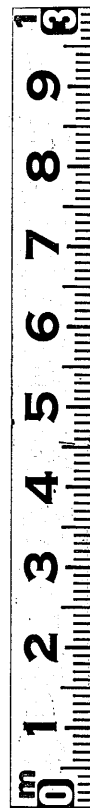


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STATUTES *and* ORDERS *of the most Ancient and most Noble ORDER of the THISTLE, revived by Her Majesty ANNE, by the Grace of GOD, QUEEN of SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, FRANCE and IRELAND, Defender of the Faith, SOVEREIGN of the said most Noble ORDER, for the better regulating the Proceedings and Solemnities thereof, in all the Circumstances thereunto belonging.*

1. IN the first place, We think fit to continue the ancient number of Knights, to wit, Twelve Brethren, with ourself, the Sovereign of the said most Noble Order, to be the precise number of that Order in all time coming.

2. That the Sovereigns' Habit be such as they shall think fit at any time hereafter to appoint. That the Habit of the Brethren of this Order, be a doublet and trunk hose of cloth of silver, stockings of pearl coloured silk, with white leather shoes, garters, and shoe strings of green and silver; the breeches and sleeves of the doublet decently garnished with silver and green ribbons; a surcoat of purple velvet, lined with white taffeta, girt about the middle with a purple sword belt, edged with gold, and a buckle of gold, at which a sword, with a gilded hilt, whereof the shell is to be in form of the badge of the order, and the pommel in the form of a thistle, in a scabbard of purple velvet; over all which a mantle or robe of green velvet, lined with a

white taffeta, with tassels of gold and green, upon the left shoulder of which, upon a field of green, St. Andrew the apostle, his image, bearing before him the cross of his martyrdom, of silver embroidery, with a circle of gold round it, upon which the motto, "NEMO ME IMPUNE LACESSET," in letters of green: and at the lower part of it a thistle of gold and green, the flower reddish; about the shoulders is to be worn the Collar of the Order, consisting of thistles and sprigs of rue going betwixt; at the middle of which, before, is to hang the St. Andrew of gold, enamelled with his gown green, and the surcoat purple, bearing before him the cross enamelled white, or if of diamonds the exact number of thirteen; the cross and feet of St. Andrew resting

upon a green ground; the Collar to be tied to the shoulders of the robe, with white ribbon. Upon their heads, on days of solemn procession, or feasting, where the Sovereign is present, or has a commissioner for that effect, they are to wear, at the times of permission, a cap of black velvet, faced up with a border of the same, a little divided before, wide and loose in the crown, having a large plume of white feathers, with a black egret or heron's top in the middle of it; the borders of the cap adorned with jewels.

3. That the Jewel of the said Order is to be worn at a green ribbon, over the left shoulder cross the body, and tied under the right arm; the Jewel to have, on the

one side, the image of St. Andrew, with the cross before, enamelled as is above said, or cut on stone, enriched with precious stones round it, on the back of which shall be enamelled a thistle, gold and green, the flower reddish, with the before-mentioned motto round it; the ground, upon which the thistle is to be done, shall be enamelled green.

4. That the Medal of the Order be all of gold, being the St. Andrew, bearing before him the cross of his martyrdom, with a circle round, on which to be the motto of the Order; and at the lower part of the circle, between the joining of the words, a thistle, and to be worn in a green ribbon as the Jewel, at times when the Jewel is not worn.

5. That upon the left breast of the coat and cloak, shall be embroidered a Badge of proportionable bigness, being St. Andrew's cross of silver embroidery, with rays going out between the points of the cross, on the middle of which, a thistle of green and gold upon a field of green, and round the thistle and field a circle of gold, having on it the motto of the Order, in letters of green.
6. That Her Majesty and Her Royal Successors, Sovereigns of the said most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, shall, in all time coming, wear the said Order on the ribbon of the Order of the Garter, or otherwise in any manner that Her Majesty shall think fit, and shall wear the Collar of the said

- Order on the day of the feast of St. Andrew, being the thirtieth of November yearly.
7. That the Knights Brethren of the said Order shall wear their Collars on all Collar Days, wherever the Sovereign is, and within Scotland, by obligation, upon all days of public solemnities, whether the Sovereign be there or not.
  8. That all the Collar Days be the same Ordinary Collar Days now observed by Her Majesty.
  9. That the Collar with the St. Andrew belonging to it, and the Medal of the Order given by Her Majesty and successors Sovereigns of the said most Noble

Order to the Knights Brethren thereof, at their admission, be returned, at their deaths, to the Sovereign.

10. The Order is to have a Great Seal in the custody of the Chancellor thereof, having, on the dexter side, St. Andrew's cross, and on the sinister, the arms of Great Britain, as they are carried by us in Scotland, encircled with the Collar of the Order, with the image of St. Andrew hanging at it, with the motto of the Order going round the seal; on the other side the image of St. Andrew bearing the cross before him, with a glory round his head, written round "MAGNUM SIGILLUM ANTIQUISSIMI ET NOBILISSIMI ORDINIS CARDUI."

11. That there be a Secretary of the Order, to transmit the Sovereign's orders to the Knights Brethren, and that he attend Her Royal Person for that effect. He shall have, on days of solemnity, a mantle of green satin, lined with white, on the left shoulder of which, the badge of St. Andrew's cross. His ordinary badge is to be hung in a chain of gold, being a thistle gold and green, upon two pens crossed saltire ways, with the motto round about, and an imperial crown upon the top.

12. The Lyon shall have robes and badges upon the shoulder, conform to the Secretary; in his hand his staff of office, and about his neck his badge, with the St. Andrew turned outwards.

13. The Usher conform to the Secretary in all things except his badge, which is to be two sprigs of rue in form of St. Andrew's cross vert, upon a field white, upon which a thistle of gold, and round the motto, upon which an imperial crown, and in his hand the baton of his office.

14. Before any can be admitted to the most Noble Order, he must be a Knight Batchelor.

Here follows the form of the Oath to be taken by all such as shall be admitted into this Order as Brethren.

1<sup>mo</sup>. I shall fortify and defend the true reformed Protestant religion, and Christ's Holy Evangel to the utmost of my power.

2<sup>do</sup>. I shall be loyal and true to my Sovereign Lady the Queen, Sovereign of this most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle.

3<sup>tio</sup>. I shall maintain and defend the statutes, privileges and honours of the said Order.

4<sup>o</sup>. I shall never bear treason about in my heart, against our Sovereign Lady the Queen, but shall discover the same to Her.

So help me GOD.

15. The Oath being taken by the Elect Knights, before any whom the Sovereign shall appoint, they may actually wear the badges, and other ornaments belong-

ing to the Order; and in regard We have not as yet named a person to be Chancellor of the said Order, and that there is no Great Seal belonging thereto, We do therefore ordain that Our Signet of the said Order, which is to be in the custody of Our Secretary of the said Order, shall serve for any warrant, or order, that We shall think fit to grant or emit, for nominating any of the Knights Brethren, or Officers, or any other thing relating to the said Order.

16. The Royal Chapel of Our Palace of Holyrood House, to be the Chapel of the Order in time coming.

17. That no alteration of the Habit, Jewel, Collar, Badge, or other ornaments be-

longing to the said Order, or of the using or wearing of them, be offered to Her Majesty by any of the Brethern, without a concurrence of the major part of them.

Given under Our Royal Hand and Signet, at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirty-first day of December, 1703, and of Our reign the second year.

**A. R.**

By Her Majesty's command,

**CROMARTIE.**

ADDITIONAL STATUTES *of the most Ancient and most Noble ORDER of the THISTLE, made and appointed by GEORGE, by the Grace of GOD, KING of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, Defender of the Faith, &c. SOVEREIGN of the said most Noble ORDER.*

**George II.**

THAT the words of the Oath contained in the statutes signed by Our Royal Sister and Cousin, the late Queen Anne, of blessed memory, upon the 31st day of December, 1703, and appointed to be taken by the Knights Brethren and Officers of the said Order, be Lord George, in the place of Lady Anne.



That the form of the Oath to be taken by the Usher of the said Order, be the same that was appointed to be taken by the Secretary.

That the thistle in the middle of the star, to be wore on the coat or cloak, be green heightened with gold, upon a field of gold, and that the circle round the thistle and field be green, and the motto in letters of gold.

That upon the left shoulder of the mantle, or robe of green velvet, there be the star, as is hereby appointed to be wore on the coat, or cloak, in place of what was directed to be wore by the aforesaid statutes.

That the image of St. Andrew, which by the aforesaid statutes is appointed to be wore at the Collar of the Order, be made larger than it now is, and have round it rays of gold going out from it, making the form of a glory.

That all orders, rules, and statutes relating to the said most Noble Order, which have been heretofore made, and appointed by Her said late Majesty Queen Anne, and not altered by the above statutes, are hereby confirmed.

Given under Our Royal Hand, and Signet of Our Order, at Our Court at St. James's, the 17th day of February, 1714-15, in the first year of Our reign.

By the Sovereign's command,  
DAVID NAIRN, Sec. Nob. Ord. Card.

ADDITIONAL STATUTES *of the most Ancient and most Noble ORDER of the THISTLE, made and appointed by GEORGE, by the Grace of GOD, KING of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, Defender of the Faith, &c. SOVEREIGN of the said most Noble ORDER, viz.*

**George III.**

WHEREAS We have appointed Robes for Our Knights Brethren of Our most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, for the more solemn and decent manner of holding Chapters of Election, We have likewise thought fit to appoint the following ceremonial and method to be observed, as followeth,

That upon the death of any Knight Brother of the Order, the Sovereign, or his Commissioner, after having notice thereof, shall forthwith give directions for summoning as many of the Knights, as can then conveniently be had, to meet within six weeks, for the electing a new Brother into the society.

That there be three Knights at least besides the Sovereign, or his Commissioner, to constitute a Chapter, but under this number no election to be made, unless in case of exigency, the Sovereign being present be pleased to grant a dispensation for want of a full number.

That neither the Sovereign, nor any Knights Brethren, enter the Chapter

without wearing both their Mantles and Collars, nor any Officers of the Order attend without his Mantle and Chain.

That none have power to nominate but only such who are present at the Chapter, and no proxy be admitted to vote.

That each of the Knights Brethren that are present at the election, shall nominate for himself six sufficient persons, free from all reproach and scandal, whether they be subjects or foreigners, provided that they are known not to favour, or abet, any party at enmity with the Sovereign, that is to say, two Earls, or of higher degree, two Barons, and two Knights.

That the Scrutiny be collected by the Secretary, there being as yet no Chancellor,

and in the absence of the Secretary the collection to be made by Lyon King of Arms, but in absence of both these Officers the Scrutiny may be gathered by the Usher.

That whoever collects the Scrutiny they must begin with the youngest Knight, and so proceed upward from one side to another, ending at the eldest, and, after the Scrutiny is taken, he must humbly declare to the Sovereign the person on whom the choice is fallen. The Sovereign approving of the election, the Green Rod must be sent out, attending the two junior Knights, to introduce the Elect Knight, who enters the Chapter, supported on his right and left hand by the two Knights, Green Rod walking before them, who, as soon as they enter the room, must make their low reverences

to the Sovereign, or his Commissioner, and about half way another, and being advanced up to the Sovereign, a third low reverence; after which the Green Rod shall draw the Sword of State, and kneeling present the same to the Sovereign; upon which the Elect Knight, being presented, and kneeling down, shall receive the honour of a Knight Batchelor; which done, and the Sword of State returned by the Green Rod, the Elect Knight rising up, the Chancellor, or Secretary shall administer the Oath to him, which being performed, the Chancellor, or Secretary shall (kneeling) present the Ribband to the Sovereign, who will immediately put it over the Elect Knight's left shoulder, he kneeling again; after which the Elect Knight rises, and makes a low reverence to the Sovereign, and then

kneels again to kiss the Sovereign's hand ; which being ended, he arises and makes another low reverence, and then the Knights Brethren rise from their seats, and stand at their several chairs, turning their faces towards the Sovereign till the Sovereign begins to withdraw, upon which they all make him low reverence, still keeping their faces towards him as he passes, which concludes the Chapter of Election.

The ceremony being thus ended, and the Sovereign withdrawn to his own apartment, ushered by the Green Rod, and followed by the Knights Brethren as far as his bed-chamber, the Elect Knight then receives the compliments of the society, and returns them thanks for the honour of electing him

into their most Ancient and most Honourable Order.

And seeing by the former statutes, Our Secretary and Usher of the said Order, as also Lyon King of Arms, did wear their Badges upon a chain of gold, it is hereby allowed that the said Officers may wear their Badges on a green ribbon of a moderate breadth, except upon Collar Days, Instalments, and Chapters of Election, or any other public solemnities, at which time they are to wear them upon their gold chains.

And whereas the Table of Fees established by Our most dear Sister, the late Queen Anne, before the Union of Our two Kingdoms, did consist of divers articles due to the several Officers, some of which, by

virtue of the said Union, do not now exist, amounting in the whole to One hundred and eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Two-pence; and whereas likewise the Fee of Our Usher of the said Order, being in that Table but Eight Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence, a sum that bears no proportion to his office, We have therefore thought fit, by the advice of the Knights Brethren of Our said most Ancient and most Noble Order, and for the better encouragement of the said Officer, to appoint his Fee in all time coming to be Twenty-seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence, according to the underwritten Table, viz.

To the Secretary of the Order	£.55	11	0
To Lyon King of Arms	. . .	27	15 7
To the Usher of the Order.	. . .	27	15 7
In all	. . .	£.111	2 2

Which sum of One hundred and eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Two-pence, We do hereby order and require all who shall be admitted as Knights Brethren of Our said most Ancient and most Noble Order to pay, according to the above distribution, upon their being admitted into the said Order.

Given under Our Royal Hand and Signet of Our Order aforesaid, at Our Court at St. James's, the 17th day of July, 1717, in the third year of Our reign.

By the Sovereign's command,

DAVID NAIRN, Secy.

**G. R.**

**ADDITION to the foregoing STATUTES.**

AND whereas the Table of Fees established by Our most dear Sister the late Queen Anne, before the Union of the two Kingdoms, did consist of divers articles due to several Officers, some of which, by virtue of the said Union, does not now exist, amounting in the whole to One hundred and eleven Pounds Two Shillings and Two-pence; and whereas likewise it being humbly represented unto Us, by the Knights Brethren of Our most Noble Order aforesaid, that the Fees formerly appointed were too mean, and not suitable to the dignity of the Order, and in which there

was not sufficient provision made for the six Heralds, six Pursuivants and six Trumpeters in that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, therefore We will and ordain that the Table of Fees in all time coming be as followeth, viz.

To the Secretary of the Order	£.100
To Lyon King of Arms . . . .	70
To the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod } . . . .	70
To the six Heralds . . . . .	30
To the six Pursuivants . . . .	18
To the six State Trumpeters . .	9
In all . . . . .	£.297

Which sum of Two hundred and ninety-seven Pounds Sterling aforesaid, We do

appoint to be paid to the respective Officers above mentioned, or their attorney, by each succeeding Knight, upon their admittance into the said most Ancient and most Noble Order.

Given under Our Royal Hand and Signet of Our Order aforesaid, at Our Court at St. James's, the 14th day of February, 1720-1, in the seventh year of Our reign.

By the Sovereign's command,

DAVID NAIRN, Secy.

His Majesty George the Third, by Warrant dated the 7th of January, 1763, was pleased to appoint Doctor John Jardine to



be Dean of the said Order, who is to receive and take from each succeeding Knight, upon his admission into the said Order, the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling for his Fee, as Dean of the said Order.

*This book contains a copy of the statutes relating to the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, and has been revised by me,*

*Robt. Quarme*  
*Gentleman Usher.*