

The Chancellor then acquainted the Sovereign that Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter, Principal King of Arms, was attending at the door, and humbly prayed to be admitted to take the oath of office as Chief Officer of Arms of this Most Noble Order; whereupon Garter, in his Mantle, wearing the chain and badge of his office (with which he had been duly invested by the Sovereign, on the 27th day of August 1842), and carrying his sceptre, being by the Queen's command introduced, and kneeling on the left hand side, near the Sovereign, and holding the holy gospels in his hand, the oath was administered to him by the Chancellor; Garter rising, then made his obeisance to the Sovereign, and having had the honour to kiss Her Majesty's hand, withdrew to his place at the bottom of the table.

The Chancellor then, by command of Her Majesty, read a new Statute, dispensing with the existing Statutes, in as far as might be required for the especial purpose therein mentioned, and decreeing, ordaining, and enjoining that His Majesty Louis Philippe, King of the French, be declared a Knight of this Most Noble Order, any statute, decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the two Senior Knights Companions present, thereupon retired from the Chapter, when, by the Sovereign's command, the King of the French was conducted from His Majesty's apartments to the Chapter-room, between their Royal Highnesses, preceded by Garter (bearing the Ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion) and by Black Rod.

On entering the Chapter-room, His Majesty was received by the Sovereign and the Knights Companions standing, and seated in a chair of state on the right hand of the Sovereign.

The Sovereign announced to the King of the French that His Majesty had been declared elected a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Garter, then kneeling, presented the garter to the Sovereign, and Her Majesty, assisted by His Royal Highness Prince Albert and His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, buckled it on the left leg of His Majesty the King of the French, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition.

Garter next presented, in like manner, the ribband with the George, and the Sovereign, assisted as before, put the same over the left shoulder of the King of the French, the Chancellor pronouncing the admonition.

The Sovereign thereupon gave the Accolade to the King of the French; and His Majesty then passing round the table received the congratulations of each of the Knights Companions present, and then resumed his seat.

The Chapter being ended, the Knights Companions were severally called over by Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, retired from the presence of the Sovereign with the usual reverences.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent, the Duchess of Cambridge, the Hereditary Grand Duchess of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, their Royal Highnesses the Duke de Montpensier and the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, several of the Great Officers of State, Cabinet Ministers, the French Ambassador, and other personages of distinction in the suite of His Majesty the King of the French, with the Officers of the Royal Household, were present at this august ceremony.

In the evening a State Banquet was given in St. George's-Hall, at which the above-named Royal, Noble, and Distinguished Persons, the Knights Companions, with the Officers of the Order, were present. During the Banquet Her Majesty drank to the health of Her Illustrious Visitor the King of the French.