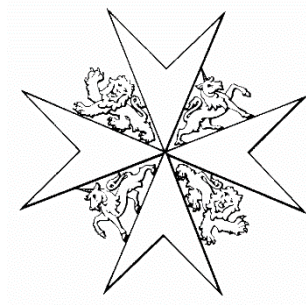


THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST JOHN
CLERKENWELL



**THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF
THE HOSPITAL OF
ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM**



THE INVESTITURE OF A DAME GRAND CROSS
INSTALLATION OF THE CHANCELLOR
AND
THE INVESTITURE AND RECEPTION OF ALL GRADES

BY

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND PRIOR

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2021
AT 3 PM

TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's service combines the Investiture and Installation of the new Chancellor of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, the Central Investiture, and an Investiture of Knights and Dames from the UK Pories and Commanderies. The Grand Prior, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, will preside over the ceremony. Those present today include leading members of the Pories of England and the Islands, Scotland, Wales, and the United States of America. Also present are members of the St John Eye Hospital Group, the Commandery of Ards in Northern Ireland, St John Associations of Guyana, and the St John Ambulance Ireland.

The Order works in close co-operation with the other mutually-recognised Orders of St John who are also represented today. These are: the Johanniterorden in Germany, with its dependent Commanderies in other European countries and the Orders of St John in The Netherlands, (which together with the Order comprise the Alliance of the Orders of St John); and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, which is also represented.

The Service is led by the Right Reverend Timothy Stevens CBE GCStJ, the Prelate of the Order.

The Service will be attended by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE CStJ.

The Choir of St Paul's will sing the Hymns, the conductor of the choir will be William Fox, the organist will be Benjamin Collyer, and the Fanfare Trumpeters are from the Band of the Royal Yeomanry.

The Event will be live-streamed shortly before 3pm by British Ceremonial Arts Ltd via a link on the St John International web page.

Throughout this Order of Service instructions and explanations are shown in red.

Congregational participation is indicated by **bold type**.

There will be a retiring collection to support the work of St John. Please use the gift aid envelopes provided. There will also be an opportunity to deposit envelopes on exiting the Church.

Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time. The official photographs will be retained for use by St John International.

A loop system is in operation throughout the Priory Church. Hearing aids, which are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.

THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem is an Order of Chivalry which has Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as its Sovereign Head. It is also a Christian Confraternity and a UK Registered Charity. These three elements, the Chivalric Order, the Christian Confraternity, and the Charity are the focus of the Order's Chancellor, Prelate and Sub Prior respectively. The Lord Prior exercises leadership in the coordination of all three elements.

The Chancellor takes particular responsibility for overseeing the Honours and Awards system, for the proper implementation of the statutes and for building relations with the Alliance Orders of St John in Europe. He or she is one of the Great Officers of the Order sharing leadership and guidance in partnership with the Lord Prior and other Great officers the Prelate and the Sub-Prior.

The Grand Prior of the Order who is currently Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, is the overarching source of authority within the Order derived from that of the Sovereign Head.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER DR GILLIAN WILLMORE

Dr Gillian Willmore was appointed to the role of Chancellor from a background in St John Ambulance as Chair of the County of Durham in the North East of England where she continues to work in the University of Durham as Honorary Fellow in the Department of Theology & Religion among other honorary roles in the University, together with local Trusteeships. These include the Durham City of Sanctuary, which provides for refugees, and a heritage museum commemorating the Venerable Bede, a local mediaeval scholar of great renown. For a number of years she was Vice-Principal and Acting Principal of St Mary's College, one of sixteen constituent Colleges of Durham University. Her father served as OSTJ in the County of Buckinghamshire in England until his death in 1992.

Gillian worked for three years for the British Council in the Republic of Singapore where she taught voluntarily in the women's prison in Changi in her spare time. She has organised numbers of international conferences, in the field of Literature and Religion jointly with Moscow State University and in the field of Literary Juvenilia Studies with colleagues from Australia, the US and Canada, being a founder member of the International Society of Literary Juvenilia (early unpublished writing by writers who achieved later fame). She regularly attends literary conferences in the US.

She was the first accredited Chaplaincy lay woman visitor of HM Durham High Security Women's Wing (1983 – 85; and 1992-1997) and in 2012 was formally authorised by the Bishop of Durham to serve in the Cathedral Intercession rota, reflecting her commitment to Anglican worship.

Her interests include travel, languages, art, theatre, and opera (being a long term devotee of the Edinburgh International Festival) and she also supports wild life charities. Her late husband Tom Willmore was an internationally noted Riemannian geometer and within Durham, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Professor of Pure Mathematics. She travelled with him to a number of countries within Europe. As Chancellor since St John's Day 2020, she has greatly enjoyed contact with the Alliance Orders and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta as well as visiting every continent by zoom, furthering her insight and work on behalf of the Order of St John.

THE POSTULANTS

As Dame Grand Cross

Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore Chancellor of the Order

As Dame

Ruth Lewis Priory for Wales
Sarah Rose Troughton Priory of England and the Islands

A Knights who will not be receiving the Accolade of the Order

As Knight

The Very Reverend Dr Nicholas Arthur Priory of England and the Islands
Frayling

Knights to receive Accolade of the Order

As Knight

David Patrick Bell MBE Priory of England and the Islands
Fra' John Dunlap Central Roll of the Order
Oliver Ehinger Central Roll of the Order
David Gardner Priory for Wales
Michael Frederick Gibbons Priory of England and the Islands
John Percy Gill Priory of England and the Islands
Paul David Herbage MBE Priory of England and the Islands
Robert George Mann Priory of England and the Islands
David William McCorkell Commandery of ARDS in Northern Ireland
Dr Frederik Paulsen OBE Priory of England and the Islands

As Commander

Dr Robert Brandstetter Central Roll of the Order
Sarah Shilson Eye Hospital Group

As Officer

Philip Hall Eye Hospital Group
Christopher McCall QC Central Roll of the Order
Kevin Orr Central Roll of the Order

As Member

Phillip McDermott Central Roll of the Order
Timothy Edward Hanson Walker CB Eye Hospital Group

THE ORDER OF CEREMONIAL

Please stand as the first processions are announced.

THE PROCESSION OF THE CLERGY AND MUTUALLY RECOGNISED ORDERS

A Prior Deputy Director of Ceremonies

The Church Cross
The Dean of the Priory of England and the Islands

Johanniter Orde in Nederland
Balley Brandenburg des Johanniterordens
Sovereign Military Order of Malta

THE PROCESSION OF ST JOHN ASSOCIATIONS

A Priory Assistant Director of Ceremonies

St John Association Guyana
St John Ambulance Ireland

THE PROCESSION OF PRIORIES AND COMMANDERIES

A Priory Director of Ceremonies

The Commandery of the Isle of Man
The Commandery of Ards in Northern Ireland

The Priory for Wales
The Priory of Scotland
The Priory of England and the Islands

The Order Deputy
Director of
Ceremonies

Please be seated.

THE GRAND PRIOR'S PROCESSION

Please stand as the Fanfare is sounded.

The Order Director of Ceremonies
A Priory Assistant Director of Ceremonies
The Great Banner of the Order
The Honorary Officers of the Order
A Knight-in-Waiting
The Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross
The Immediate Past Chancellor
The Immediate Past Chancellor's Banner
The Cross of the Order
The Prelate
The Sword of the Order
His Royal Highness The Grand Prior
The Grand Prior's Banner

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN

Choir of St Paul's Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen
All that is needed hath been
Granted in what he ordained?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
All the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again;
Gladly for ay we adore him.

(by Joachim Neander, 1650 - 1680)

THE BIDDING

The Prelate of the Order of St John Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Prelate of the Order of St John We meet in the presence of almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth; to give thanks for the Order of St John; to bear witness to the investment and installation of The Chancellor and to commit ourselves to support her in her leadership of the Order worldwide. We ask for God's blessings on the Priors, Commanderies and Associations of the Order, the Eye Hospital Group, St John Ambulance Ireland, the mutually recognised Orders, and on all members, volunteers, and staff in their continuing work for the Faith and in the Service of Humanity, and especially on the Postulants assembled here for investiture and reception.

Please be seated or kneel.

Led by the Dean
of the Priory of
England and the
Islands

Let us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

For *The Queen and all the Royal family*:

That God would bless and preserve our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, Sovereign Head of our Order, Charles Prince of Wales, Richard our Grand Prior, and all the Royal family that under them we may be godly and quietly governed.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For Peace:

That God would give wisdom to all those in positions of power that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of all the people and direct the paths of all people into the way of justice and peace. By your spirit break down the barriers that divide us and bring us closer to the coming of your Kingdom.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For the Sick and Wounded:

That God would grant healing to all who are sick or wounded and to all displaced peoples throughout the world, and especially today we pray for the St John Eye Hospital Group and for all who minister in the Holy Land. Loving God be near to our Lords the sick and the poor, and to all who awake today to pain or distress.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For the Orders of St John:

We pray for all who share the work and vision of this Order, as members, volunteers, and staff around the world. We give thanks for the example of your servant Patrick, our former Chancellor, and we pray especially today for Gillian as she takes up the privilege and responsibility of leadership amongst us. We pray that God would bless and preserve all our Confrères of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and Alliance Orders of St John.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

For ourselves:

We pray for ourselves that all who wear the white cross of St John may follow your way with compassion and courage. We pray especially for the young people of St John that they may grow in confidence and skill and show us all in St John how to move trustingly into the future.

May your reign come; **Your will be done.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's future Kingdom as we say together:

All **Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Immediate Past The Lesson: *Philippians Chapter 2, verses 1-11*
Chancellor
Patrick Burgess

Karl Parker The Lesson: *The Gospel of John Chapter 6, verses 5 - 12*
Priory for Wales
Vice-Chair St John
Youth Advisory
Network

THE INVESTITURE OF A DAME GRAND CROSS

The Order My Lord Grand Prior, Her Majesty The Sovereign Head of our Most
Director of Venerable Order has been graciously pleased to make Dr Gillian Elisabeth
Ceremonies Willmore a Dame Grand Cross of our Most Venerable Order and appoint her
 to the Great Office of Chancellor of St John. Is it your wish to invest and
 install her now?

His Royal It is.
Highness
The Grand Prior

The Postulant Dame Grand Cross stands, and the Order Director of Ceremonies proceeds to the West door to collect her. The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying her insignia, which is placed on a cushion held by the Prelate.

The Postulant Dame Grand Cross curtsies before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Order Director of Ceremonies then removes her Mantle. The Grand Prior invests the Postulant with the Insignia of her Grade. The Order Director of Ceremonies replaces her Mantle. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior formally receives the Postulant by congratulating her with the words:

His Royal Sister, I receive you as a Dame Grand Cross of this Most Venerable
Highness Order.
The Grand Prior

The Dame Grand Cross stands back and to one side, while the Director of Ceremonies addresses the Grand Prior:

The Order Director of Ceremonies My Lord Grand Prior, I present the Banner of the newly invested Dame Grand Cross, which according to custom, will hereafter be hung displayed during her lifetime in this Priory Church of St John.

The Banner bearer takes a step forward and presents banner.

On completion the Dame Grand Cross curtsies, and her Esquires bow to His Royal Highness, and she returns to the West door and her Esquires move to their appointed places.

APPRECIATION OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHANCELLOR

The Order Director of Ceremonies Will the immediate Past Chancellor now please stand to receive the appreciation of His Royal Highness The Grand Prior.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior Confrère, it is right and proper on this occasion that we should mark and pay tribute to the successful completion of your term as our Chancellor. We thank you profoundly for all the outstanding work and leadership that you have offered to the Order over many years. Moreover, we feel confident that although you have retired from your high office, we can always rely on you for wisdom and advice, as one of the senior Bailiffs Grand Cross. The members of the Order join me in extending to you warm greetings for the future.

The Immediate Past Chancellor approaches His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, and hands to him the Chancellor's Badge that is placed upon a cushion.

The Grand Prior congratulates the Immediate Past Chancellor.

The Immediate Past Chancellor bows and then takes his place with the Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior returns to his Throne.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE CHANCELLOR OF ST JOHN

The Order Director of Ceremonies addresses His Royal Highness The Grand Prior

The Order Director of Ceremonies My Lord Grand Prior we will now receive Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore as Chancellor.

The Prelate proceeds to the West Door, accompanied by the Order Director of Ceremonies, and leads the new Chancellor to a position in front of the Throne. The Prelate turns to face the assembled members of the Order and their guests and reads out the Warrant of Appointment:

Prelate

“His Royal Highness Prince Richard Alexander Walter George, Second Duke of Gloucester, a Knight Companion of The Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Knight Grand Cross of The Royal Victorian Order, and a Bailiff Grand Cross of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and Grand Prior of the said Most Venerable Order, to all to whom these Presents shall come, greetings:

Know ye that we, as Grand Prior of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, with the authority and sanction of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Sovereign Head of the said Order, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore, a Dame Grand Cross of the said Most Venerable Order, do by these Presents make constitute and appoint the said Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore to be the Chancellor of the said Most Venerable Order.

And we do also, by these Presents give and grant unto the said Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore the Office and place of Chancellor of the said Most Venerable Order with the title, powers, privileges, pre-eminences and prerogatives and with such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes or Regulations of the said Order and requiring that in performing the said duties the said Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore shall be obedient unto such commands orders or directions as the Sovereign Head or we by Her authority may from time to time give make or specify To have hold exercise and enjoy the said Office of Chancellor of the said Most Venerable Order from the Twenty-fifth day of June Two Thousand and Twenty during Our Pleasure and subject thereto until the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Given at Clerkenwell under our hand and the Seal of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem this Twenty-first day of May Two Thousand and Twenty and in the Sixty-ninth year of Her Majesty’s reign.”

My Lord Grand Prior, we present to Your Royal Highness our Sister, Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore, a Dame Grand Cross of the said Most Venerable Order, whom you have selected as the Chancellor to receive the honour of Installation.

His Royal
Highness
The Grand Prior

Sister, it is with great pleasure that we receive you for installation as Chancellor of the Order.

The Grand Prior then rises whilst the remainder of the congregation remains seated.

The Prelate returns to his place. The Grand Prior descends from the Throne, takes the Chancellor by the left hand, and leads her to the now vacant throne.

His Royal
Highness
The Grand Prior

We now confirm you as our Chancellor of our Most Venerable Order under our most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

The Chancellor sits.

The Grand Prior places his right hand on each of the Chancellor's shoulders, saying:

His Royal
Highness
The Grand Prior

We now install you with the style and title of Chancellor of the Order of St John.

He then takes the Badge from the cushion and places it around the neck of the Chancellor, steps back and bows.

The Chancellor rises and bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, who acknowledges the salutation.

The Grand Prior then returns to the Throne.

THE PROCLAMATION

The Order Director of Ceremonies, taking the Chancellor's right hand faces the assembly and makes the proclamation.

The Order
Director
of Ceremonies

Confrères, be it known that His Royal Highness The Grand Prior hath this day inducted and installed as Chancellor of the Order, our Sister, Dr Gillian Elisabeth Willmore, a Dame Grand Cross of our Most Venerable Order.

Wherefore, I call upon you all to rise and salute the new Chancellor of our Most Venerable Order.

All Banners are lowered to the Present.

The Order Director of Ceremonies will present the Chancellor to bow to the East, South, West, and North in turn. All except the Grand Prior return the bow to the Chancellor.

Please remain standing.

All Banners are returned to the Order.

THE COVENANT

The Prelate of the Order of St John Will you who have witnessed these vows do all in your power to support the newly installed Chancellor in her commitment to the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, for the faith and in the service of humanity?

All **We will.**

All please sit or kneel.

Prelate of the Order of St John Let us pray:

Loving God,
You have taught us that the power of the heart
Is greater than the power of wealth and might.
We pray for your servant Gillian whom you have called to the office and
work of Chancellor of this Order,
Grant her wisdom, skill and vision to see your will
And the courage, energy and desire to fulfil it,
That the poor may be served, the faith proclaimed,
And the peace of the world increased
To your glory and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

The Order Director of Ceremonies My Lord Grand Prior that concludes the Installation of the Chancellor who will now address all here assembled.

THE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

The Chancellor is verged to the Lectern by the Order Director of Ceremonies and will address the assembly.

At the conclusion of her address the Chancellor resumes her throne.

The Choir of St Paul's	O quanta qualia sunt illa sabbata quae semper celebrat superna curia, quae fessis requies, quae merces fortibus, cum erit omnia Deus in omnibus.	O what their joy and their glory must be. Those endless sabbaths and blessed ones see! Crown for the valiant; to weary ones rest; God shall be all and in all ever blest.
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Vera Ierusalem est illa civitas, cuius pax iugis est, summa iucunditas, ubi non praevenit rem desiderium, nec desiderio minus est praemium.

Truly Jerusalem, name that we share, 'Vision of Peace' that brings joy evermore! Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er, Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.

Nostrum est interim mentem erigere et totis patriam votis appetere, et ad Ierusalem a Babylonia post longa regredi tandem exsilia.

Now in the meantime, with hearts raised on high, We for that country must yearn and must sigh, Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land, Through our long exile on Babylon's stand

Perenni Domino perpes sit gloria, ex quo sunt, per quem sunt, in quo sunt omnia; ex quo sunt, Pater est, per quem sunt, Filius, in quo sunt, Patris et Filii Spiritus.

Low before Him with our praises we fall, Of whom and in whom, and through whom are all; Of whom the Father; and through whom the Son; In whom the Spirit; with these ever One.

(Words by Peter Abelard, 1079-1142)

Translation J M Neale (1818-66)

The Order
Director
of Ceremonies

My Lord Grand Prior we will now continue with the Investiture.

INVESTITURE

The Order
Director of
Ceremonies

Postulants please rise.

Chancellor

Confrères, The Grand Prior will today invest you with the Insignia of your Grade as Members of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

Do you promise to pay due obedience to the governing authorities of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem as laid down in our Royal Charter, in all things consistent with your duty to our Sovereign Head and your country?

Postulants
together

I do.

Chancellor Secondly, will you do all in your power to contribute to the dignity, prosperity and utility of the Order, combating everything that is prejudicial to its well-being and devoting yourselves – so far as you are able – live by the values of the Order, and commit yourself most especially to the Christian care of the sick and injured; and will you conduct yourself as a person of honour.

Postulants
together **I will.**

Chancellor My Lord Grand Prior, I present these Postulants for the honour of being invested and received by you in accordance with the Statutes of our Most Venerable Order.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior rises from the Throne and moves to the centre facing west, while he addresses the Postulants:

His Royal
Highness
The Grand Prior It gives me much pleasure to welcome you all to the Priory Church of St John today for your Investiture. I would like you to know that your individual contribution, in whatever sphere or area of expertise it may be, is highly valued for without such work neither the Order nor its work in the service of humanity could continue to exist.

On the instructions of Her Majesty THE QUEEN, The Sovereign Head of our Order, I will be investing you with the insignia of your grade.

Remember always that the Cross you will receive is, to Christians, the sign of the redemption of humanity; its four arms symbolise the cardinal virtues: Prudence, Temperance, Justice and Fortitude; its points represent the eight beatitudes, which spring from the practice of those virtues, namely: Humility; Sorrow for Sin; Meekness; Thirst for Righteousness; Mercy; Purity; Peace; and Suffering under Persecution. The whiteness of the Cross is a traditional symbol of purity and is therefore a reminder of the purity of life expected of all who seek to follow Jesus Christ. The Cross itself is the outward sign of our duty to uphold the Christian faith, and to serve the poor, the sick and all who suffer.

The Order
Director of
Ceremonies The Postulants will please be seated.

The Chancellor announces the name of each postulant Dame who is escorted by the Order Director of Ceremonies for presentation to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying the Insignia which is placed on the cushion held by the Prelate, and the other carrying the Mantle, which is handed to the Order Director of Ceremonies.

Upon arrival before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior they will curtsey. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior will then invest them with their Insignia, and the Order Director of Ceremonies will invest them with their Mantle.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior receives the newly appointed Dames by congratulating them and the words:

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior Sister, I receive you as a Dame of this Most Venerable Order.

The Dame curtsies to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, turns and leading her two Esquires, returns to their appointed places.

The Knight who will not be receiving the Accolade of the Order will be invested.

The Chancellor announces the name of the Knight who is escorted by the Order Director of Ceremonies for presentation to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying the Insignia which is placed on a cushion held by the Prelate, and the other carrying a Mantle, which is handed to the Order Director of Ceremonies.

Upon arrival before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior he will bow. His Royal Highness The Grand Prior will then invest him with their Insignia, and the Order Director of Ceremonies will invest him with their Mantle.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior Confrère, I receive you as a Knight of this Most Venerable Order.

The Knight bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, turns and leading his two Esquires, return to their appointed places.

The Knights who will receive the Accolade of the Order will now be invested.

The faldstool is positioned in front of the His Royal Highness, and the Chancellor moves to the right allowing the Sword bearer positions himself the right of the Grand Prior.

The Chancellor will then announce each Postulant Knight by name, who will be escorted by the Order Director of Ceremonies for presentation to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior. The Postulant is accompanied by two Esquires, one carrying the Insignia which is placed on a cushion held by the Prelate, and the other carrying a Mantle which is handed to the Order Director of Ceremonies.

The Postulant Knight kneels before His Royal Highness The Grand Prior who confers the Accolade of the Order on the left shoulder and returns the Sword to the Sword bearer.

Receiving the insignia from the Prelate, His Royal Highness The Grand Prior hangs it round each Postulant's neck. The Order Director of Ceremonies then invests the Postulant with his mantle.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior then formally receives the kneeling Postulant by congratulating him and the words:

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior Rise Confrère, I receive you as a Knight of this Most Venerable Order.

The Knight bows to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, turns and leading his two Esquires, return to their appointed places.

When the last Postulant has been dubbed the footstool is removed, and the Sword bearer returns to his appointed place.

The Chancellor will announce the remaining postulants by name and grade. Each will come forward for presentation to His Royal Highness The Grand Prior, curtsy or bow and receive their insignia. When all postulants have been invested and return to their appointed places.

The Order Director of Ceremonies Would the newly invested and received Members of the Order please stand.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior We have received you and now welcome you as Members of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. May you ever be worthy and faithful members of our Most Venerable Order. Be loyal to your Sovereign, true to your honour, and faithful to the Order and its values. We wish you all prosperity and heavenly blessings. May God protect you.

His Royal Highness The Grand Prior returns to his Throne.

The Prelate of the Order of St John The Order into which you have been invested is a Christian Order of Chivalry. Its roots go back many centuries, to the first hospital in Jerusalem. The Order of St John has a long and fascinating history.

The nature of the Order as a Christian Order, however, is not just about its foundation and history - it is a present reality. You have, today, been invested into that present reality. If you are a Christian, or of no particular faith, you are invited to take part with the other members of the Order in a journey, during which we hope that your commitment to the Christian aspect of our Order will deepen, or be brought to life. If you are of another faith, we equally welcome you, and we hope that you will wish to learn more about the Christian Faith as you make your journey alongside us. We respect those of all Faiths, and we are delighted to have you with us in our service to the poor and the sick.

You have been given an Order of Daily Prayer, which we hope Christian members of the Order will find helpful during their journey with us. We hope that those of other Faiths will join us in their own prayers for the whole family of St John in all its many and varied works of service.

May God bless you on your journey.

The Order
Director
of Ceremonies

Addressing the newly invested Members:

Please be seated.

Addressing His Royal Highness The Grand Prior.

My Lord Grand Prior that concludes the Investiture.

HYMN

Choir of St Paul's Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, 'for thy sake',
Will not grow bright and clean.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

(by George Herbert 1593 - 1633) set to Vaughan Williams arranged melody.

All Please stand

THE CLOSING PRAYER

The Prelate of the
Order of St John

God of compassion and mercy,
Grant that we who wear the white cross of St John
As a mark of our commitment to the service of humanity,
May practice the Christian virtues
With grace and determination.
May our lives reflect the courage and sympathy
That have always marked people of compassion,
And may we honour the great traditions of service
Established by those who have gone before us;
Let our hands be the hands of caring,
Our hearts be the hearts of kindness
And our service be to the glory of God.
Amen.

THE ORDER PRAYER

All

Preserve us, O Lord, in the number of the faithful.
Grant us means and opportunity to do good,
Resolution to persevere, and grace to attain to eternal life,
So that, as we have been united in Christ's service on earth,
We may also be united in his presence in heaven;
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Prelate of the
Order of St John

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

All banners are lowered in salute.

Choir of St Paul's God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save The Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save The Queen.

Words: Anonymous Music: Thesaurus Musicus (c 1734) arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Please remain standing as the Processions withdraw.

THE WITHDRAWAL

Please wait until directed to leave the Church.

After the Service, The Grand Prior will host a Reception to which you are all invited in the Chapter Hall of St John's Gate

THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM

The Order of St John first came into being in about 1080, when Benedictine monks established a place of care in Jerusalem for pilgrims to the Holy Land, be they Christian, Muslim, or Jew. The men and women who worked in the hospital were lay persons not priests. They were members of a new religious order, known as the Hospitallers.

In England, after Henry VIII dissolved the Order as a monastic organisation in 1540 the English langue fell into vicissitude. In the nineteenth century it was revived, aspiring to the Order's original Hospitaller mission, and, in the spirit of Victorian philanthropy, those individuals seeking the Order's revival recognised the need to provide free first aid training, as well as the provision of care and ambulance transport services.

The Order was granted a Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1888. This act established it as a Royal Order of Chivalry: The Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. (The title 'Most' was bestowed by the Royal Charter in 1950 in recognition of wartime bravery). It is now represented globally by Priories and Associations. In each nation St John adapts its medical offer to meet the needs of the local population, from providing free mother and baby care in Malawi to statutory ambulance services in Western Australia. Reconnecting with its historic legacy, the Venerable Order established an Eye Hospital in Jerusalem in 1882, following the founding principles of the Hospitallers in treating all those in need, regardless of race, faith, or ability to pay.

Under the leadership of the Lord Prior, the Order is developing a global strategy to ensure consistency and high standards in health care around the world. We promote physical, mental, and spiritual health and well-being. It is built on our motto "Pro Fide (for the faith), Pro Utilitate Hominum (in the service of humanity)" and our values embody the Christian principles of our founders: • Respect • Unselfishness • Excellence • Openness and transparency • Devotion • Togetherness • Diversity and inclusiveness • Faithfulness.

The Order of St John, as a chivalric order with Her Majesty The Queen as our Sovereign Head, admits its members and conducts its promotions based upon these values. And if you are a member of the Order, you become part of a worldwide network committed to ensuring that your behaviour and your actions are modelled on these values. But unlike other orders of chivalry, selection and promotions are based not only on what you have done, but also carry responsibility for what you will do, with even greater effort, in the future. Our mission is based upon the example of Christ about loving our neighbour and providing aid to the poor and sick.

A person can only be admitted to the Order with the sanction of HM The Queen or, in certain Commonwealth countries, with the sanction of the Governor-General acting on her behalf. There is no governmental or political involvement in the process of selection for membership. The eligibility criterion is that membership and promotion is for anyone who has done something special for St John or in the spirit of the Order, and their service has stood out from their peers. Such people include 200,000 active volunteers, in addition to specialists, employees, and uniformed Ambulance personnel.

THE ACCOLADE OF THE ORDER

Traditionally, knighthoods are confirmed by the bestowal of the Accolade at an investiture, and this continues to be the case within the Realm of the United Kingdom or certain other Realms of which Her Majesty The Queen is Sovereign. Knighthoods of the Order of St John are conferred by instrument signed by Her Majesty The Queen (or in Australia and Canada by the Governor-General acting on Her behalf).

The bestowal of the Accolade of the Order is the outward and visible sign of the approbation and the estimation in which the person upon whom it is bestowed is held, and a public recognition of their appointment.

The Accolade of the Realm is bestowed by touches of the sword ('dubbing') on each shoulder of the postulant; the Accolade of the Order is bestowed by three touches of the sword on the left shoulder of the postulant. The origins of the Order's practice are not known, but it has been suggested that it is to reflect the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

The Accolade of the Order is only conferred on those who are admitted or promoted to the Grades of Bailiff Grand Cross or Knight of the Order, and then only where the postulants have not received the Accolade of one of Her Majesty's Realms.

It is implicit in the appointment of a male person to Grade I or Grade II in a Specified Order (Royal Victorian Order and UK Orders of State) that that person either is at the time of appointment, or will, become a Knight of the Realm. There is no corresponding implication in the case of admission in or promotion to Grade I or Grade II of the Order. Therefore, a male person appointed to Grade I or II in an Order of the Realm may use the title 'Sir' and a female person so appointed may use the title 'Dame'. There is no such entitlement in relation to the Accolade of the Order.

The bestowal of the Accolade of the Order mirrors the bestowal of the Accolade of the Realm of the United Kingdom. Thus, the Accolade is not conferred on ladies (save, for constitutional reasons, within the Priory of Canada).

Furthermore, as in the case of the Accolade of the Realm, the Accolade of the Order is not bestowed on clergy who are members of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England. In such cases, instead of bestowing the Accolade, the Investing Officer affirms the postulant's appointment by placing a hand on the postulant's left shoulder.

THE PROCESSIONAL SYMBOLS

The Great Banner of the Order is carried in procession in public, but not inside St John's Gate. It displays the ancient arms of the Order and bears an augmentation of honour, being embellished with a representation of the Royal Crest in the first quarter, an especial mark of Royal favour granted by His Majesty King George V. The new Great Banner used today was dedicated at St Paul's Cathedral on St John's Day, 23 June 1984. The old Great Banner, laid up at the same service, is preserved in St John's Gate.

The Cross of the Order is the symbol of the spiritual jurisdiction of the Prelate and, when he is present, it is carried immediately in front of him in procession. Although the Cross used today is an exact replica, made in 1982, the ancient cross, which may be seen in the Order's Museum in St John's Gate, is a fine example of parcel-gilt repoussé work and was first used by the Order in France in the 16th century. It came to the Most Venerable Order in 1904 through the bequest of Lady Lechmere.

The Sword of the Order, which was made by Wilkinson in 1944, is the emblem of the temporal jurisdiction of Her Majesty The Queen, The Sovereign Head. In Her Majesty's absence, it is borne immediately in front of His Royal Highness The Grand Prior or his representative. It is also used when conferring the Accolade of the Order at Receptions and Investitures of Knights, and on such occasions is borne unsheathed. On Royal occasions, and for the Annual Service of Commemoration and Re-dedication in St Paul's Cathedral on St John's Day, the Sword is sheathed in the Royal or State scabbard, first used by Her Majesty in 1971; for other events the black duty scabbard is used.

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST JOHN

The Church in which today's service has taken place stands on the site of the original round church built by the Knights of St John and consecrated in 1185. Only the Crypt of this church survives, however the line of the old circular nave can be seen in the pavement outside.

Rebuilt several times, the Church fell into disuse following the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in 1540. The Church was then used as a private chapel and later as a parish church until 1931 when the Church of England transferred ownership back to the Order of St John. The building was repaired again following bomb damage caused during the Second World War.

The Church stood at the centre of the Order's Priory in Clerkenwell, of which only the Church and the South Gate, now called St John's Gate, remain.

Today, the Priory Church is used for the services and investitures of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. On the walls hang the banners of The Sovereign Head, The Grand Prior, the Priories and Commanderies, and the Bailiffs and Dames Grand Cross.



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