

respectively as the badges appointed for the Military and Civil Knights Grand Cross, but of smaller size; and that the said Knights Commanders shall wear upon the upper part and left side of their coats or outer garments, the stars hereinafter described, that is to say, every Military Knight Commander shall wear a star composed of four rays of silver, between each of which shall issue a smaller ray, also of silver; in the centre shall be, on a ground argent, three imperial crowns, one and two or, within a circle gules, inscribed with the motto, "Tria Juncta in Uno," in letters gold, and encompassed by two branches of laurel, in proper colours, issuing from an escrol azure, inscribed, "Ich Dien," also in letters gold, the whole in form and arrangement as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes; and the Civil Knights Commanders shall wear a star composed of four rays of silver, between each of which shall issue a smaller ray, also of silver, in the centre, on a ground argent, three imperial crowns, one and two or, within a circle gules, inscribed with the motto, "Tria Juncta in Uno," in letters gold, as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes.

Twenty-second.—It is ordained, that the Military and Civil Companions shall each wear a badge of the same form as that appointed for the Knights Commanders Military and Civil respectively, but of smaller size, and pendant from a ribband of the same colour as is prescribed for the Knights Commanders, and measuring two inches in breadth, the said ribband attached by a buckle from the left breast of their coats or outer garments, as in the representation thereof annexed to these Our Statutes.

Twenty-third.—It is ordained, that every Member and Officer of this Most Honorable Order, immediately after he shall have received the insignia thereof, give a written undertaking, covenant, or promise, unto the Secretary, which in the case of Knights Grand Cross shall be in the words following:—"I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter cease to hold my rank and place as a Member of this Most Honorable Order, I will forthwith restore to the Secretary all the insignia thereof which I have received from the Sovereign, or from the Chamberlain of the Sovereign's Household; and I further promise, that I will, without delay, make provision for the due restoration of the said insignia by my personal representatives, in case I shall continue a Member of this Order until the period of my decease." We are further pleased to declare and command, that in the cases of Knights Commanders and Companions the form shall be as follows: "I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter be promoted or otherwise cease to hold my rank and place in this Most Honorable Order, I will forthwith restore to the Secretary all the insignia thereof which I

"have received from the Sovereign; and I further promise, that I will, without delay, make provision for the due restoration of the said insignia by my personal representatives, in case I shall continue a Member of this Order until the period of my decease;" and further, we are pleased to declare and command, that in the case of an Officer of this Order, the form shall be as follows: "I hereby covenant and promise, that in case I should hereafter be promoted or otherwise cease to hold my office in this Most Honorable Order, I will forthwith restore to the Secretary, or to the Chamberlain of the Sovereign's Household, all the badges, chains, or other ensigns thereof which I have received from the Sovereign; and I further promise, that I will, without delay, make provision for the due restoration of the said insignia, in case I shall continue an Officer of this Order until the period of my decease." And further, We are pleased to declare and command, that the foregoing covenants, promises, and undertakings be carefully preserved by the Chamberlain of Our Household, until the period of their fulfilment. Provided, nevertheless, and We are hereby further pleased to declare, that if any person, who shall have been admitted to be a Member of the second or of the third class of the Military Division of this Order, shall subsequently be admitted to be a Member of a higher class of the Civil Division thereof; or if any person, who shall have been admitted to be a Member of the second or of the third class of the Civil Division of this Order, shall subsequently be admitted to be a Member of a higher class of the Military Division thereof, such person shall be entitled to retain and wear the insignia of such inferior class, in addition to the insignia of such higher class, although by the acceptance of such higher rank in the said Order he shall have vacated his place as a Member of such lower class thereof.

Twenty-fourth.—It is ordained, that for the greater splendour and dignity of this Most Honorable Order, it shall be lawful for the Knights Grand Cross, in conformity with the ancient usage, upon all occasions; to bear and use supporters to their arms; and We do by these presents direct and command Our Garter Principal King of Arms for the time being to grant supporters to such Knights Grand Cross, as shall not be entitled otherwise thereto; it shall likewise be lawful for all Knights Grand Cross to surround their armorial ensigns with a representation of the collar circle, and motto of this Order, with the badge pendant thereto, and for all Knights Commanders to surround their armorial ensigns with the circle and motto of this Order, and with a representation of their badge suspended thereto; moreover, such Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders as belong to the Military Divisions of their respective classes, shall encompass the circle and motto hereinbefore mentioned with two laurel branches, in proper