

## **Extract from The St John (Membership, Honours and Awards) Regulations 2022**

### **PART NINE – VOTES OF THANKS**

#### **1 Order Votes of Thanks**

- (1) An Order Vote of Thanks may be awarded by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee to those who have rendered outstanding benefit to:
  - (a) the Order;
  - (b) any Establishment of the Order;
  - (c) St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital or any of its subsidiaries or associated entities; or
  - (d) another Foundation of the Order.
- (2) The purpose of the Order Vote of Thanks is to recognise the esteem in which the Order holds an individual, a corporation or another body. It may be used to recognise acts of philanthropy (the Donat Badge will no longer be issued).

#### **2 Recipients of Order Vote of Thanks**

The Order Vote of Thanks may be bestowed on an individual, a corporation or another body.

#### **3 Nominations for Order Vote of Thanks**

- (1) The Order Vote of Thanks is awarded by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee, either acting on its own initiative or following a recommendation from an Establishment.
- (2) If the actions which give rise to a nomination for an Order Vote of Thanks have taken place in an Establishment Territory, the relevant nomination should be submitted by the relevant Establishment to the Honours and Awards Committee through the Secretary-General.
- (3) If a nomination for an award of an Order Vote of Thanks is received directly by the Secretary-General in respect of actions which have taken place in an Establishment Territory, the Secretary-General shall refer it to the relevant Establishment for comment before it is considered by the Honours and Awards Committee. The Honours and Awards Committee shall only entertain such a nomination if it is supported by the relevant Establishment.
- (4) The Secretary-General shall maintain a register of Order Votes of Thanks.

#### **4 Diploma of Order Vote of Thanks**

- (1) A diploma is awarded with each Order Vote of Thanks. The diploma describes the actions of the recipient which gave rise to the award or other grounds for the award.
- (2) The diploma shall be signed by the Grand Prior and the Secretary-General and shall be issued under the Seal of the Order.

#### **5 Priory Votes of Thanks**

- (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation 1, a Priory Vote of Thanks may be awarded by the Prior of a Priory on the recommendation of the Priory Chapter or Priory Council of that Priory to those who have rendered conspicuous services to that Priory.
- (2) A Priory Vote of Thanks shall be signed by such officers as shall be specified by the Priory Rules of the Priory or by regulations made pursuant to them.
- (3) Each Priory which awards Priory Votes of Thanks shall maintain a register of Priory Votes of Thanks awarded by that Priory.