.
- (3) Where in any case, having regard to the foregoing provisions, the Grand Council so recommends the Grand Prior may by instrument under his or her hand and the seal of the Order constitute a St John Association and declare its style and title together with its area of authority. In addition, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Grand Prior shall make Rules for the government of the St John Association extending to all such matters as he or she shall deem appropriate including the powers, functions, organisation and membership thereof.
- (4) The Rules of a St John Association shall be capable of addition, amendment or revocation from time to time by a resolution passed in such manner as the Rules may from time to time prescribe at a duly convened meeting of the relevant St John Association and, subject to the provisions of its constitution and of any relevant provisions of local law, as the Grand Prior having regard to the advice of the Executive Committee shall approve.

- (5) Whenever possible, Members of the Order and members of the St John Ambulance shall together form the majority of the members of the governing body of any St John Association.
- (6) The Grand Prior may call upon any St John Association to suspend temporarily or to abandon all or any part of its operations. In addition, the Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, by Instrument under his or her hand and the seal of the Order, deprive any specified St John Association of its powers, authority and functions under this Statute and declare that it is no longer recognised by the Order as being lawfully constituted under the Royal Charter and Statutes of the Order.
- (7) All National St John Councils in existence immediately prior to the Appointed Day shall become St John Associations on the Appointed Day.
- (8) All Special Regulations or Rules applicable to a National St John Council made under the powers previously vested in the Grand Prior as subsequently lawfully added to, amended or revoked shall be the Rules for that St John Association within the meaning of Statute 33(3).

34. Rules of Incorporated Establishments

- (1) Subject to Statutes 34(2) and (3), where a Priory, Independent Commandery, Dependent Commandery or St John Association is incorporated under local law, the instrument of incorporation and other constitutional documentation of that Establishment and any amendment thereto for the time being in force shall be capable of constituting the Rules of that body.
- (2) Nothing in Statute 34(1) shall modify the requirement for such approvals as are specified in Statutes 31, 32 and 33; provided that where the Grand Prior has approved instruments of incorporation and other constitutional documentation which are intended to operate as Rules, he or she shall for the purposes of those Statutes be deemed to have made such Rules.
- (3) A Priory, Independent Commandery, Dependent Commandery or St John Association shall not be permitted to be incorporated under local law or otherwise, and shall take no steps in connection with incorporation, where to do so would mean that Priory, Independent Commandery, Dependent Commandery or St John Association would not be in compliance at all times with the Royal Charter, the Statutes and the Regulations and Rules of the Order.

35. Foundations

- (1) A Foundation shall be an institution or an organised body constituted for the furtherance of any of the objects or purposes of the Order and may be either a Foundation of the Order or a Priory Foundation as provided below.
- (2) The Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, constitute any Foundation of the Order in any part of the world in such manner as may be requisite by

law and he or she may on the like recommendation, in the same manner alter, abolish, extend or restrict the objects or purposes of any Foundation of the Order as he or she may deem desirable in the interests of the Order.

- (3) The Grand Prior may also, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, determine that a particular Foundation should be treated as an Independent Commandery, either for particular purposes or generally.
- (4) Foundations of the Order shall be under the entire control of the Grand Prior and the Grand Council. Nevertheless the Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, assign the control and management of any specified Foundation insofar as it concerns its operation within the territorial limits of a Priory, of an Independent Commandery or of a St John Association, to the Prior and the Priory Chapter or the Knight or Dame Commander and the Commandery Chapter or the St John Association as the case may be of that territory. In like manner and after such recommendation, the Grand Prior may revoke or modify any such assignment.
- (5) The Grand Prior may, at the request of any Prior and on the recommendation of the Priory Chapter, constitute a Priory Foundation for the territory of that Priory in such manner as may be requisite by law and he or she may, on the like request and recommendation, in the same manner alter, abolish, extend or restrict the objects or purposes of any such Foundation. A Priory Foundation shall be under the joint control of the Grand Prior and the Prior and Priory Chapter concerned.
- (6) The Grand Prior may, on the recommendation of the Grand Council in the case of a Foundation of the Order, or, on the recommendation of the Prior and Priory Chapter concerned in the case of a Priory Foundation, make Rules under his or her hand and the seal of the Order for governing the activities of any Foundation and may on the like recommendation, suspend, revoke or amend such Rules from time to time.
- (7) A Foundation of the Order may be incorporated in any part of the world or may be unincorporated.
- (8) St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital is a Foundation of the Order.

36. Visitations

- (1) For the maintenance of discipline, sound administration and uniform policy throughout the Order, all Establishments and other subordinate bodies shall be subject to visitation by the Grand Prior or his or her representative, whenever the Grand Prior thinks fit. Similarly, all Establishments and other subordinate bodies dependent on a Priory shall be subject to visitation by the Prior of that Priory or his or her representative.
- (2) On the completion of the visitation, the visitor shall render a report in writing to the Grand Prior through the Secretary-General, or, in the case of a visitor appointed by a Prior, to that Prior. In the latter case, the Prior concerned shall consider the report without undue delay and shall forward it to the Grand Prior through the Secretary-General stating what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken thereon.

- (3) All such reports reaching the Grand Prior shall also be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and in the case of a report prepared by a visitor appointed by a Prior to that Priory Chapter, unless the Grand Prior in his or her discretion decides to treat the whole report or any part of such report as confidential.
- (4) The Grand Prior shall take such action as he or she thinks desirable in the interests of the Order upon any visitation conducted by him or her or any report of a visitation submitted to him or her.

37. Allocation of Property

- (1) Subject to the requirements of applicable law, property held by or for the purposes of the Order in any part of the world may be allocated by the Grand Prior, either for a particular purpose or for the general purposes, whether of the Order or of any Establishment, and property not allocated expressly under this Statute 37 shall be deemed to be held for the general purposes of the Order (when not impressed with any special trust at the time of acquisition).
- (2) Every such allocation under this Statute 37 shall be made on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and, if it is in favour of a Commandery dependent on a Priory, also on the recommendation of the Priory Chapter of that Priory.
- (3) Every such allocation shall be by instrument in writing under the hand of the Grand Prior and the seal of the Order and any such Instrument of Allocation may be revoked or varied by the Grand Prior on the like recommendation.
- (4) Where property has been allocated to an Establishment under the foregoing provisions of this Statute 37, such Establishment shall have and may exercise on behalf of the Order all such powers of control and disposition over such property as are vested in the Order. Such allocated property shall be held in the name of the Order or, in case of land, buildings or money to be invested, shall if the Establishment or, the Grand Prior so directs, be vested in a trust holding company or corporation or in some individual person or persons holding as trustees under a trust created by the Establishment or by its superior Establishment, if any.
- (5) Nothing herein contained shall restrict the rights or powers of the Order in respect of property not allocated to an Establishment.

38. Transfers of Property to Establishments

- (1) In addition to the power of allocation conferred by Statute 37 property held by or for the purposes of the Order in any part of the world may be transferred by the Grand Prior to any Establishment (the transfer being subject to any special trust which was impressed on such property at the time of acquisition).
- (2) Every such transfer under this Statute 38 shall be made on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and, if it is in favour of a Commandery dependent on a Priory, also on the recommendation of the Priory Chapter of that Priory.

- (3) Every such transfer shall be by instrument in writing under the hand of the Grand Prior and the seal of the Order.

39. Liabilities

- (1) All liability in contract or otherwise arising out of (a) the operations of an Establishment, or (b) the operations of any Foundation which are carried on in the territory of an Establishment, shall be discharged out of the property owned by or allocated to that Establishment.
- (2) Every Establishment shall, so far as may be practicable in any contract relating to such operations as are specified in Statute 39(1), arrange that liability under such contract shall only be met out of the property owned by or allocated to that Establishment.

40. Indemnity Insurance

- (1) Subject to the provisions of Statute 40(2), the Order may at its expense procure the provision of indemnity insurance to cover the liability of Great Officers, members of the Grand Council, the Executive Committee and any Committee or sub-committee and the Grand Prior's Adviser which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Order.
- (2) Any such insurance shall not extend to:
 - (a) any claim arising from any act or omission which the person or persons seeking the benefit of such insurance knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by him or her or them in gross neglect of duty or in reckless disregard of whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not; or
 - (b) the costs of an unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the members of the Executive Committee in their capacity as charity trustees of the Order.

41. Financial Contributions by Establishments

The Grand Council shall have power to require Pories, Independent Commanderies and St John Associations to make financial contributions to the central administration and work of the Order.

42. The Order's Powers of Investment

- (1) Moneys and funds of the Order not immediately required to be expended may be invested in or upon any of the investments following:
 - (a) in any investments authorised by the law for the time being in force for the investment of trust funds;

- (b) upon the security of freehold or leasehold property in the United Kingdom (such leasehold property being held for a term of which at least 60 years remain unexpired at the date of investment);
- (c) in the purchase and subsequent development of freehold or leasehold land in the United Kingdom (such leasehold property being held for a term of which at least 60 years remain unexpired at the date of investment);
- (d) in any of the securities of the government of any country within the Commonwealth or of any province or constituent part of any such country that has a separate legislature;
- (e) in or upon the mortgages or other securities of any municipal, county or other local or public authority incorporated in any country within the Commonwealth;
- (f) in or upon the debentures or debenture stock or bonds, or loan stock or notes of any kind, or guaranteed, or preference, or preferred stock or shares of any company incorporated under any general or special Act of the United Kingdom Parliament or any general or special enactment of the legislature of any other country within the Commonwealth;
- (g) in or upon any debentures, or debenture stock or bonds, or loan stock or notes of any kind, or guaranteed or preference, or preferred stock or shares, or ordinary, or deferred stock or shares normally dealt in on any investment Exchange recognised for the purpose of the FSMA or on one of the stock exchanges authorised from time to time in Regulations;
- (h) in or upon any debentures, or debenture stock or bonds, or loan stock or notes of any kind, or guaranteed, or preference, or preferred stock or shares, or ordinary, or deferred stock or shares, of any investment, financial or unit trust which is at the time of making the investment quoted on a recognised stock exchange in the United Kingdom;
- (i) in the shares of or on loan to or deposit with any building society incorporated or registered in the United Kingdom;
- (j) on deposit at any bank; provided nevertheless that the powers hereby conferred shall be subject to the following stipulations and conditions:
 - (i) no investment shall be made which would transgress the powers (if any) contained in the instrument of gift (if any) governing the moneys or funds to be invested;
 - (ii) no investments shall be made in any company having an issued and paid-up share capital of less than £750,000 or its equivalent at the current rates of exchange. In the case of a company having shares of no par value such paid-up capital shall be deemed to include the capital sum (other than

capital surplus) appearing in the company's accounts in respect of such shares;

- (iii) the Order may accept and hold for such period as is thought fit any investment or property transferred or to be transferred to the Order by any person or corporation and whether within the range of investments hereinbefore prescribed or not, subject always to the limitations for the time being imposed by the Charter of 1955 or any Supplemental Charter relating to the holding of land;
 - (iv) the Order shall not invest money in or retain any securities in respect whereof any liability exists unless the liability is of limited amount and is to be discharged or is capable of being discharged within a fixed period from the date of investment provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply to investments in the stock or shares of banks and insurance companies the price whereof is normally quoted on a recognised stock exchange in the United Kingdom;
 - (v) money awaiting investment may be advanced on the security of stocks, funds or securities the purchase of which would be authorised by the powers conferred by this Statute 42.
- (2) Any investments belonging to the Order may at any time be varied and transposed for or into any other investment or investments of any kind authorised by this Statute 42 and subject to the provisions hereof.
- (3) Where any moneys or funds of the Order have been allocated under Statute 37 or have otherwise accrued to an Establishment or other subordinate body situate in a country outside the United Kingdom, the foregoing provisions may be construed in relation to the investment of such moneys or funds in such country as if references to such country were substituted for the United Kingdom and such provisions shall then apply only to the extent that so construed they do not conflict with any law of such country or the terms of any subsisting trust applicable to the investment of such moneys or funds.
- (4) In this Statute 42:
- (a) the expression "**FSMA**" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000; and
 - (b) the expression "**Investment Manager**" means a person appointed as such pursuant to Statute 42(5).
- (5) The Executive Committee may appoint as the Investment Manager a person whom it is satisfied after inquiry is a proper and competent person to act in that capacity and who is either:
- (a) an individual of repute with at least 15 years' experience of investment management and who is an authorised person within the meaning of the FSMA; or

- (b) a company or firm of repute which is an authorised or exempted person within the meaning of the FSMA otherwise than by virtue of paragraph 44 of Part IV of the Schedule to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) Order 2001.
- (6) The Executive Committee may delegate to the Investment Manager power at his or her discretion to buy and sell investments for the Order in accordance with the investment policy laid down by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may only effect such delegation on terms consistent with this Statute 42.
- (7) Where the Executive Committee makes any delegation under this Statute 42 it shall:
- (a) inform the Investment Manager in writing of the extent of the Order's investment powers;
 - (b) lay down a detailed investment policy for the Order and immediately inform the Investment Manager in writing of that policy and of any changes to it;
 - (c) ensure that the terms of the delegated authority are clearly set out in writing and notified to the Investment Manager;
 - (d) ensure that the Executive Committee is kept informed of and reviews on a regular basis the performance of its investment portfolio managed by the Investment Manager and the exercise by him or her of his or her delegated authority;
 - (e) take all reasonable care to ensure that the Investment Manager complies with the terms of his or her delegated authority;
 - (f) review the appointment of the Investment Manager at such intervals not exceeding 24 months as it thinks fit; and
 - (g) pay such reasonable and proper remuneration to the Investment Manager and agree such proper terms as to notice and other matters as the Executive Committee shall decide and as are consistent with this Statute 42; provided that such remuneration may include any or all of commission and fees earned and reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Investment Manager if and only to the extent that such commission fees and expenses are disclosed to the Executive Committee.
- (8) Where the Executive Committee makes any delegation under this Statute 42 it shall do so on terms that:
- (a) the Investment Manager shall comply with the terms of his or her delegated authority;
 - (b) the Investment Manager shall not do anything which the Order does not have power to do;

- (c) the Executive Committee may with reasonable notice revoke the delegation or vary any of its terms in a way which is consistent with the terms of this Statute 42; and
 - (d) the Executive Committee shall give directions to the Investment Manager as to the manner in which he or she is to report to it all sales and purchases of investments made on its behalf.
- (9) Where the Executive Committee makes any delegation under this Statute 42 it may also delegate to the Investment Manager power to exercise the voting rights attaching to investments in accordance with the policy on such voting for the time being laid down by the Order.
- (10) The Executive Committee may:
- (a) make such arrangements as it thinks fit for any investments of the Order or income from those investments to be held by a corporate body as custodian trustee or as the Order's nominee; and
 - (b) pay reasonable and proper remuneration to any corporate body acting as custodian trustee of the Order's nominee in pursuance of this Statute 42(10).
- (11) The Grand Council may from time to time determine the Order's investment policy.
- (12) The Grand Prior may (following consultation with the Grand Council and, if appropriate, the Charity Commission of England and Wales) make Regulations amending or supplementing the powers of investment conferred on the Order by this Statute 42.
- (13) This Statute 42 applies to moneys, funds and investments of the Order and is not intended to limit the investment powers of any Priory under the laws under which that Priory is established or operates.

PART THREE – MEMBERS

43. Grades of membership in the Order

- (1) The Order shall be divided into the following Grades:

Grade I	Bailiffs or Dames Grand Cross (GCStJ)
Grade II	Knights or Dames of Justice or Grace (KStJ or DStJ)
Grade III	Commanders (CStJ)
Grade IV	Officers (OStJ)
Grade V	Members (MStJ)

- (2) The letters specified above after each Grade may be used by those to whom they apply to such extent as may be prescribed in the case of those borne on a Roll of a Priory by the Priory Rules of that Priory and, in the case of those borne on the Roll of the Order,

by Order Rules, but admission or promotion to any Grade of the Order or the privileges derived therefrom of wearing the insignia appertaining or belonging thereto shall not confer any rank, style, title, dignity, appellation or social precedence whatsoever.

44. Clerical Brethren and Esquires

- (1) Save as hereinafter provided in this Statute 44, clerical Grades in the Order ceased to exist on 31 December 2003 and ministers of the Christian religion who were then or who were thereafter admitted to be Members were placed in the appropriate Grade specified in Statute 43(1).
- (2)
 - (a) A minister of the Christian religion placed in the Grade of Chaplain prior to 1 January 2004 shall unless and until he or she shall be promoted be entitled to style himself or herself “Chaplain” and to use in accordance with Statute 43(2) the post-nominal letters “ChStJ.”
 - (b) Subject to paragraph (a), a minister of the Christian religion placed in the Grade of Chaplain prior to 1 January 2004 shall be re-classified as a “Commander” with seniority according to the date on which he or she was placed in the Grade of Chaplain.
- (3)
 - (a) A minister of the Christian religion who is a Member in Grade IV or V of the Order who prior to 1 January 2004 desired to be termed a Sub-Chaplain or an Assistant Chaplain shall unless and until he or she shall be promoted continue to be entitled to be so termed and to use in accordance with Statute 43(2) the post-nominal letters Sub-ChStJ and AsstChStJ, respectively.
- (4) Save as provided in this Statute 44(4), Grade VI – Esquires in the Order shall cease to exist on the Appointed Day. A person who is a Member in Grade VI immediately prior to the Appointed Day shall unless or until he or she shall be promoted continue to be entitled to style himself or herself “Esquire” and to use in accordance with Statute 43(2) the post-nominal letters Esq.St.J.

45. Senior Ecclesiastical Officers of Priors

The Senior Ecclesiastical Officer (or Officers) of each Priory shall, for as long as he or she holds that office, seek guidance from the Prelate, but in relation to his or her duties as such he or she shall be accountable to the Prior of the Priory and not to the Prelate.

46. Qualifications for Membership of the Order

- (1) No person shall be qualified for membership in any Grade of the Order unless he or she:
 - (a) makes a declaration in the terms specified in Statute 47;
 - (b) furnishes a certificate in accordance with Statute 48;
 - (c) either:

- (i) has performed, or is expected to perform, service for the Order which meets the criteria specified in Regulations made pursuant to Statute 27(7); or
 - (ii) has acted conspicuously in a manner which directly or indirectly furthers such Principal Objects; and
 - (d) has undertaken to comply with the provisions of the Royal Charter, the Statutes, and the Regulations and Rules of the Order.
- (2) No person shall be admitted to the Order unless he or she has attained the age of 18.
 - (3) An Associate Member who is re-classified as a Member of the Order shall rank for seniority according to the date of his or her attachment in the Grade which is applicable at the date of reclassification.

47. Declaration before Admission to the Order

- (1) Subject as provided in Statute 47(2) and in Statute 49, before initial admission to the Order, a declaration in the following terms shall be signed by prospective Members:

“I do solemnly declare that I will be faithful and obedient to The Order of St John and its Sovereign Head as far as it is consistent with my duty [to my Sovereign/President and] () to my country; that I will do everything in my power to uphold its dignity and support its charitable works; and that I will endeavour always to uphold the aims of this Christian Order, to respect the Christian principles which are the inspiration for the Order’s foundation and to conduct myself as a person of honour.”*

**The words in brackets to be adapted according to the circumstances of the declarant.*

- (2) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations amending the form of declaration to be signed by prospective Members pursuant to Statute 47(1).

48. Specified Bodies

- (1) No person shall be admitted to the Order if he or she shall also be a member of a Specified Body.
- (2) Before initial admission to the Order and before any promotion in the Order the Member or prospective Member shall furnish a certificate in such form as the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Executive Committee shall prescribe that he or she is not a member of a Specified Body and that he or she will not become a member of a Specified Body for so long as he or she is a Member of the Order.
- (3) (a) A Specified Body is any body of persons (whether or not incorporated and whether or not a legal entity) which:
 - (i) holds itself out or represents itself or styles itself to be an order which is:

- I an order of St John; or
 - II derived from an order of St John; or
 - III associated with an order of St John;
- (ii) is not a Johannine Order; and
- (iii) either or both:
- I uses the words “St John” or any translation or variant thereof in its title (irrespective of any other words used in the title); or
 - II uses:
 - A the Emblem with or without any other device or motif; or
 - B any other device or motif sufficiently similar to the Emblem as to be likely to cause confusion therewith.
- (b) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph (3) a body shall be capable of being an order of St John whether or not it is a Johannine Order.
- (c) The Johannine Orders are:
- (i) the Order;
 - (ii) the three other Orders which comprise the Alliance of the Orders of St John, namely:
 - I Balley Brandenburg des Ritterlichen Ordens St Johannis vom Spital zu Jerusalem (commonly referred to as “the Johanniter”);
 - II Johanniter Orde in Nederland; and
 - III Johanniterorden 1 Sverige; and
 - (iii) the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, called of Rhodes, called of Malta (commonly referred to as “the Sovereign Military Order of Malta” or “the Order of Malta”).
- (d) The Emblem is a white equidistant eight-pointed cross (commonly referred to as “the Maltese Cross” or “the Amalfi Cross”) with or without embellishments in the angles on a background of any colour or colours and of any shape.
- (4) A decision of the Grand Council as to whether any body is or is not a Specified Body shall be final and binding on all persons interested under these Statutes.

49. Modified Declarations

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Statute 47, a Priory may prescribe a modified form of declaration to be signed before initial admission to the Order of a person who will be borne on the Roll of that Priory. Such declaration shall be in such terms as the Grand Prior shall approve.
- (2) Before initial admission to the Order of a person who will be borne on the Roll of a Priory which has not prescribed a modified form of declaration under Statute 49(1), that person may, if he or she so wishes, in the declaration to be made by him or her under Statute 47 include a statement that he or she personally professes the Christian faith. Such statement shall be in such form as the Prelate may approve.
- (3) Where a Member wishes to transfer to the Roll of a Priory which has prescribed a modified form of declaration for the purposes of Statute 49(1), he or she may be required by that Priory to make a declaration in such modified form before such transfer is effected.

50. Rolls

The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations in relation to the manner in which Members of the Order are to be recorded on the Order's central roll and on the rolls of Priories, including (without limitation) Regulations dealing with the treatment of Members who are recorded on the roll of a particular Priory and are resident temporarily in the territory of another Priory and Members who are recorded on the Order's central roll and become resident in the territory of a Priory.

51. Complements of the various Grades

- (1) The aggregate maximum complement for Members in all Grades shall be 35,000 or such other number as the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council shall from time to time prescribe.
- (2) (a) Subject as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the maximum complement for Grade I of the Order shall be:
 - (i) the Great Officers; and
 - (ii) 35 other Bailiffs or Dames Grand Cross.
- (b) When a Great Officer shall cease to hold such office he or she shall continue in the Grade of Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross but shall not count against the complement thereof. This shall be so whether or not such Member was a Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross before being appointed to be a Great Officer.
- (c) A Member in Grade I on the Appointed Day who is a Head of State or a member of the British Royal Family or of any other Commonwealth or foreign Royal

Family and a person who after the Appointed Day is admitted to the Order in Grade I in accordance with Statute 52(1) shall not count against the complement of Grade I.

- (3) The maximum complement for each of the other Grades in the Order and the method of allocation between those to be borne on the Roll of the Order and those to be borne on the rolls of Priories shall be prescribed by Regulations.

52. Appointments to and Promotions in the Order

- (1) The Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council and with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may invite any Head of State or any member of the British Royal Family or of any other Commonwealth or foreign Royal Family to become a Member of Grade I or Grade II of the Order as the Sovereign Head shall approve and upon acceptance he or she shall thereupon be admitted as such and be supernumerary to the Grade without the payment of any Foundation Due or Annual Oblation.
- (2) All other admissions to and promotions in the Order shall be sanctioned by and be made in the name of and by the authority of the Sovereign Head after recommendation by the Honours and Awards Committee and approval by the Grand Prior (subject as provided in Statute 28). The names of those approved by the Sovereign Head shall be published in the *London Gazette* or such other official Gazette as the Grand Prior shall specify. The procedure relating to the selection of suitable persons and verification of their qualifications under these Statutes before submission of their names to the Sovereign Head may be prescribed by Regulations.
- (3) Unless in any particular case the Honours and Awards Committee otherwise recommends or it is otherwise provided by these Statutes or any Regulation, admissions to the Order shall normally be in Grade V and promotions from a lower to a higher Grade shall be dependent upon the rendering of good service in the lower Grade.
- (4) On appointment, each Prior of a Priory and each Chancellor of a vice-regal Priory shall become a Knight or Dame of Justice if he or she does not already hold that rank and if he or she is not a Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross. Further the Grand Prior may at his or her discretion sanction the reclassification, for good cause *motu proprio*, of a Knight or Dame of Grace as a Knight or Dame of Justice. No other person shall be qualified to be classified as “of Justice” on promotion or appointment to Grade II of the Order unless at such time he or she is entitled to bear Arms. A Knight or Dame of Grace may elect at any time to be re-classified as a Knight or Dame of Justice, as the case may be, without any change in seniority in the Order if he or she is able to satisfy the Genealogist of the Order, or if domiciled in Scotland, the Genealogist of the Priory of Scotland, or in the case of other Priories, the Genealogist of the Priory, provided the latter is an Officer of Arms in Ordinary to the Sovereign Head of the Order, that he or she is entitled to bear Arms.
- (5) There shall be a Homage Roll for Members which shall be signed by Members as soon as possible after first admission to the Order in token of their voluntary submission to the supreme authority of the Sovereign Head and of the Grand Prior.

- (6) Each Priory shall maintain a Roll of all Members of the Order within that Priory.
- (7) Subject to the provisions of Statute 49(3), a Member may be transferred from the Roll of one Priory to the Roll of another Priory in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulations.
- (8) The Secretary-General shall maintain a Roll of all Members of the Order whose names are not borne on the Roll of a Priory in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulations.

53. Donats

- (1) Any person not being a Member of the Order who from an appreciation of the objects or work of the Order makes a worthy contribution to its funds or to the funds of a Priory may be appointed:
 - (a) by the Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee, a Donat of the Order; or
 - (b) by the Prior of a Priory, on the recommendation of his or her Priory Chapter, to be a Donat of the Priory,

and thereafter his or her name shall be recorded in the List of Donats of the Order which shall be maintained by the Secretary-General or as the case may be in the List of Donats of the Priory which shall be maintained by the proper officer of the Priory.

- (2) The rights and privileges of a Donat of a Priory shall in all respects be the same as those of a Donat of the Order.
- (3) The appointment of a Donat shall lapse and his or her name shall be deleted from the List of Donats if he or she shall subsequently be admitted as a Member of the Order in any Grade.

54. Precedence within the Order

- (1) Precedence within the Order shall be as follows:

The Sovereign Head
 The Grand Prior
 The Lord Prior
 The Prior of a Priory or the Knight or Dame Commander of a Commandery when within the territory of the Establishment
 The Prelate of the Order
 The Deputy Lord Prior
 The Chancellor of the Order
 The Sub-Prior of the Order
 Former Great Officers
 Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross

The Prior of a Priory outside the territory of the Priory
The Members of the Grand Council not included above in the order of seniority in their Grades
The Principal Officers in the order of their offices as laid down in Statute 12
The Sub-Prelates and the Honorary Sub-Prelates
The Hospitaller of the Order
Knights and Dames
Honorary Officers
Commanders
Officers
Members

- (2) Precedence in any Grade is determined by the date of appointment within the Grade, subject to the observance of the following special provisions:
- (a) Members of the British Royal Family shall take precedence in their respective Grades, followed immediately by the undermentioned in the order stated:
 - (i) Commonwealth Heads of State;
 - (ii) Foreign Heads of State;
 - (iii) Members of Commonwealth Royal Families;
 - (iv) Members of Foreign Royal Families.
 - (b) The precedence of a Knight or Dame Commander of a Commandery outside the territorial limits of his or her Commandery shall be determined by his or her seniority within his or her Grade.
 - (c) A Knight or Dame of Grace who is re-classified as a Knight or Dame of Justice shall rank for seniority according to his or her date of original appointment as a Knight or Dame.

55. Foundation Dues and Oblations

The Order is devoted to works of charity and humanity and it is a fundamental rule that those who belong to the Order should contribute to its charities such foundation dues and oblations according to their position in the Order as may from time to time be prescribed by Regulations or subject thereto, by Rules made in that behalf by the Grand Prior or, as the case may be, by a Prior in respect of his or her Priory or by a Knight or Dame Commander in respect of his or her Commandery.

56. Termination of Membership

- (1) A Member who is borne on the Roll of a Priory and who wishes to resign from the Order shall give written notice of such desire to the Priory Secretary or other proper officer of the Priory.

- (a) A Member who is borne on the Roll of the Order maintained under Statute 52(8) and who wishes to resign from the Order shall give written notice of such desire to the Secretary-General.
 - (b) Upon receipt of a notice given under paragraphs (a) or (b) the Member shall cease to be a member of the Order.
- (2) The death of a member terminates that member's membership of the Order.
- (3) The Grand Prior, on the recommendation of the Grand Council, may make Regulations in relation to the termination of membership of the Order otherwise than by resignation or death of a Member, including (without limitation) termination for non-payment of dues or oblations, termination for membership of a Specified Body, termination following conviction for a criminal offence or as a result of an adverse finding or disclosure in civil or tribunal proceedings, termination for conduct contrary to the interests of the Order, termination following discovery of facts not known at the time of a Member's admission as a Member of the Order and termination as a result of other circumstances. Those Regulations may also provide for the re-admission to the Order of a former Member.
- (4) If the Grand Council shall recommend to the Grand Prior the dissolution or de-recognition of a Priory or Commandery or a St John Association then:
 - (a) the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council and with the sanction of the Sovereign Head may terminate the membership of the Order of some or all of those who are borne on the Roll of that Priory or Commandery or, as the case may be, of the section of the Roll of the Order relating to that St John Association; and
 - (b) to the extent the Grand Prior does not exercise the power contained in paragraph (4)(a) above to terminate the membership of the relevant Member or Members, the relevant Member or Members shall be transferred to the roll maintained by the Order for Members who are not borne on the roll of any Priory or (if a conveniently located Priory is willing to accept the relevant Member or Members) to the roll of that Priory.
- (5) Where any person who is borne on the Roll of a Priory ceases in accordance with any of the provisions of this Statute 56 or any Regulations to be a Member of the Order he or she shall thereupon automatically also cease to be a member of the Priory.
- (6) As from the date on which any person ceases to be a Member of the Order, he or she shall cease to be liable to pay any future Annual Oblations and shall lose any right to wear or use the Insignia, Augmentation of Arms and any other distinction or privilege of the Order or of membership thereof.

PART FOUR – ARMS, INSIGNIA, ETC.

57. Arms of the Order

The Arms of the Order shall be: Gules a cross argent, in the first quarter a representation of the Sovereign's Crest and they shall be depicted and used in conformity with such provision as may from time to time be made by Regulations.

58. Badge of the Order

The Badge of the Order shall be a white eight-pointed cross embellished in argent in the four principal angles alternately with a lion passant guardant and a unicorn passant, and it shall be designed and used in conformity with such provision as may from time to time be made by Regulations.

59. Great Banner of the Order

The Great Banner of the Order shall bear the Arms of the Order as defined in Statute 57 and it shall be designed and flown in conformity with such provision as may from time to time be made by Regulations.

60. Seal of the Order

- (1) The Seal of the Order shall have engraved thereon the Badge of the Order, as specified in Statute 58, surmounted by an Escutcheon of the Arms of the Order, as specified in Statute 57, the whole surrounded by the legend: "SIGILLUM MAGNI PRIORATUS ORDINIS HOSPITALIS SANCTI IOHANNIS HIERUSALEM". This may be abbreviated to "SIG:MAG:PR:ORD: HOSP:S.IOHIS:HIER".
- (2) The Grand Prior shall make Regulations providing for the custody and use of the Seal of the Order.

61. Seals of Priors and Commanderies and St John Associations

- (1) The seal of a Priory, Commandery or St John Association shall bear the head of St John Baptist surrounded by the same words similarly abbreviated as appear on the seal of the Order with the insertion of the abbreviated Latin name of the Establishment. Provided that nothing in these Statutes shall affect the right of the Priory of Scotland to bear on its seal and otherwise the Arms of the Priory of Scotland as recorded under the Law of Arms of Scotland.
- (2) The Prior of each Priory and the Knight or Dame Commander of each Commandery, on the recommendation of his or her Priory or Commandery Chapter and the Council or other governing body of a St John Association, shall provide for the custody and use of the Priory, Commandery or St John Association Seal, as the case may be.

62. Armorial Bearings

Members of the Order in the following Grades shall be permitted to display their Arms, and to bear the Augmentations of Arms, as hereinafter laid down, provided that their right to Arms is duly established and recorded in the Offices of Arms in England or Scotland or as otherwise authorised by Statute 52(4):

- (a) Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross may bear and use supporters to their Arms, and Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being is hereby authorised to grant supporters to such Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross as shall not otherwise be entitled thereto; the Lord Lyon King of Arms for the time being is likewise authorised to grant supporters to those of them whose arms are Scottish, and Officers of Arms in other Priories are similarly authorised to grant supporters.
- (b) Bailiffs Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross may bear their Arms with those of the Order in chief. They may further display their Arms on the Badge of the Order.
- (c) Knights and Dames, whether “of Justice” or “of Grace”, and ministers of the Christian religion placed in the Grade of Chaplain prior to 1 January 2004 may display their Arms on the Badge of the Order.
- (d) Members of any Grade of the Order may suspend from their Armorial Bearings the riband and badge of their Grade.

63. Insignia and Robes

The insignia and robes of the Order shall be such as may from time to time be specified by Regulations and shall be used and worn as therein provided.

64. Uniform of the St John Ambulance

Members of the St John Ambulance so entitled by the appropriate Regulations or Rules shall if so directed and when on duty wear such uniform as is specified in or pursuant to such Regulations or Rules.

65. Medals

- (1) The Order may award Medals, Certificates of Honour, and Votes of Thanks in accordance with such provision as may from time to time be made by Regulations.
- (2) The award of medals shall be made, in the name of the Sovereign Head, by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council and where appropriate of a Priory Chapter, save that in the case of the Life Saving Medal an immediate award may, where the circumstances so justify, be made by the Grand Prior on the advice of the Lord Prior.

- (3) Subject as provided in any Regulation made pursuant to Statute 65(1), if any person to whom a medal has been awarded shall be deemed by his or her subsequent conduct to have become unworthy of it, his or her name may be erased by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Grand Council and where appropriate of a Priory Chapter (or, in the case of a Service Medal awarded by a Priory pursuant to the powers of delegation contained in Statute 28(b), by the relevant Priory) from the Register of those upon whom the medal of the Order has been conferred, and he or she shall thereupon cease to be entitled to wear it.

66. Alterations prohibited

No addition to, nor alteration nor modification of the Arms, Badge, Banner, Insignia or Robes of the Order, nor of any other item in these Statutes, may be made by any Priory or Commandery, except that in the case of the Arms of a Priory or a Banner to be used by an Establishment, the Grand Prior may authorise the addition of a suitable distinctive emblem.

67. Emblem Protection

Each Establishment shall use its best endeavours at its own expense to comply with any directions given by the Executive Committee or the Grand Council for the protection of the Arms of the Order, the Badge of the Order, or the cross commonly known as the Amalfi Cross being a white eight-pointed cross without embellishments.

68. Intellectual Property Rights in respect of the Arms or Badge of the Order or the name St John

Each Establishment shall use its best endeavours at its own expense to comply with any directions given by the Executive Committee or the Grand Council with regard to the use and exploitation of intellectual property rights in relation to the Arms of the Order or the Badge of the Order or any variants of them or of the names “St John” or “St John Ambulance” with or without additions.

Part Five – Transitional Provisions

69. Interpretation of Part Five

In this part of these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the expression “**1955 Statutes**” means the Statutes annexed to the Royal Charter of 1955 as amended and in force immediately prior to 29 April 1974; and
- (b) the expression “**2004 Statutes**” means the Statutes annexed to the Supplemental Royal Charter of 1974 as amended and in force immediately prior to the Appointed Day.

70. Saving

Nothing in these Statutes shall affect the validity or legality of any thing done or executed or of any dealing with property or of any investment made pursuant to any Statute, Regulation or Rule in force before the Appointed Day including, without limitation, the validity of any Establishment or Foundation constituted under the Order's Statutes in force before the Appointed Day.

71. Instruments of Allocation

It is hereby declared that any instrument having legal force immediately prior to the Appointed Day by virtue of which any property of the Order is allocated to any Establishment under the provisions of Statute 20 of the 1955 Statutes or Statute 25 of the 2004 Statutes shall continue to have full force and effect on and after the Appointed Day as if such instrument had been made under the provisions of Statute 37 until such time as it is varied or revoked thereunder.

72. Regulations and Rules

Where under powers conferred by any provisions of the 2004 Statutes, any Regulations were made and were in force immediately prior to the Appointed Day, such Regulations shall be deemed to be duly made under the corresponding provisions of these Statutes and any such Regulations shall be read and construed as Rules if the corresponding provisions of these Statutes provide for the making of Rules for corresponding purposes instead of Regulations.