

THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER
OF
SAINT MICHAEL
AND
SAINT GEORGE
ANNUAL REPORT

2017

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**LETTER FROM
SIR DAVID MANNING**

As Jeremy Greenstock flagged in his Foreword to last year's Report, 2018 is the Bicentenary of our Order and we shall be marking the anniversary in a number of ways.

The centrepiece of the celebrations will be a full Ceremonial Service in St Paul's, on 28 June 2018, which will be attended by The Sovereign for the first time since 2008, and by The Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent. The officers hope that there will be a very large attendance by Members and their guests to mark this special occasion. You should already have received application forms to attend the Service but, if not, please contact the Central Chancery.

To mark the Bicentenary there will also be trips to Malta (6-14 November 2018) and to Corfu (17-24 May 2019), which Michael Shaw and Michael Llewellyn Smith are very kindly organising. Places on both visits are already fully subscribed but please apply if you want to join the waiting list.

Last year's Annual Evensong and Reception took place on 27 September and was attended by 342 Members and their guests. It raised £949.92 which was split equally between the Order and St Paul's. The Order's portion was passed to the Bicentenary Appeal. So far this has raised £25,093, and we are immensely grateful to all those who have contributed through special donations, both individuals and organisations.

As previously agreed, and notified to Members, the Order committed itself to contribute to the restoration of two oil paintings in Malta of St Michael and St George and has now paid £19,487.01 towards the costs, leaving the Appeal with a balance of £5,606.64. The Officers are considering how to make best use of the remaining funds – and any further funds raised by the Appeal. One idea is to contribute to an exhibition of Order memorabilia in Malta and/or Corfu, or otherwise to use the money in support of the Order's visits to Malta and Corfu.

I wish that I had encouraging news about the Order's numbers. So far, the government has been unwilling to address the issue. Nevertheless, we shall continue to press; and please continue to put forward names of those who have furthered the UK's international interests whatever their profession or background. We would like many more to be recognised for their contributions and made members of the Order.

Finally, let me repeat that we hope to see as many of you as possible for the Bicentenary Service on 28 June 2018.

David Manning
Registrar

HISTORY OF THE CHAPEL OF THE ORDER

The Chapel of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, in St. Paul's Cathedral, was formally dedicated in 1906. Fifteen years earlier, the enterprising Archdeacon of London, William Sinclair, had spoken of his visionary quest to find a spiritual home for the Order. He announced his plan at the Imperial Federation Banquet.

This seems to have been something of an individual campaign by the Archdeacon. There is no record of a prior consultation with the Cathedral Chapter and no known connection with the Order.

Great debates ensued about the suitability of the Archdeacon's ideals, in particular his wish that the Knights of the Order should be given banners, as this appears to have created a precedent and would involve substantial costs.

In 1895, Robert Gregory, Dean of St. Paul's, announced that he was happy to support the campaign, and suggested that the Wellington Chapel could be dedicated for the purpose. The name 'Wellington' referred to the area of the Cathedral, in the South West corner, used to construct and temporarily house the monument in memory of the Duke of Wellington. It had also been the area used at one time for the Consistory Court of London.

The Dean of St. Paul's expressed the view that dedicating a Chapel gave the Order an opportunity to be recognised in a similar way to the Order of the Garter at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and the Order of the Bath at Westminster Abbey. In consultation with Members of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, the Dean was happy to say that: 'It would be a pleasure to us to do what we can to meet these wishes'. Furthermore, the Chapter was prepared to contribute £250 towards the estimated cost of £1,000 for 'the expense of properly fitting up the Chapel'.

The Prelate of the Order had traditionally been appointed from amongst the serving colonial Bishops. With the advent of a dedicated Chapel, it was proposed that in future the Prelate should be resident at home rather than abroad, but with strong overseas connections.

In the early years of the twentieth century, a committee was set up and an appeal launched to further the establishment of the Chapel. The total raised by the appeal was £7,200. Because of the limited size of the Chapel, it was agreed that the inaugural service required the use of the whole Cathedral. This took place on 12th June 1906, attended by both The King, and The Prince of Wales as Grand Master, along with other distinguished participants, including all Members of the Order in 'full dress and insignia pertaining to their rank'. At that Service, the Prelate preached on the text of Ephesians 6:13.

An Annual Service was agreed and the liturgy written specially by Bishop Collins of Gibraltar. A Service was also established to commemorate those Members of the Order who had died during each previous year.

By 1911 the Prelate proposed the involvement of the Dean and Chapter in the Order, but this particular debate proved to be a lengthy one and it was 1967 when the Dean of St. Paul's became ex officio Dean of the Order.

Improving and decorating the Chapel continued for many years, most particularly under the patronage of Bishop Henry Montgomery who, as Prelate of the Order from 1905-1932, was a most vigorous and enthusiastic campaigner for the promotion of the Order on behalf of its Members. After his death, very few alterations were made to the Chapel until discussions began in 1967 to plan for a budget of £4,000 to undertake new refurbishments.

A new statue of St. Michael, designed in contemporary style, was dedicated in 1970 and the altar was given a new frontal.

Until 1955 the Annual Service was held on or near St. George's Day, but from 1956 onwards the date was moved to June because the greatest number of visitors was expected then, with an annual dinner held at the Corona Club. Until the 1960s, the Service predominantly featured the reading of lists of deceased and the subsequent removal of banners from the Chapel. Some thought there was too much emphasis on the dead rather than the living. For the 1965 Annual Service, revisions were made, the funeral march omitted and colour was introduced to the cover of the Service order. Until 1938 the Service was held in the Chapel, but to allow for the larger numbers in attendance, a decision was made to hold an opening Service in the Chapel and then proceed to the nave of the Cathedral.

Since 1961 attendance by The Sovereign has usually assumed a pattern of every seven or eight years. In 1990 the decision was made to hold a full Ceremonial Service every two years, and in between to invite Members of the Order to Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral on or near 29th September, the feast of St Michael. In 2008 it was decided to hold a full Ceremonial Service every four years, with effect from 2013.

SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL OF THE ORDER

Living Members, including honorary Members, may have the following Services in the Cathedral:

- a. Marriage of a Member of the Order or of the son or daughter of a Member.
- b. Baptism of a child or grandchild of a Member.
- c. Memorial Services for a Member of the Order.

All take place according to the rites of the Church of England. Step-children and step-grandchildren will be treated as children and grandchildren, for as long as their parent is married to a Member of the Order.

The Order's Chapel will accommodate a congregation of approximately eighty.

In the first instance, a Member wishing to make use of the Chapel should apply to the Deputy Secretary at the address given at the beginning of this Report. He will then confirm with the authorities at St. Paul's that, in principle, the Service may take place and will put the Member in touch with the Weddings and Baptisms Co-ordinator. The Cathedral authorities will also advise you whether the Chapel of St. Michael and St. George or the Chapel of St. Faith, in the Crypt will be the better place for your event. The Cathedral authorities make a charge for the Services referred to above and will notify the exact amount to the Member.

It should be noted, however, that the Chapel of the Order is not ideal for a Wedding. It is sometimes noisy due to its position in the main body of the Cathedral which is open to visitors. It also has limited seating and musical facilities. Members may be offered the use of St. Faith's Chapel in the Crypt as an alternative. St. Faith's Chapel is more conducive to a Marriage Service being situated away from the general public and having a good seating capacity at approximately 350. The decision as to which Chapel may be used rests finally with the Dean.

STALL PLATES IN THE CHAPEL OF THE ORDER

Those visiting the Chapel of the Order wishing to locate an arms or name plate should be aware that a list of plates together with a plan of the Chapel is available on request from the Virger's department. This list will be on display at the annual Services of the Order.



The Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George

Credit: Mr Peter Smith, St Paul's Cathedral

PRAYERS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

Prayer of the Order

Grant unto us, O Lord, the royalty of inward happiness and the serenity which comes from living close to thee. Daily renew in all Members of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George the sense of joy, and let thy eternal Spirit dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and gladness: so that, bearing about with us the infection of a good courage, we may be diffusers of life, and meet all that comes, of good or ill, even death itself, with courage and faith: giving thee thanks always for all things. **Amen.**

Prayers of Commemoration

The following prayers are suggested by the Officers of the Order for use at the Funeral or Memorial Service of a Member of the Order:-

O Eternal God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, thyself unchanged abiding, we bless thy holy name for all who have completed their earthly course in thy faith and following, and are now at rest; we remember before thee this day all Members of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in fellowship with their families and all who mourn them, rendering thanks to thee for the gift of their friendship and for their life of service and devotion. To them, with all the faithful departed, grant thy peace: let light perpetual shine upon them: and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Or

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given to mankind the sense of thankfulness and dost sustain us with the wonder of memory, we bless thy holy name for all thy servants who, being Members of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, have left to us the example of service and loyalty. We humbly commend the soul of thy servant,, into the hands of a faithful creator and merciful Saviour. Through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. **Amen.**

ACTIVITIES DURING 2017

TEA AND LECTURE

The seventh of the Order's Lectures was given by The Lord Ricketts GCMG GCVO, Former Ambassador to France, and National Security Adviser, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, 12th June 2017 in the Locarno Suite at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. A short drinks reception was served after the Lecture at 6:30 p.m. His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the Order, did not attend the Lecture.

SERVICE AND RECEPTION

A Service for Members of the Order and their guests was held in St. Paul's Cathedral at 5 p.m. on Wednesday 27th September 2017. The Collection taken during the Service raised £949.92 which was split equally between St. Paul's Cathedral and the Order's Bicentenary fund raising. The Service was followed by a Reception in the Crypt of the Cathedral.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

During the 2017 Service of the Order, the Lady Usher of the Blue Rod read out the following names of those Members of the Order whose deaths had been noted in the Chancery since the previous Service.

Knights Grand Cross

The Lord Bridges	Sir Nicholas Fenn
Sir Ewen Fergusson	Sir John Fretwell
Sir Reginald Palmer	

Knights and Dames Commander

Sir John Hanson	Sir George Harding
Sir Cosmo Haskard	Sir Peter Marychurch
Sir Julien Priestley	

Companions

Alyson Bailes	Sydney Cambridge
Ian Chalmers	Air Vice-Marshal Hubert Hall
The Reverend John Lamani	Jeffrey Ling
Colin Mays	Lieutenant General Donald McIver
Professor Derek Mulvaney	Roger Tutt
Sir Alan Urwick	

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORDER

The following Appointments to, and Promotions within, the Order have been made during 2017:

17th June 2017

Knights and Dames Commander

Dame Shan Morgan, DCMG

Sir Jonathan Faull, KCMG

Companions

Ms Betty Palaso, CMG, OBE

Howard Drake Esq., CMG, OBE

Jacob Weiss Esq., CMG

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Dr Carolyn Browne, CMG

Professor Christine Chinkin, CMG

Matthew Kidd Esq., CMG

Stephen Lillie Esq., CMG

Charles Powell Esq., CMG

Mark Stephens Esq., CMG

31st December 2017

Knights Grand Cross

Sir Mark Lyall Grant, GCMG

Knights Commanders

Sir Dominick Chilcott, KCMG

Sir Mark Sedwill, KCMG

The Honourable Sir Joseph Bossano, KCMG

Sir Paul Mahoney, KCMG

Companions

Francis Baker Esq., CMG, OBE

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Ms Diana Nelson, CMG, OBE

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Lawrence Cartwright Esq., CMG

The Reverend Dr Ranford Patterson, CMG

REGISTER OF THE ORDER

The Register of the Order at 31st December 2017 shows the following numbers of Members (including Additional Members but excluding Honorary Members):-

Knights and Dames Grand Cross	73
Knights and Dames Commander	212
Companions	929
	1,214

ACTIVITIES DURING 2018

LECTURE & EVENSONG

Due to the Ceremonial Service taking place this year there will be no Lecture and no Evensong

2018 CEREMONIAL SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE BI-CENTENARY

The next Service of the Order will be in the form of a full Ceremonial Service and takes place at 11 a.m. on Thursday 28th June 2018 in St. Paul's Cathedral. This will be preceded by a Reception in the Locarno Rooms, of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the evening of Wednesday 27th June 2018. The Reception will last for one hour during which drinks will be served. This will enable Members to make whatever arrangements they might wish for the remainder of the evening.

Application forms for tickets have been sent to you in a separate mailing and should be returned when completed to the Deputy Secretary of the Order, if you have not received your application pack then please contact Info@ccok.org.uk. You can also apply through the website of the Central Chancery here:

www.centralchancery.org.uk/Home/SMSGService

FUTURE RECEPTIONS AND SERVICES

The eighth of the Order's Lectures, and the next Evensong and Reception will take place in 2019, then the next Ceremonial Service following the Bicentenary will be in 2021 in order to restore the original schedule.

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

Speakers for Schools provides state schools with access to a network of voluntary speakers dedicated to giving inspirational and engaging talks to young people for free. Speakers for Schools was launched in October 2011 with a series of talks in state secondary schools around England. It is the idea of Robert Peston, former BBC Business Editor and now ITV's Political Editor, who wants young people in disadvantaged state schools and colleges to have the same opportunities to hear from inspirational speakers as those who attend well known independent schools. The aim is to broaden the horizons and raise the aspirations of young people. Speakers for Schools aims to have 1000 speakers who can address the big topical issues of the day: technological, scientific, political, economic, historical, cultural, artistic, ecological and ethical. Over 750 people have already agreed to participate including many CEOs, politicians, media and arts people, scientists, entrepreneurs and academics.

The way it works is as follows: Speakers kindly agree to give at least one talk per annum. Schools and speakers are matched based on the topics and areas of interest the school has selected. Once a speaker has agreed to speak, Speakers for Schools will liaise with the school to confirm dates and to send contact details and other relevant information to both. Final arrangements are then made between the speaker and the school.

Because we believe Members of the Order have unique experience in their fields, the Officers of the Order would like to encourage Members to sign up as a voluntary speaker. If any Member is interested, please register your details with the organisation through their website: www.speakers4schools.org. When registering, please identify to Speakers for Schools that you are a Member of the Order of St. Michael and St. George and inform the Chancery of the Order that you have registered.

THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE IN MALTA

2018 is the Bicentenary of the foundation of the Order of St Michael and St George in Malta and Corfu, a year which happily coincides with the year in which Valletta is to be the European City of Culture. A group of current members of the Order will be visiting Malta in November 2018 to commemorate this bicentenary. The origins stem from the aftermath of the Napoleonic wars when the Maltese Islands passed under British sovereignty and rule by the 1st Treaty of Paris in 1814 and the Ionian Islands became a British Protectorate the following year by the 2nd Treaty. These two new British acquisitions had much in common, apart from a long history which was not dissimilar in pattern.

One of the features shared by them was the love for personal honours and awards. After the Venetian Republic's 400 year rule over the Ionian Islands with all the opulence that that meant, the Ionians were accustomed to and indeed expected dazzling personal decorations. In Malta too after the splendour that had surrounded the Knights of St John there remained a positive love for insignia. Describing Malta at this period the British Governor wrote "we live here surrounded by an atmosphere of stars and ribands." That was written by Lt-General Sir Thomas Maitland the first Governor of Malta and also the first Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands who was soon to be the joint-creator (with the Prince Regent) of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George. Maitland's proposal for such an order was intended to reward deserving Ionians and Maltese and to confirm their loyalty

It was originally suggested to Maitland that the Order should be called the Order of St Spiridion (the patron saint of Corfu) but Maitland disagreed as the Saint was not held in the same high veneration in Malta. Then it might have been "St John of Jerusalem dropping the Jerusalem and perhaps "St John of the Isles. Finally it was decided to dedicate the Order to St George, the patron Saint of England and to the Saint regarded as the first Knight - St Michael. Founding a new strictly British Order principally for non-United Kingdom subjects was unprecedented – but politically expedient.

The Order was officially founded on April 27 1818 by the Prince Regent acting on behalf of his father King George III. There were to be three classes of members, all of them Knights 8 Knights Grand Cross (including the Grand Master), 12 Knights Commanders and 24 Knights (today's Companions) UK subjects serving in an official capacity in Malta or the Ionian Islands or in naval employment in the Mediterranean were also eligible for admission to the Order.

In Malta the first investiture in the Order took place on 16th December 1818 in the Supreme Council Chamber of the Palace in Valletta. Maitland renamed that room the Hall of St Michael and St George (it is now the Throne Room). The first Maltese dignitary to be knighted in the Order was the President of the High Court of Appeal, Giuseppe Borg Olivier who became a Knight Grand Cross. That first investiture set the pattern for future investitures in Malta for the next 50 years ie up to 1868 when the Order ceased to be a purely Mediterranean order.

In 1822 the first two Maltese CMGs were appointed. They were granted the appellation of “Sir” and accorded precedence over Knights Bachelor. In 1832 Maltese and Ionian members of the third class were styled “Cavalieri” – a title which however was abolished in 1851. From then on they were known as Companions like their UK counterparts. Two officers of arms were appointed one in Malta and one in Corfu. Their office combined several of the duties of Secretary, Registrar and King of Arms. The Officer of Arms wore a blue mantle, a badge of office and carried a Blue Rod on ceremonial occasions.

In 1864 the Ionian Islands were ceded to Greece. The Order now belonged as it were to Malta alone, but not for long. Four years later the decision was taken to transform the Order and give it a new role as a general colonial and imperial order. The number of Maltese admitted to the Order over the years (if one includes promotions within the Order) was 94 (13 GCMGs, 29 KCMGs and 61 CMGs). The last to be appointed was Colonel Victor Vella in 1960. He died in 1963 and the last Maltese member of the Order, Robert Mifsud CMG appointed in 1932 died in 1970 at the age of 95.

However since then there have been a number of honorary appointments. A previous President of Malta, the late Professor Guido de Marco received the Grand Cross from Queen Elizabeth during a visit he made to London in 2000. He was commemorated in a service at the chapel at San Anton palace during a visit from a group from the Order in 2010.

More recently during her visit to Malta in 2015 for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting the Queen offered to President Preca an Honorary Knight Grand Cross (GCMG) and an honorary Knight Commander (KCMG) to Prime Minister Mifsud. There are a number of relics of the Order still in Malta.

The Order’s ceremonial embroidered cushion on which insignia were carried at inauguration ceremonies is in the outer office of the President in the Palace in Valletta. Three years ago the Order commissioned Heritage Malta to restore it. Some of the Members’ chairs passed down from one to another as vacancies occurred are preserved in the Chapel at the President’s Palace at San Anton. They have brass plates on them on which members’ names are inscribed.

In the Palace in Valletta are two monumental paintings of St Michael and St George by the Maltese artist Pietro Paolo Caruana. (paintings below). They were specially commissioned for the inauguration of the Order by Maitland who sent Caruana off to Rome to paint them. Almost 200 years later they are showing the effects of the Mediterranean climate and present members of the Order have commissioned Heritage Malta to restore them as part of the Bicentenary celebrations.

There are of course also many monuments and tombstones in Malta where the person concerned was a member of the Order. They are to be found in various churches, including the Cathedral in Mdina and St Dominic's and the Church of the Souls in Purgatory in Valletta, on the Upper Barakka, on the Mall in Floriana and in the Addolorata Cemetery. Perhaps some keen historian could list them all and no doubt find some more?

A group from the Order will be visiting Malta in November 2018 as part of their bicentenary celebrations. We hope to have with us Mrs Despina Zernioti the Curator of Asian Art in the splendid Palace of St Michael and St George in Corfu. Mrs Zernioti has Maltese forebears and herself is an honorary CMG.

Michael Shaw

**Portrait of St Michael by
Pietro Paolo Caruana
Restored by Heritage Malta**



**Portrait of St George by
Pietro Paolo Caruana
Restored by Heritage Malta**



BIOGRAPHY OF
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR THOMAS MAITLAND GCB GCH

The original proposal for the formation of the Order came from Lt General Sir Thomas Maitland, the Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands and Governor of Malta, who had been appointed to these two posts in 1813. The founding purpose was to reward meritorious Ionians, and Maitland then asked for Maltese candidates to be added. The first appointments were made in November 1818.

Maitland was born in 1760, the second surviving son of the 7th Earl of Lauderdale. His army career began in 1778 and over the years he served in a wide variety of posts, rising to the rank of Lieutenant General. By 1798 he was in the West Indies, where without consulting the War Office he negotiated a secret treaty with Toussaint L'Ouverture in which Britain gave up its interest in Santo Domingo and Toussaint agreed that his forces would not interfere in Jamaica. Toussaint then went on to found the independent state of Haiti.

Maitland was the MP for Haddington (near Edinburgh) in 1790-96, 1802-08 and 1812-13.

In 1805 he was appointed as the 2nd British Governor of Ceylon. Here he built a new Governor's residence, which survives nowadays as the Mount Lavinia Hotel. Maitland never married, but it seems that in Ceylon he became enamoured of Lovina, a dancing girl of mixed Portuguese/Sinhalese parentage. A tunnel was built from the wine cellar at the Residence to Lovina's house in a nearby village. This was apparently much used by Maitland. It was eventually sealed up in 1920 but probably still exists. You may have stayed at the Mount Lavinia, which continues to be a fashionable hotel, perhaps without knowing about the tunnel.

By 1811 he was back in England and spent early 1812 commanding one of Wellington's armies in Spain and the Mediterranean, though it was never actually called upon to engage the enemy. Later that year he asked to be relieved, pleading ill health.

He then appears later in 1812 as the King's Representative in the North of England, based in Manchester. It was a time of considerable turmoil, with frequent riots and with the Luddite uprisings at their peak across the whole of the North. His first task was to unify the Northern and North-western districts of military administration, which had been under separate command.

He was of course determined to restore law and order, but at the same time was not keen to involve the military except as a last resort. He regarded his task as an "irksome and unpleasant duty to fulfil". So, for example, he declined to send troops to support the magistrates in Yorkshire; military aid would not be forthcoming until sufficient special constables and auxiliaries had been sworn in to protect themselves. Only if they could not then cope would troops be used.

But troops were deployed as flying patrols, a tactic which demoralised the Luddites. (By the time of the Peterloo Massacre in 1819 Maitland was already in Malta, but the present Earl once told me that, had Maitland still been in Manchester it would never have happened, as he would have kept a tighter rein on the charging Yeomanry.) By the end of the year the tactics began to work and the unrest declined. At York and Chester 35 Luddites were sentenced to death and others to transportation, though that did not bring an end to the disturbances throughout the country, a feature of the early 19th century.

So Maitland arrived in Malta in October 1813, adding Corfu to his responsibilities in 1815. He was the only person to hold the two appointments simultaneously (a later Lord High Commissioner was a certain Mr Gladstone, but that is another story). He arrived in the middle of a serious plague which killed almost 5000 people. It is said the quarantine measures he took helped to reduce it.

By 1817 he was proposing the creation of our Order. He became the first “Grand Master of the Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St George”, according to Letters Patent issued on 27 April 1818 by the Prince Regent in the name of King George III. The first statutes were issued on August 14 that year.

Maitland was variously described as “combative, truculent, cynical, vain, eccentric and a rough old despot”, earning the nickname of "King Tom" from his soldiers and subjects. But he also proved to be an outstanding administrator, described as “bestriding the Mediterranean like a colossus”. He oversaw all the arrangements for the formation of the Order, formed the Malta Police force, and introduced much needed reforms in the laws and taxation, while continuing with the concurrent administration of the Ionian Islands.

He died unexpectedly of apoplexy on 17 January 1824, and his memorial is situated on the Upper Barakka in Valletta (we will be laying a wreath in November during our visit). There is also a memorial Rotunda in Corfu. Alas the promise he had made to a number of people that he would ensure they got their KCMG died with him.

In that splendid little book *The Letters of Private Wheeler*, Wheeler, in Corfu, writes that “the soldiers drank a glass to the memory of King Tom, got as drunk as Lords and went to bed as happy as Princes”. It will be up to present-day Members of the Order to follow that example if they so wish.

Michael Shaw

THE ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE BOOK

As part of the Bicentenary the Officers have decided to reduce the purchase price of the history of the Order, by The Rev. Canon Prof. Peter Galloway, OBE, from £25.00 to £15.00

This beautifully produced book, commissioned by the Officers of the Order, is an in-depth history of The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George. The result of three years of detailed research, Dr. Galloway's extensive study of this "*Overseas*" Order has become the definitive and standard work of reference.

The Rev. Canon Professor Peter Galloway, OBE was born in London in 1954. A graduate in history of Goldsmiths College, London, he subsequently studied theology at St. Stephen's House, Oxford and did postgraduate historical research at King's College, London. His published books include: *The Order of St Patrick 1783-1983* (1983), *Good and Faithful Servants* (1988), *The cathedrals of Ireland* (1992), a history of the Royal Victorian Order in *Royal Service: Volume 1* (1996), *The Order of the British Empire* (1996), *A Passionate Humility* (1999), *The most Illustrious Order* (1999), *The Cathedrals of Scotland* (2000).

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Members might be interested to know that the current replacement value of insignia is as follows:

GCMG	£6,017.16
LADIES GCMG	£3,247.84
KCMG	£5,293.92
DCMG	£4,311.12
CMG	£1,113.24

EMBLEM OF THE ORDER

The Officers of the Order are pleased to advise Members that an Emblem has been produced for Members of the Order to purchase. The Emblem allows male and female Members of the Order to wear a representation of their award in their everyday life. The Emblem costs £42.00 inclusive of VAT. If you are interested in purchasing an Emblem, please contact Toye, Kenning & Spencer at Coram Street, London WC1N 1HA, or by telephone on +44 (0)20 7400 5756, or alternatively you can purchase online at www.thetoyeshop.com



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HALCYON DAYS

THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE HAND-PAINTED ENAMEL BOX

The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George was founded by the Prince Regent, later King George IV, in 1818 to commemorate the Ionian Islands being placed under British protection and Malta under British Sovereignty and to reward meritorious services in these islands - St Michael, a martial figure, and St George, the Patron Saint of England.

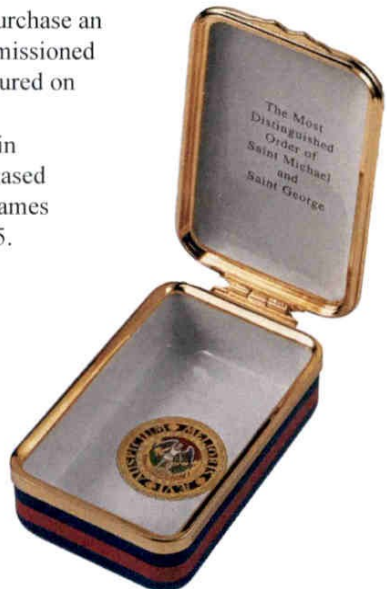


After the termination of the British protection of the Ionian Islands, the Order was placed on a new basis in 1868, when it was extended and made to provide for 'such subjects of the Crown as may have held or shall hold high and confidential offices within Her Majesty's Colonial possessions and in reward for services in relation to the foreign affairs of the Empire'. Today the Order is awarded to both diplomats and others rendering distinguished foreign service.

Members of the Order now have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive enamel box, which has been specially commissioned from Halcyon Days. The insignia of St George is featured on the lid, and that of St Michael inside the base.

The hand-painted box, which measures 2½" (6.3cm) in length, comes in a presentation case and can be purchased for the price of £295. Members may also have their names inscribed inside the lid for an additional charge of £35.

Established in 1950, Halcyon Days is the guardian of enamelling. We promote, cherish, develop and maintain British craftsmanship and manufacturing. The art of enamelling on copper has been carried out in England since the 1740s and our team of highly skilled craftsmen and master artists, based in our factory in the heart of England, employ refined techniques that have been handed down for generations. One of only fourteen companies in the world to be the proud holder of all three Royal Warrants, we take great pride in creating and delivering exceptional and unique gifts for a discerning, international clientele.



PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ORDER FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS AND RETURN TO:
HALCYON DAYS, 27 ROYAL EXCHANGE, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, EC3V 3LP

TITLE: _____ NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Delivery name and address if different from above: _____

	PRICE	QTY.
Ref: ENOMG0123G Order of St Michael & St George enamel box	£295	
Personalisation on the inside lid	£35	

VAT is included and will be deducted from orders outside the EU **PLUS P&P:** _____

POSTAGE: UK £5; Europe & Rest of World £POA **GRAND TOTAL:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Payment will be taken over the phone when our store contact you to confirm your order.

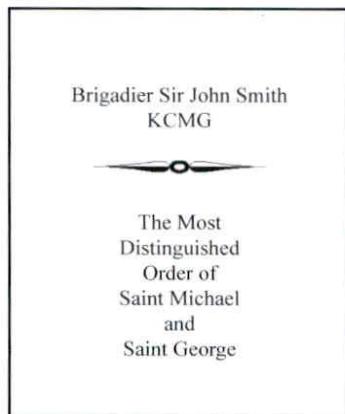
PERSONALISATION

PLEASE WRITE THE NAME TO BE INSCRIBED ON THE INSIDE LID IN BLOCK CAPITALS



Please allow approximately four weeks for the completion of a personalised box. For further information on inscriptions, please contact Alan Watts at the email below.

Prices are subject to change without prior notice.



Example of how your name will appear inside the lid

27 Royal Exchange, Threadneedle Street, London, EC3V 3LP
Mon - Fri 9.30AM-6PM | +44(0)203 725 8001
www.halcyondays.co.uk | e-mail: alan.watts@halcyondays.co.uk

JEWELLERY

There are now the following items available.
If you are interested please contact the silversmith directly.

Alistair Campbell
Unit 14, West Calder Business Centre
6 Dickson Street, West Calder
West Lothian
EH55 8DZ

Mob: 07831 550243 Email: afcampbell@ymail.com

The Order is not charging a royalty on these items, but it suggests instead that purchasers should make a voluntary gift aided donation to the Chapel fund of a minimum of £5 for each item ordered (to be made to the Order not to Mr Campbell).

(Prices quoted below are approximate and for guide purposes only as the price of the raw materials fluctuates on a daily basis, items can be manufactured in gold upon request.)

Sterling silver cuff links with medallions of St Michael and St George. £50 to include p&p.

Elliptical brooch (6cm across) in sterling silver Price circa £120 to include p&p.

Circular design of brooch (4cm diameter) with swiveling medallions to allow a choice of St Michael or St George (not in photograph) price about £200

Gold brooch (9ct) with St George on one side (as seen in the photo) and St Michael on the other. Price about £450 but £320 for a single sided medallion with your choice of Saint.

A Honey Spoon with your choice of Saint (either Saint Michael or Saint George) at a cost of £145.

A Caddy Spoon, with choice of Saint (either Saint Michael or Saint George), at a cost of £90.



THE CHAPEL MAINTENANCE FUND

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 208482

The cost of the maintenance of the fabric of the Chapel and the cost of the Annual Services are met from the Chapel Maintenance Fund of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, a Registered Charity which was established under Deed of Trust dated 9th April 1957. The accounts which have been independently examined for the financial year ended 31st December 2017 will be found elsewhere in this Report.

Members of the Order are invited to subscribe to this Charity and tax payers to Gift Aid their donation if they wish. Copies of the relevant forms are enclosed with this Report. The Officers of the Order thank all those who have subscribed during the past year.

A number of Members of the Order do not make any contribution to the maintenance of the Chapel. While this may be due to oversight, it does leave the burden on those who make an annual payment. Would those in this category please reconsider and use the Banker's Order form which is enclosed.

Accounts

THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF
THE CHAPEL MAINTENANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017

2016	RECEIPTS	2017	PAYMENTS	2017	2016
	INCOME		EVENSONG		
8,927.60	Subscriptions	8,722.60	Reception Fees	-	1,133.28
1,523.39	Donations	1,787.95	St Pauls	8,349.10	-
7,960.00	Bicentenary Appeal	15,115.85	Tickets	123.08	158.16
		25,626.40	Dukes Dinner - net cost	1,464.60	-
	DIVIDENDS & INTEREST		HERITAGE MALTA	2,059.99	17,898.14
3,499.30	Income Share Dividends	26,165.99			
-	Killick & Co LLP Income	5,753.00	TEA AND LECTURE	3,229.92	2,064.00
81.71	Coutts Money Market A/C	21.90			
34.51	Coutts 90 Day Notice A/C	21.02	ANNUAL REPORT	1,714.72	-
	PLATES & BANNERS		INSURANCE		
704.00	Arms Plates		Chapel Insurance	1,458.93	1,549.07
162.00	Name Plates		Mantle Insurance	1,448.97	1,566.82
-	Banners				
100.00	GALLOWAY BOOK	26.10	PLATES & BANNERS		
-	SERVICE COLLECTION	474.96	Arms Plates	140.00	704.00
	INCOME TAX REBATE		Name Plates	1,236.50	944.00
2,500.00	2015-2016 Subs & Donations	-	POSTAGE	1,403.95	903.94
-	2016-2017 Subs & Donations	1,339.00	INDEPENDENT REVIEW	390.00	372.00
<u>£26,402.51</u>		<u>£59,428.37</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£23,019.74</u>	<u>£27,293.31</u>
1,800.80	EXCESS OF PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS	-	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	36,408.63	-
<u>£27,293.31</u>		<u>£59,428.37</u>		<u>£59,428.37</u>	<u>£27,293.31</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2017

2016	LIABILITIES	2017	ASSETS	2017	2016
			SHARES - MARKET VALUE AT 31.12.17		
			Charfund Income Shares	32,215.99	
			Charfund Accumulation Shares	559,788.38	
			Killick & Co	107,825.00	699,829.37
					629,338.90
			ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
			Mantles	10.00	
			Property at St. Paul's	804,761.00	804,771.00
			FUNDS AT BANK		
			NatWest Current Account	-	
			NatWest Business Reserve	-	
			Coutts Current Account	-	
			Coutts Money Market	7,410.88	
			Coutts 90 Day Notice	19,127.87	
				26,538.75	16,783.55
				<u>£1,531,139.12</u>	<u>£1,450,893.45</u>
1,407,345.42	Fund at 1st January 2018	1,459,239.98			
53,695.38	Change in Value of Shares & Property	36,439.51			
-	Funds Invested	-	Tax refund due	1,339.00	9,739.53
-1,800.80	Excess of Expenditure 2016 & 2017	36,408.63	Accruals	-390.00	-1,393.00
<u>£1,459,239.98</u>		<u>£1,532,088.12</u>		<u>£1,532,088.12</u>	<u>£1,459,239.98</u>

The Property is stated in the Accounts at Valuation made for insurance purposes. The Property at St. Paul's was last valued in December 2009. The Mantles were last valued in ..

----- Secretary of the Order

----- Prelate and
Honorary Treasurer

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

The Central Chancery would like to keep Members informed, as soon as it is possible, of future events. The Central Chancery's new database now has the facility to record email addresses and would be grateful if Members could provide these details so that we may be able to keep you up to date with notices and events. Where we do not have an email address the Annual Report and other notices will be sent out by post. It should be noted that dates for future services are not fixed years in advance and we will be able to notify you by email of events and services, when dates become available.

Please send your up to date contact details either via email to: info@ccok.org.uk.

or by post to

St Michael and St George
Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood
Stable Yard
St James's Palace
London
SW1A 1BH

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ANNUAL REPORTS

The Officers of the Order would like to encourage Members to suggest items for inclusion in future Annual Reports. Please forward your suggestions to the Central Chancery Info@ccok.org.uk.

FUTURE OVERSEAS TRIPS

If you are interested in attending or organising a trip overseas, please register your interest with the Central Chancery telephone 020 7024 5762 or email info@ccok.org.uk.

