

ordained that men and women admitted to this Order shall take rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations in the Classes of the Order to which they severally belong.

VIII. It is ordained that the Insignia and Robes of the Sovereign of this Order shall be of the same material and fashion as are herein after appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, save only with those alterations which distinguish Our Royal Dignity.

IX. It is ordained that the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross of this Order shall upon all great and solemn occasions wear the Badge of the Order, which shall consist of a white enamelled Maltese Cross of eight points, on an oval centre of crimson enamel the Royal and Imperial Monogram of Our Royal Predecessor Queen Victoria, in gold, within a blue enamelled border inscribed with the motto of the Order, "Victoria," in letters of gold, ensigned with the Imperial Crown enamelled in proper colours; the Badge to be suspended from a dark blue Riband with a narrow edge of three stripes, red, white, and red, on each side, the Riband being of the breadth of three inches and three-quarters in the case of Knights Grand Cross, and of the breadth of two inches and one-quarter in the case of Dames Grand Cross, passing from the right shoulder to the left side; and also that they shall wear on the left side of their coats or outer-garments a silver chipped Star of eight points, in the centre whereof shall be a representation of the Badge of the First Class of the Order, as above described.

X. It is ordained that the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross shall, upon all great and solemn occasions to be appointed, wear Mantles of dark blue satin, edged with red satin two inches in width, the edging of the collar being half an inch in width, lined with white silk, and fastened by a cordon of dark blue silk and gold, with two dark blue silk and gold tassels attached thereto; and that on the left side of the Mantles shall be embroidered a representation of the Star of a Knight, or Dame, Grand Cross of the Order. And We do command that the Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross shall wear, on all days usually termed "Collar Days," a Collar of gold, composed of octagonal pieces and oblong perforated and ornamental frames alternately, linked together with gold; the said pieces being edged and ornamented with gold, and each containing upon a blue enamelled ground a gold rose jewelled with a carbuncle, and the said frame being of gold, and each containing a portion of the inscription "Victoria . . . Britt. Reg. . . Def. Fid. . . Ind. Imp." in letters of white enamel; in the centre of the said Collar shall be, within a perforated and ornamental frame of gold, an octagonal piece, enamelled blue, edged with red, and charged with a white saltire, thereon a gold medallion of the effigy of Our Royal Predecessor Queen Victoria, from which shall hang the Badge of the Order.

XI. It is ordained that the second part of the foregoing Statute shall not apply to any Knight Grand Cross who shall have restored the Collar of this Order upon receiving a Collar of an Order of higher rank and precedence, nor to any Honorary Knight Grand

Cross or Honorary Dame Grand Cross who shall not have received a Collar of this Order.

XII. It is ordained that all Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross who have received, or shall receive, Collars of this Order shall make arrangements for their return to the Chancery of the Order in the event of the said Knights or Dames receiving Collars of an Order of higher rank and precedence, or of their decease. And it is ordained that a Foreign Ambassador, or Foreign Minister, to the Court of Saint James's, on whom has been, or shall be, conferred the dignity of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of this Order, and who has received, or shall receive, the Collar of the Order, shall return the said Collar to the Chancery of the Order on his recall to his own country. And We are pleased to declare that every person who receives a Collar of this Order shall, upon receiving it, give a written undertaking and promise to fulfil the provisions of this Statute.

XIII. It is ordained that the Knights Commanders of this Order shall wear around their necks a Riband of the same colours and pattern as that of the Knights Grand Cross, of the breadth of one inch and three-quarters, and pendent therefrom the Badge of the Knights Commanders of the Order, which shall be of similar form and pattern to that appointed for the Knights Grand Cross, but of a smaller size; and also that they shall wear, on the left side of their coats or outer-garments, a silver Star, composed of a Maltese Cross with smaller rays issuing from the centre between the angles of the Cross, and in the centre the Badge of the Order, as before described, except that the Cross shall be of frosted silver instead of white enamel; and it is ordained that the Dames Commanders of this Order shall wear a Badge of similar form and pattern to that appointed for Knights Commanders, attached to a similar Riband tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder, and that they shall wear a like Star.

XIV. It is ordained that the Commanders of this Order shall wear a Riband and Badge of similar form and pattern to those appointed for the Knights Commanders and Dames Commanders of the Order, and in the same manner as is prescribed in the preceding Statute for Knights Commanders and Dames Commanders respectively; but that they shall not be entitled to wear or use the Star.

XV. It is ordained that the Members of the Fourth Class of this Order shall wear a Badge of similar form and pattern to that appointed for the Commanders of the Order, but of a smaller size, pendent from a Riband of the same colours and pattern, of the breadth of one inch and a quarter, attached to the left side of their coats or outer-garments by men, and tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder by women.

XVI. It is ordained that the Members of the Fifth Class of this Order shall wear, in like manner, a Riband and Badge similar to those appointed for the Fourth Class, except that the Cross shall be of frosted silver instead of white enamel.

XVII. It is ordained that upon the nomination of any person to be a Knight Grand Cross, Dame Grand Cross, Knight Commander, or Dame Commander of this Order, he, or she,