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SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM**



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FOREWORD

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is a lay Order approved by the Apostolic See as a Central Body of the Church.

Its authority comes from the Supreme Pontiff who approves its Statutes and appoints the Cardinal Grand Master.

Both the Statutes and these General Regulations consider the ecclesial and lay nature of the Order taking into consideration the special pontifical concern for the Holy Land.

Given the lay nature of the Order, the inclusion of the Clergy has as its purpose promoting the growth and spiritual progress of its members.

From pontifical authority derives that of the Cardinal Grand Master who rules and governs the Order and thus appoints those responsible for the spiritual life, and those responsible for governing the Order, each of them distinguished in their duties.

TITLE I
ORGANIZATION AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The Cardinal Grand Master

ARTICLE 1

THE CARDINAL GRAND MASTER

§ 1. - The Cardinal Grand Master is the supreme authority of the Order. He rules the Order and governs it, assisted by the Grand Magisterium and its Presidency, according to the norms of Canon Law, the Vatican City State, the Statute, and these General Regulations. The Cardinal Grand Master can delegate his faculties in writing to the members of the Order. The Cardinal Grand Master represents the Order at the Holy See as well as to all ecclesiastical and civil authorities, at an international, national, and local level. He presides over the Investiture Ceremonies, if present.

§ 2. **Normative power** - The Cardinal Grand Master exercises normative power both directly and after collegial consultation with the Grand Magisterium, and through consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium for acts concerning the life of the Order; he can also issue directives for Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations, as well as for individual members of the Order.

§ 3. **Exclusive competences** - Without prejudice to the observance of the legislation in force issued by the Holy See, the Cardinal Grand Master is responsible, subject to the opinion of the Grand Magisterium or its Presidency:

- a) Authorize the sale or give other provisions regarding land, buildings, or any other patrimonial asset owned by the Order.
- b) Allow the rental, purchase, or commitment of extraordinary expenses in relation to any real and movable property whose value exceeds the amount established periodically by him in writing, based on the indications of the Holy See.
- c) Arrange, subject to rescript, the movement of sums in the established funds.

ARTICLE 2

POWER OF APPOINTMENT

§ 1. Power of appointment within the organization and Central Government of the Order - The Cardinal Grand Master appoints:

- a) The Assessor of the Order, subject to the approval of the Roman Pontiff.
- b) The Lieutenant General, unless in his sole judgment special circumstances arise, chosen from among eminent lay members of the Order.
- c) The Governor General, chosen from among eminent lay members of the Order, after consultation with the Assessor (See Statute, Art. 7 § 2).
- d) The Vice Governors General, chosen from among the lay members of the Order, after consultation with the Assessor and after hearing from the Governor General.
- e) The Chancellor, chosen from among the lay members of the Order, after consultation with the Assessor and after hearing from the Governor General.
- f) The Treasurer, chosen from among the lay members of the Order, after consultation with the Assessor and after hearing from the Governor General.
- g) Up to a maximum of twelve members of the Grand Magisterium, chosen from among eminent members of the Order according to criteria inspired by principles of internationality and functionality, of which at least three quarters are lay, after possible consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the *ex officio* members of the Grand Magisterium.
- h) The members of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the *ex officio* members of the Presidency, after consultation with the Governor General.
- i) The Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant, chosen from among the ecclesiastical members of the Order, after consulting the Assessor, the Governor General, and the competent Ordinary.
- j) Other members of the Grand Magisterium for a specific period, to carry out certain specific tasks, after consulting the Governor General.
- k) Additional members, consultants, and observers of the Council, in addition to the *ex officio* members, after consulting the Governor General.
- l) The members of the Spiritual Commission, two of whom are chosen from among the members of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant of the Order who is its President *ex officio*, after consulting the Governor General.
- m) The members of the Economic Commission who are experts in economics and civil law, two of whom are chosen from among the members of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the Treasurer of the Order who is its President *ex officio*, after consulting the Governor General.

- n) The three members of the Commission for the Holy Land, one of whom must be a Member of the Grand Magisterium and as such assumes the Presidency, after consulting the Governor General; in addition, any alternate members.
- o) The members of the Appointments Commission, two of whom must be members of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the Chancellor of the Order who is President *ex officio*, after consulting the Governor General.
- p) The members of the Juridical Commission, whose President is a Member of the Grand Magisterium, after hearing from the Governor General.
- q) The members of the temporary Commissions, whose Presidents must be designated from among the members of the Grand Magisterium, after consulting the Governor General.
- r) The Consultors, chosen from among members or non-members of the Order, who remain in office while the need that determined their appointment remains, after consulting the Governor General.

§ 2. Power of appointment within the organization and territorial management of the Order - The Cardinal Grand Master appoints:

- a) The Lieutenant, chosen from among the lay members of the Order, after hearing the Governor General and after consulting with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the authorities of the local Church.
- b) The Regent of the Lieutenancy, where circumstances make it necessary, chosen from among the members of the Order, after hearing the Governor General and after consulting with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.
- c) The Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, chosen from among the ecclesiastical members of the Order preferably endowed with the dignity and/or episcopal character and after consulting the Assessor, the Governor General, the Lieutenant and, where appropriate, the competent authorities of the local Church.
- d) The Grand Prior Coadjutor of the Lieutenancy preferably endowed with the dignity and/or episcopal character, where circumstances make it necessary and after consultation with the Assessor, the Governor General, the Grand Prior concerned, the Lieutenant and, where appropriate, the authority of the local Church.

ARTICLE 3

POWER OF DELEGATION

The Cardinal Grand Master can delegate to bodies provided for by the Statute, to individual members of the Grand Magisterium, to Lieutenants, Magistral Delegates, or other

members of the Order, the task of operating on his behalf and acting on his behalf in relation to specific problems, situations, events, or cases.

In particular, the Cardinal Grand Master delegates:

- a) The Lieutenant General to events at which he deems to be represented.
- b) The Presidency of the Grand Magisterium or its members in every task that he deems appropriate to entrust to them.
- c) The Grand Priors of the respective Lieutenancies, in his absence, to celebrate the Investiture Ceremony of new members of the Order. The Grand Priors of the Lieutenancies, in turn, can subdelegate this faculty to another ecclesiastical authority belonging to the Order (see Statute, Art. 35 § 3).
- d) In case of emergency, when *omnia parata sunt*, a Bishop - even if not a member of the Order - or, in his absence, an ecclesiastical member of the Order, to preside over the Investiture Ceremony.
- e) Where exceptional circumstances require it, another ecclesiastical member who is not a member of the Order, for the celebration of the Investiture Ceremony, by special Decree.

ARTICLE 4

POWER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

§ 1. Scope of the organization and the Central Government of the Order - The Cardinal Grand Master has the right to accept or not any resignation from office by:

- a) Assessor, informing the Roman Pontiff.
- b) Lieutenant General.
- c) Governor General.
- d) Vice Governors General.
- e) Chancellor of the Order.
- f) Treasurer of the Order.
- g) Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant of the Order.
- h) Members of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.
- i) Members of the Grand Magisterium.
- j) Members, consultants and observers of the Council.
- k) Members of the Spiritual Commission.

- l) Members of the Economic Commission.
- m) Members of the Commission for the Holy Land.
- n) Members of the Appointments Commission.
- o) Members of the temporary Commissions.
- p) Consultants appointed for each of the Government bodies or consultants of the Order.

§ 2. Scope of Territorial Organization and Management of the Order - The Cardinal Grand Master has the power to accept or not to accept any resignation from office by:

- a) Lieutenant.
- b) Magistral Delegate.
- c) Regent of the Lieutenancy.
- d) Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy.
- e) Grand Prior Coadjutor of the Lieutenancy.

ARTICLE 5

RIGHT OF REVOCATION

§ 1. Faculty to relieve from office - The Cardinal Grand Master may relieve from the respective office any member of the Order, after consulting the competent authorities as appropriate. In particular, he may relieve from office:

- a) A Lieutenant, for serious and well-founded reasons, after hearing from the Governor General and after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.
- b) The Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Assessor, the Governor General, and the Lieutenant.
- c) The Coadjutor Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Assessor, the Governor General, and the relevant Grand Prior, and after hearing the opinion of the Lieutenant.

§ 2. Faculty of Revocation from Membership in the Order - The Cardinal Grand Master has the power to declare the disqualification from membership in the Order of one or more members, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consulting the Governor General and the respective Lieutenants and Grand Priors.

ARTICLE 6

RIGHT TO EXEMPT

§ 1. Faculty of dispensation - The Cardinal Grand Master, in specific cases, in accordance with Article 40§1 of the Statute, may grant a dispensation from the provisions of the Statute or these General Regulations regarding the term of office of members of the Order and its renewability.

§ 2. Individual exceptions - Although no member of the Order can hold effective positions over the age of 75, the Cardinal Grand Master, pursuant to article 40§5 of the Statute, can in this regard grant individual exemptions when circumstances require it.

ARTICLE 7

POWER TO ESTABLISH

The Cardinal Grand Master has the power to establish:

a) New Lieutenancies, defining their territorial jurisdiction; also, modifying pre-existing ones, always after hearing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and with the prior written approval of the Diocesan Ordinary or the Episcopal Conference(s) within whose boundaries the Lieutenancy will be established.

b) New Sections within each Lieutenancy, defining its territorial jurisdiction or modifying pre-existing ones, upon joint proposal of the Lieutenant and the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy (cf. Statutes, Art. 25 § 2 and Art. 33 § 1), after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and upon written approval of the Diocesan Ordinary or Episcopal Conference(s) within whose boundaries the Section will be established.

c) Temporary Commissions for specific purposes in an advisory capacity and determine their duration, which as a rule shall not exceed three years, after consultation with the Governor General.

ARTICLE 8

POWER OF DISSOLUTION

The Cardinal Grand Master, for serious, well-founded reasons, and after prior consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, can dissolve a Lieutenancy, a Magistral Delegation, or other territorial structure of the Order.

ARTICLE 9

POWER TO CONVENE

The Cardinal Grand Master convenes:

- a) All meetings of the Grand Magisterium at least twice a year, as well as whenever he deems appropriate.
- b) The Consulta, normally at least once every four years, as well as whenever he deems appropriate.
- (c) Any other meetings he deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 10

ADMISSION AND PROMOTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

§ 1. Admission of candidates into the Order – The Cardinal Grand Master has the ordinary power to admit candidates into the Order and to grant them Investiture, following examination by the Appointments Commission; such power is normally exercised upon the proposal of the Lieutenant, of the Governor General or exceptionally upon the proposal of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 2. Acknowledgment - The Cardinal Grand Master issues the relevant Diploma of admissions into the Order legitimately made with extraordinary power by the Patriarch Grand Prior.

§ 3. Promotion - The Cardinal Grand Master exercises the power to promote members of the Order to higher degrees, subject to examination by the Appointments Commission and after hearing from the Governor General; the power is exercised as a rule upon the proposal of the Lieutenant. The Cardinal Grand Master may accept proposals for promotion from the Governor General or exceptionally by the Grand Magisterium.

§ 4. Appointments and promotions *motu proprio* – The Cardinal Grand Master can admit deserving people into the Order at any rank and promote members of the Order to higher ranks by decree *motu proprio* (see Art. 64 § 4 and Art. 73 § 5 - Admissions and Promotions *motu proprio*).

ARTICLE 11

POWER TO CONFER DISTINCTIONS

§ 1. Titles of Honor - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may confer, at the conclusion of the fulfillment of an office, the title of Honor of the office formerly held by the Dignitaries of the Order who have made themselves deserving of it. The conferral of the title of Honor is not automatic and does not necessarily occur at the termination of the office. It will be conferred by the Cardinal Grand Master at the appropriate time, after carrying out the necessary evaluations.

§ 2. The Palm of Jerusalem - The Cardinal Grand Master may confer the Palm of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Palm of Jerusalem) on members of the

Order who have demonstrated important and special merit towards the Order or the Holy Land. It has three distinct degrees: gold, silver, and bronze. As a rule, the Cardinal Grand Master confers it only once in each grade to the same person, at the recommendation of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium or the Patriarch Grand Prior of the Order or the relevant Lieutenant (see Art. 75 §§ 1-2 - Recognitions).

The conferral of the Palm of Jerusalem is not automatic and does not necessarily occur upon termination of an office. It will be conferred by the Cardinal Grand Master at the appropriate time, after making the necessary evaluations.

§ 3. The Cross of Merit - The Cardinal Grand Master may confer the Cross of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in its various grades on persons who are not members of the Order and who are distinguished for their particularly meritorious moral conduct towards the Order or the Holy Land, as a rule upon the proposal of the Governor General or the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium or the Lieutenant with territorial jurisdiction. The awarding of the Cross of Merit does not imply entry into the Order (see Art. 87 - Decorations of Merit).

It may be conferred in a single class on clerics, subject to the positive opinion of their Ordinary.

ARTICLE 12

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

§ 1. Suspension - In cases of violation of the obligations and duties arising from membership in the Order, the Cardinal Grand Master may suspend a member from the Order. Only in cases of urgency and seriousness may the measure be issued provisionally by the Lieutenant in charge; he or she will immediately inform the Cardinal Grand Master and the Governor General, providing an exhaustive and documented report illustrating the case, for the evaluations of competence. The suspension imposed by the local authority must be confirmed by the Cardinal Grand Master; in the case of non-confirmation, the suspension is considered null and void. The suspension may not have indefinite duration but must provide for a term, even a generic one, such as the cessation of the situation that caused it or the final judgment of the juridical authority competent to judge any case brought against the person concerned (cf. Art. 41 § 10 and 67 § 1 b - Disciplinary Measures).

§ 2. Forfeiture - Forfeiture of membership in the Order is decided by the Cardinal Grand Master in cases where the member, despite repeated written reprimands (at least three) from the Lieutenancy of membership, has abstained for at least two years, without giving any explanation, from any form of active or contributing participation in the life of the Order. In any case, the Cardinal Grand Master, after hearing the opinion of the competent Lieutenant and the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may readmit the former member to the rolls (cf. Art. 41 § 6 - Active Members and 67 § 1 c - Disciplinary Measures).

§ 3. Disbarment - Only the Cardinal Grand Master has the faculty to revoke membership in the Order, with the removal of the person concerned from the rolls, for serious and proven reasons, according to the norms of the Code of Canon Law, the Statute of the Order, and these General Regulations. This faculty is exercised, as appropriate, at the request of the Lieutenant or the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and always after having had thorough investigations carried out and having completed the necessary consultations with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium. Causes for disbarment may include violation of the obligations of members mentioned in Article 66 of these General Regulations.

ARTICLE 13

THE PATRIARCH GRAND PRIOR

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is *ex officio* Grand Prior of the Order and is the highest ecclesiastical dignitary after the Cardinal Grand Master. He is entitled to the Collar of the Order by right. If the government of Patriarchate is entrusted to an Apostolic Administrator, he is Grand Prior *pro tempore*, with the same tasks and faculties.

§ 1. Duties - The Patriarch Grand Prior reports periodically to the Cardinal Grand Master and to the Grand Magisterium regarding the pastoral needs of the Latin Patriarchate.

§ 2. - The Patriarch Grand Prior is an *ex officio* member of the Consulta; he cannot be appointed a Member of the Grand Magisterium, but he is invited to participate in meetings without the right to vote.

§ 3. Faculty - The Patriarch Grand Prior has extraordinary power to admit permanently resident ecclesiastics, religious, and lay people into the Order in the territory of the Latin Patriarchate, considering merits for the Patriarchate itself, its works and institutions, the Custody of the Holy Land or the Holy Places; in particular, he can admit:

- a) The Canons of the Patriarchal Chapter of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre with the rank corresponding to their respective dignities.
- b) Members of the secular clergy incardinated in the Latin Patriarchate.
- c) Religious men and women residing in the territory of the Latin Patriarchate and with the authorization of their Major Superior.
- d) Lay people, men and women, permanently resident in the territory of the Latin Patriarchate, only at the initial rank of Knights and Dames; for any subsequent promotions of members, upon the recommendation of the Patriarch Grand Prior, the general regulations of the Order are to be followed.

All admissions made with a *biglietto* of nomination by the Patriarch Grand Prior must be presented, with the relevant documentation, to the Cardinal Grand Master issuing the relevant Diploma.

For any granting of distinctions to the above-mentioned recipients, the Patriarch Grand Prior will submit the request to the Cardinal Grand Master.

Coordination of the recipients and their activities shall take place in accordance with the following paragraph.

§ 4. Special Section - The Patriarch Grand Prior, in agreement with the Cardinal Grand Master, has the power to establish a Special Section with corresponding regulations for the members of the Order residing in the territory of the Patriarchate to foster common understanding, collaboration, and spiritual support.

The Patriarch Grand Prior appoints the person in charge of the said Special Section, informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium; the person in charge of the Special Section is obligated to inform the Governor General annually about the activities carried out by the Section and about the related administrative reporting.

The allocation of funds shall be by agreement between the person in charge of the Special Section and the Patriarch Grand Prior, and the Governor General shall be informed.

ARTICLE 14

THE ASSESSOR

§ 1. Appointment - The Assessor is a prelate appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master with the approval of the Roman Pontiff. He remains in office until the next Cardinal Grand Master takes office and may be reappointed in accordance with Article 40 § 1 of the Statutes.

§ 2. Duties - The Assessor assists the Cardinal Grand Master, the Lieutenant General, and the Governor General; he must be consulted by the Cardinal Grand Master in the most important decisions affecting the life and activities of the Order; he participates in any event to which he is invited by the Cardinal Grand Master.

§ 3. Deputyship - The Assessor shall temporarily exercise the prerogatives of the Cardinal Grand Master in the event of the latter's death, resignation, inability to act, or prolonged absence.

§ 4. - The Assessor is a Member of the Grand Magisterium and of the Consulta *ex officio*.

§ 5. Rank - The Assessor, if he is an Archbishop or Bishop, receives the rank of Knight Grand Cross.

ARTICLE 15

THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL

§ 1. Appointment - When special circumstances arise, the Cardinal Grand Master, having consulted the Assessor and as many as he deems appropriate, has the faculty, in his sole discretion, to appoint a Lieutenant General chosen from among the lay members of the Order, for such term as the Cardinal Grand Master deems appropriate.

§ 2. Duties - The Lieutenant General represents the Cardinal Grand Master in events concerning the Order when delegated by him and performs any other duties that the Cardinal Grand Master deems appropriate to entrust to him.

§ 3. - The Lieutenant General is a Member of the Grand Magisterium *ex officio*.

ARTICLE 16

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

§ 1. Appointment - The Governor General is appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Assessor and as many as he deems appropriate, from among the lay members of the Order for a period of four years and may be reappointed.

§ 2. Duties - The Governor General is the central administrator of the Order and is responsible for its direction and financial and economic management, under the supervision of the Cardinal Grand Master.

The Governor General also:

- a) oversees the activities of the members of the Grand Magisterium, its Presidency, Council and Commissions of the Order;
- b) analyzes and reports to the Cardinal Grand Master on the needs in the Holy Land and the activities of the Order;
- c) issues directives to the Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations, and examines and provides for their eventual requests;
- d) ensures compliance with the Statute, these General Regulations and the provisions issued by the Grand Magisterium;
- e) represents the Order in court.

§ 3. Prerogatives - The Governor General:

- a) shall be a Member of the Grand Magisterium and its Presidency *ex officio*;

- b) shall be assisted by the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium in the management of ordinary activities and in ensuring the proper management of reserve funds;
- c) convenes and presides over meetings of the Grand Magisterium Presidency - even remotely - whenever deemed necessary or requested by a majority of its members;
- d) moderates meetings of the Grand Magisterium and meetings of the Council, convened and presided over by the Cardinal Grand Master;
- e) may convene and preside over sectional meetings of the Lieutenants/Magistral Delegates, or of any other offices or members of the Order;
- f) may convene geographical area meetings between Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates after consultation with the appropriate Vice Governor General, delegating to him or her - if deemed appropriate - the organization and direction of the work;
- g) reviews and acknowledges the contents of the Reports that annually Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates are required to submit;
- h) approves, subject to the opinion expressed by the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, customs and norms suitable for regulating the organization of the Lieutenancies.

ARTICLE 17

THE VICE GOVERNORS GENERAL

§ 1. Appointment - The Vice Governors General are appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Assessor and the Governor General, from among the lay members of the Order for a period of four years and may be reappointed in accordance with Article 40 § 1 of the Statutes.

§ 2. Duties – The Vice Governors General are responsible for assisting the Governor General in the general management and administration of the Order, if delegated to do so; they may be entrusted with tasks of coordinating and supervising the activities of regional or special groupings of Lieutenancies. The Vice Governor General with regional responsibility over a particular geographical area may convene and, after consultation with the Governor General, preside over local meetings of the Lieutenants with any other members of the Order.

§ 3. - The Vice Governors General are members of the Grand Magisterium and its *ex officio* Presidency.

§ 4. Deputyship - The Vice Governor General with the most seniority may be temporarily called to deputize for the Governor General, in case of the latter's impediment, unless otherwise ordered by the Cardinal Grand Master.

ARTICLE 18

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER

§ 1. Appointment - The Chancellor of the Order is appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Assessor and the Governor General, from among the lay members of the Order for a period of four years and may be reappointed in accordance with Article 40 § 1 of the Statute.

§ 2. Duties - The Chancellor shall be the Secretary of the Grand Magisterium, its Presidency, and the Consulta and shall ensure that all acts issued by them respectively are collected, arranged, and preserved in the archives. The Chancellor cooperates with the Governor General and reports to him regularly on the activities carried out by the Chancery. He evaluates and processes proposals for admission to the Order and promotions to be submitted to the Appointments Committee; he also verifies the files on the awarding of Special Distinctions. He coordinates the communication activities and publications of the Grand Magisterium; he is the Director of the Order's Magazine and the Co-Director reports to him.

§ 3. - The Chancellor is a Member of the Grand Magisterium and its *ex officio* Presidency; he is also *ex officio* Chairman of the Appointments Commission.

ARTICLE 19

THE TREASURER OF THE ORDER

§ 1. Appointment - The Treasurer of the Order is appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Assessor and the Governor General, from among the lay members of the Order for a period of four years and may be reappointed in accordance with Article 40 § 1 of the Statute.

§ 2. Duties - The Treasurer is the custodian of the patrimony of the Order and oversees its financial and economic management in line with the norms of Canon Law, those of the Holy See and the Vatican City State, applicable national and international civil regulations, those of the Statute, and these General Regulations, as well as the specific directives received from the statutory bodies; he or she is entrusted with the ordinary management of the Order's patrimony in collaboration with the Economic Commission; he or she prepares the annual budget and prepares the annual financial statements of the Order, which are to be sent to the competent Vatican authorities; he or she manages the economic and financial resources according to the expenditure forecasts and prepares the related statements, taking into account the specific Italian and Vatican laws; he or she is also responsible for personnel management.

The Treasurer cooperates with the Governor General and reports periodically on the progress of the economic and financial situation; he or she submits to the Governor General, for approval, budgets for expenditures and countersigns invoices; he or she reports on personnel management and any other matters within the Treasurer's competence.

§ 3. - The Treasurer is a Member of the Grand Magisterium and its *ex officio* Presidency; he or she is also *ex officio* Chairman of the Economic Commission.

ARTICLE 20

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT OF THE ORDER

§ 1. **Appointment** - The Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant of the Order is appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, from among the ecclesiastical members of the Order, after consultation with the Assessor, the Governor General, and the competent Ordinary, for a period of four years and may be reappointed in accordance with Article 40 § 1 of the Statute.

The Master of Ceremonies may be a cleric other than the Spiritual Assistant of the Order, at the discretion of the Cardinal Grand Master.

§ 2. **Duties** - Should the offices be assigned to two different clerics, their respective responsibilities are established as follows:

- a) The Master of Ceremonies of the Order is responsible for assisting the Cardinal Grand Master in the organization of the Order's Ceremonies and for submitting, when necessary, to the attention of the Cardinal Grand Master the revision of publications relating to liturgy and ceremonies.
- b) The Spiritual Assistant of the Order shall inform the Cardinal Grand Master and the Governor General on matters relating to the spiritual life of the Order and may propose to them any initiatives related thereto.

§ 3. - The Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant of the Order is a Member of the Grand Magisterium *ex officio*; if the two positions are held by two different people, both are members of the Grand Magisterium *ex officio*; the Spiritual Assistant is also *ex officio* President of the Spiritual Commission.

The functions of the Spiritual Assistant remain at the discretion of the Cardinal Grand Master.

The Grand Magisterium

ARTICLE 21

CONCERN FOR CATHOLIC PLACES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE HOLY LAND

§ 1. - The Grand Magisterium is the central governing body that directly assists the Order's commitment to Catholic Places and Institutions in the Holy Land. Since the main purpose of the Order is to keep alive the Christian presence in the Land of the Lord, material aid

will be mainly directed toward the promotion of pastoral, educational, and humanitarian initiatives capable of meeting the spiritual, cultural, and social needs of the Christian community within the jurisdiction of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Grand Magisterium maintains close cooperation.

§ 2. - No transfer of money from the Order destined to the Holy Land may be made directly or through third party institutions, but only through the Central Office of the Order. Any exceptions must always be authorized by the Governor General.

§ 3. - These general criteria must inspire the Order's contribution within the framework of the projects proposed by the *Riunione delle Opere per l'Aiuto delle Oriental Churches* (ROACO).

§ 4. - The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is always informed about any aid, decided by the Grand Magisterium, given to projects involving entities not dependent on the Patriarchate itself, for appropriate awareness and coordination.

ARTICLE 22

POWERS OF THE COLLEGIAL BODY

§ 1. **Duties** - The Grand Magisterium assists the Cardinal Grand Master in the government of the Order and is responsible for its administration and activities, under the coordination and direction of the Governor General.

§ 2. **Specific Responsibilities** - The Grand Magisterium is responsible for approving the Order's annual budget and final accounts, and for reviewing and taking note of the Auditors' reports; it is also responsible through the Treasurer for preparing an annual report on activities and finances to be circulated among the Lieutenants.

§ 3. - The members of the Grand Magisterium shall therefore be sent in advance the annual financial statements of the Order, accompanied by the written report of the professional and independent Auditors.

§ 4. - Subject to the observance of the regulations in force issued by the Holy See, the Grand Magisterium provides to the Cardinal Grand Master, when requested, its opinion in order to:

- a) Authorize the alienation or give other dispositions concerning land, real estate, or any other patrimonial property owned by the Order.
- b) Permit in special cases the leasing, purchase, or incurring of extraordinary expenses in connection with any real property whose value exceeds the amount established periodically in writing by the Cardinal Grand Master.
- c) To promulgate general provisions, supplementing the Statutes of the Order, including these General Regulations, consistent with its guiding principles.

§ 5. Meetings - Meetings of the Grand Magisterium are convened at least twice a year and presided over by the Cardinal Grand Master who determines the agenda; the meetings are moderated by the Governor General and are carried out according to the methods established by Art. 24 of the present General Regulations (meeting methods).

ARTICLE 23

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND MAGISTERIUM

§ 1. - The members of the Grand Magisterium are appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master - according to criteria inspired by principles of internationality and functionality - after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, from among the members of the Order up to a maximum of twelve, of whom at least three-fourths must be lay persons, in addition to the *ex officio* Grand Magisterium members listed below.

A member of the Grand Magisterium, six months before the expiration of the first term, must notify the Cardinal Grand Master through the Governor General of his possible availability for a second term.

§ 2. - *Ex officio* members of the Grand Magisterium are:

- (a) The Assessor
- b) The Lieutenant General (if appointed)
- c) The Governor General
- d) The Vice Governors General
- e) The Chancellor
- f) The Treasurer
- g) The Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant (both, if separate).

§ 3. - If the Presidents of the Commissions have terminated their office as members of the Grand Magisterium, they are invited - *perdurante munere* - to participate in the meetings of the Grand Magisterium without the right to vote.

§ 4. - Members of the Grand Magisterium carry out their activities under the coordination and direction of the Governor General and are part of the *Consulta ex officio*.

§ 5. - Members of the Grand Magisterium who have rendered themselves particularly meritorious, at the end of their term of office may be awarded by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, the title of Honor of the office previously held. The conferral of the title of Honor is not automatic and does not necessarily occur at the end of the term of office. It will be conferred by the Cardinal Grand Master at the appropriate time, after carrying out the necessary evaluations.

§ 6. - The Grand Prior of the Order, Lieutenants, Magistral Delegates, Lieutenancy Grand Priors and Priors of Magistral Delegations in office may not be appointed members of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 7. - Members of the Grand Magisterium, *perdurante munere*, do not belong to any Lieutenancy. At the end of their term of office they rejoin the Lieutenancy of origin or residence.

ARTICLE 24

METHODS FOR MEETINGS

§ 1. **Place of Meetings** - Meetings of the Grand Magisterium are normally convened twice a year, in the spring and fall, at the Order's headquarters or at another location designated by the Cardinal Grand Master.

They may be held, when necessary, virtually through the exchange of messages or by teleconference.

The meetings, convened and chaired by the Cardinal Grand Master, are directed by the Governor General, who moderates the discussions and sets the procedures.

Traditionally, the Grand Prior of the Order and an administrative officer of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem are invited to meetings of the Grand Magisterium without voting rights.

At the proposal of the Governor General, other individuals may also be invited extraordinarily, whether or not they are members of the Order.

In-person meetings generally take place in Italian with simultaneous translation into English and French. The costs of the proceedings are borne by the Grand Magisterium, which also covers - where requested by the interested party - the costs of travel and lodging of its members residing off-site.

§ 2. **Notice of Meetings** - Notice of each meeting of the Grand Magisterium, stating the time and place - as well as, in the case of an extraordinary meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called - shall normally be given by the Governor General to each Member of the Grand Magisterium not less than thirty days before the date fixed, except in the case of urgent convocations for extraordinary reasons.

§ 3. **Voting** - In the event of a vote on a matter presented and put to a vote at the meeting, each Grand Magisterial Member shall be entitled to one vote. Any decision so taken by a majority of those voting shall be advisory in nature to the final decision of the Cardinal Grand Master or his deputy.

§ 4. **Speeches and Motions** - Every Member of the Grand Magisterium has the right to speak. Participants in meetings who are not members of the Grand Magisterium may speak. A decision may, in extraordinary cases, be taken outside of a meeting if every Member of the

Grand Magisterium consents in writing to the adoption of what is proposed. Even in such a case, the decision is made by a majority vote of those voting and will be advisory in nature.

A motion is a proposal by a Member of the Grand Magisterium requesting action or a position on a particular issue. Members of the Grand Magisterium who wish to introduce a new topic to be dealt with or propose a decision shall submit a motion to that effect to the Governor General in writing before the meeting or, in exceptional cases of urgency, during the meeting itself. The Governor General, having heard the Cardinal Grand Master, reserves the right to decide whether to put the requested topic on the agenda. If the motion is accepted, it may be discussed among the miscellaneous and possible items and a vote may be taken on it, if required.

§ 5. Agenda - The agenda for meetings of the Grand Magisterium shall be announced by the Governor General well in advance.

The Presidency of the Grand Magisterium

ARTICLE 25

THE COLLEGIAL BODY

§ 1. Functions - The Presidency of the Grand Magisterium assists the Cardinal Grand Master; it is the executive body of the Grand Magisterium and - in the intervals between the meetings of the Grand Magisterium - exercises its authority and responsibilities, with the exception of the matters of exclusive competence of the Grand Magisterium provided for in Art. 22 § 2 of these General Regulations; carries out its activities under the direction of the Governor General and assists him in the management of the ordinary activities of the Order and in ensuring the proper management of the Order's reserve funds; proposes for the approval of the Cardinal Grand Master, through the Governor General, the agenda of the meetings of the Grand Magisterium and the Consulta; and performs any other tasks that the Cardinal Grand Master deems appropriate to entrust to it.

§ 2. Members - *Ex officio* members of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium are:

- a) The Governor General
- b) The Vice Governors General
- c) The Chancellor of the Order
- d) The Treasurer of the Order

§ 3. - In addition to the *ex officio* members, other members of the Grand Magisterium may be appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Governor General, to be part of its Presidency.

§ 4. Meetings - Meetings of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium shall be convened by the Governor General whenever he deems it necessary or a request is made by a majority of its members; they shall be presided over by the Governor General, who shall decide the agenda. They may also be held remotely.

§ 5. Secretary - The Secretary of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium shall be the Chancellor of the Order, who shall ensure that all acts issued by it are collected, arranged, and kept on file.

ARTICLE 26

POWER OF APPROVAL

§1 - The Presidency of the Grand Magisterium approves:

- a) the appointment of members of the Lieutenancy Council;
- b) the removal of one or more *ex officio* members of the Lieutenancy Council;
- c) the appointment of Section Presidents and Local Delegates;
- d) the appointment of a Section Regent;
- e) the appointment of Section and Local Delegation Priors;
- f) the appointment and dissolution of a Section and Local Delegation Council.

§ 2. - The Presidency of the Grand Magisterium shall also draft and, after consultation with the Legal Commission (cf. Art. 33 § 1 c) approve the specific provisions (applicable exclusively within the territorial boundaries of their Lieutenancies) supplementing the Statutes and these General Regulations of the Order presented by the Lieutenants and submit them to the Cardinal Grand Master for final approval.

ARTICLE 27

THE CONSULTA

§ 1. Role - The Consulta is the consultative body that periodically examines the most important issues concerning the Order; they are decided and approved by the Cardinal Grand Master, also upon the proposal of the members of the Consulta, who must address them to the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium with suitable advance notice.

§ 2. Members - *Ex officio* members of the Council are:

- a) The Grand Prior of the Order.
- b) The members of the Grand Magisterium.
- c) The Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates in office.
- d) A representative of the Secretariat of State.
- e) One representative of the Dicastery for the Oriental Churches.

§ 3. Additional Members - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consulting the Governor General, may appoint additional members, consultants, and observers, in addition to the *ex officio* members mentioned in the previous paragraph.

If the Presidents of the Commissions have terminated their office as members of the Grand Magisterium, they are invited - *perdurante munere* - to participate in the meetings of the Council.

If a member of the Consulta is unable to attend, the Cardinal Grand Master may authorize him to be represented.

§ 4. Plenary Meetings - The Cardinal Grand Master convenes the Consulta as a rule at least once every four years, as well as whenever he deems it appropriate. He approves its agenda proposed by the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and presides over its plenary meetings. The Governor General moderates the meetings of the Consulta.

The work may also be divided into Commissions or Study Groups that will then report to the Plenary.

At the end of the work, members may propose in writing the subject areas to be discussed at the next Consulta.

§ 5. Regional Meetings - Within the Consulta, Regional Meetings may be planned by geographic-linguistic areas. The Governor General or the Vice Governor General with regional responsibility over a given geographical area may call and preside over local meetings of the Lieutenants, Magistral Delegates, with any other members of the Order.

The purpose of the meetings is to enable the Lieutenants and Magistral Delegates to discuss and analyze with each other, and with the central authorities of the Order, common interests and problems.

The Commissions

ARTICLE 28

THE COMMISSIONS

§ 1. - Commissions are advisory bodies of the Order; they are distinguished as permanent and temporary.

§ 2. - Permanent Commissions must be composed of members of the Order, chosen according to criteria inspired by principles of internationality and functionality.

Conversely, for temporary Commissions, expert members from outside the Order may be included.

§ 3. - Meetings may be held either in person or remotely.

§ 4. - The respective Commission Presidents report on their activities to the Cardinal Grand Master through the Governor General and, when requested, to the Grand Magisterium.

§ 5. - The members of the Standing Commissions hold office for a period of four years and may be reappointed.

ARTICLE 29

THE SPIRITUAL COMMISSION

§ 1. **Tasks** - The Spiritual Commission has the task of advising and assisting the Cardinal Grand Master and the Grand Magisterium on the development of spirituality in the Order and on increasing the practice of Christian life among its members.

§ 2. **Members** - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consulting the Governor General, appoints the members of the Spiritual Commission, two of whom must be members of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the Master of Ceremonies and Spiritual Assistant of the Order who is its *ex officio* President. If the offices are held by two different clerics, the President of the Commission shall be the Spiritual Assistant of the Order.

ARTICLE 30

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION

§ 1. **Tasks** - The Economic Commission has the task of advising and assisting the Cardinal Grand Master and the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium in the control of the economic administration of the Institution, including acquisitions, properties, the proper management of reserve funds and movable property, the alienation of the Order's assets, and the evaluation of risks. The Economic Commission is also responsible for reviewing the Order's annual budget and financial statements. In addition, the Commission provides the Cardinal Grand Master with indications on the number of financial resources available to be allocated annually to aid the Holy Land.

§ 2. Members - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consulting the Governor General, appoints the members of the Economic Commission, two of whom must be members of the Grand Magisterium - preferably experts in economics and civil law - in addition to the Treasurer of the Order who is its *ex officio* President.

§ 3. - The Governor General and the President - even separately - may, for ordinary economic and financial management, convene periodic meetings with some members of the Commission, with some collaborators of the Grand Magisterium and possibly other individuals.

ARTICLE 31

THE COMMISSION FOR THE HOLY LAND

§ 1. Tasks – The Holy Land Commission:

- a) acts in cooperation with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and its members act collegially; the President is its liaison to the Grand Magisterium;
- b) has the task of advising and assisting the Grand Magisterium in examining and evaluating (also by on-site visits) the progress and completion of approved projects in the Holy Land;
- c) has the power to point out particular needs that it deems worthy of attention and propose their implementation to the Grand Magisterium through the President;
- d) considers aid for projects concerning entities not dependent on the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 21 § 4 of these General Regulations - Concern for Catholic Places and Institutions in the Holy Land.

§ 2. Members - The Cardinal Grand Master, having heard the Governor General, appoints the members of the Commission for the Holy Land. It is composed of three members; the President is appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master from among the members of the Grand Magisterium. The Commission may make use of consultants when it deems it necessary, subject to the authorization of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

ARTICLE 32

THE APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

§ 1. Tasks - The Appointment Commission has the task of examining, processing, and submitting to the Cardinal Grand Master for approval applications for admission and proposals for promotion in the Order. It normally meets monthly.

§ 2. Members - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consulting the Governor General, appoints the members of the Commission, two of whom must be members of the Grand Magisterium, in addition to the Chancellor of the Order who is its *ex officio* President.

§ 3. - Proposals for admission to the Order and for promotions are to be addressed with suitable advance notice to the Cardinal Grand Master through the Chancery exclusively, in the manner provided for in the attached [insert letter].¹

The Commission examines the files for the granting of the Palm of Jerusalem and the Cross of Merit, instructed by the Chancery.

The minutes of the Appointments Commission are to be submitted to the Cardinal Grand Master through the Governor General.

The members of the Commission are bound by the obligation of confidentiality regarding the files examined.

ARTICLE 33

THE LEGAL COMMISSION

§ 1. - The Cardinal Grand Master creates, for the specific needs of the Order, the Legal Commission with the following purposes:

- a) to offer opinions for the Order's legal needs;
- b) to propose the interpretation of the Statutes and of the present General Regulations;
- c) to examine the Internal Regulations and specific provisions of the Lieutenancies and compatibility with the Statute and these General Regulations of the Order (see Art. 26 § 2);

The Commission has the additional task of assisting the Cardinal Grand Master in examining and evaluating, when requested, issues of a disciplinary nature.

§ 2. **Members** - The Cardinal Grand Master, having consulted the Governor General, appoints the members of the Legal Commission and identifies its President from among the members of the Grand Magisterium. It shall be composed of experts in the various fields of law, one of whom shall be an expert in canon and ecclesiastical law.

ARTICLE 34

TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS

¹ Prepare an attachment in which to include a list of documents required for the admission of members into the Order. In the same attachment include the possibility of sending photocopies of the original documents by e-mail. In Part III of the Draft General Regulations of the Order - Members of the Order, a § was inserted within Art. 63 § 1 (Admissions - § 1. Documentation for Admission).

§ 1. Establishment - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Governor General, may establish other temporary Commissions for specific purposes in an advisory capacity.

§ 2. Members - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Governor General, shall appoint the members of the temporary Commissions. The person chairing each of these Commissions shall be designated from among the members of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 3. Duration - The duration of the temporary Commissions shall be determined by the Cardinal Grand Master and shall not normally exceed three years.

ARTICLE 35

ADVISORS

The Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Governor General, may appoint Advisors for each of the governing or consultative bodies of the Order. They remain in office for as long as the need that determined their appointment persists. The Advisors serve free of charge.

ARTICLE 36

CONSULTANTS

The Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Governor General, may make use of consultants for the specific needs of the Order.

Members of the Order shall render their services free of charge; non-members of the Order may render their services free of charge or with remuneration established in the relevant contract.

ARTICLE 37

AUDITORS

The Cardinal Grand Master confers the office of Auditor, in compliance with the current regulations of the Holy See.

TITLE II
ORGANIZATION AND TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT

The Lieutenancies

ARTICLE 38

ESTABLISHING LIEUTENANCIES

§ 1. **Nature** - The life of the Order is carried out in its territorial articulations, called Lieutenancies and/or Magistral Delegations, within which the candidates are formed. Within them the spirituality of the Order is promoted and developed, which grows in the practice of love toward God and the brethren with special solicitude toward the Mother Church of Jerusalem and in communion with the local Churches.

§ 2. - The establishment of a Lieutenancy requires the existence of a Magistral Delegation for at least four years and a minimum of forty members, unless otherwise decided by the Cardinal Grand Master, in agreement with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium. The norms of the Statute and of these General Regulations of the Order concerning the Lieutenancies and Lieutenants shall be understood to apply equally to Magistral Delegations, unless expressly provided otherwise (see Art. 57 § 2 - Establishment of Magistral Delegations).

§ 3. - The right to establish, subdivide, unite, or otherwise modify the territorial jurisdiction of the Lieutenancies belongs to the Cardinal Grand Master and is exercised in agreement with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium. Prior to establishment, it is necessary to obtain the written approval, requested by the Cardinal Grand Master, of the Episcopal Conferences within whose boundaries the future Lieutenancy is to be established.

The Cardinal Grand Master, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may dissolve a Lieutenancy.

§ 4. - Whenever possible, the boundaries of the Lieutenancies should coincide with those of national, regional, and inter-territorial Episcopal Conferences.

ARTICLE 39

THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A LIEUTENANT

§ 1. **Appointment** - Lieutenants are appointed, for a period of four years, according to the appointment procedures provided below in these General Regulations. They may be reappointed once, should the Cardinal Grand Master deem it necessary. He or she shall be chosen from among the lay members of the Order by the Cardinal Grand Master, in agreement with the Governor General, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and the

Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, who, if he deems it appropriate, shall request from the Ordinary of the candidate a *nulla osta*.

§ 2. Dignity and Eligibility Requirements - In order to preserve a uniform procedure, candidates are required to:

- a) Have as a rule at least five years of active participation in the life of the Order.
- b) Are persons of authority, highly worthy on religious, civil, and social levels.
- c) Are persons willing to perform service that requires time and participation in the life of the Order.
- d) Are suited to listening and dialogue, aware that they are rendering a gratuitous service to the Order and balanced in the choice of their collaborators.
- e) Command esteem from their brothers and sisters and know how to treat everyone with respect.
- f) Have acquired significant experience in the field of formation.
- g) Are animated by a desire to support Catholic institutions in the Holy Land and primarily the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.
- h) Have demonstrated a willingness to participate generously in the activities of the Particular Churches to which they belong.
- i) Be open to considering possible collaborations with other Bodies and Organizations recognized by the Holy See that share similar goals and objectives with the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly peace, interreligious dialogue, and the promotion of unity among Christians.

§ 3. Procedure for reappointment - Without prejudice to the general indications for appointment provided by the Statute and these General Regulations of the Order for each territorial body:

- a) The Lieutenant, at least six months before the expiration of the first term of office, shall notify the Cardinal Grand Master through the Governor General of the expiration of his term.
- b) The Governor General, having ascertained the Lieutenant's willingness to continue in office and having made the necessary evaluations, may propose his renewal to the Cardinal Grand Master who will proceed to grant a second mandate after having acquired the opinion of the Lieutenancy Grand Prior and having consulted the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.
- c) Where it is not deemed necessary to proceed with the renewal or where there is a lack of willingness on the part of the Lieutenant to renew the first term or in any case at the end of the second term, the outgoing Lieutenant will initiate with careful consideration a consultation in order to know the expectations of the members and identify possible

candidates to propose; it will involve the Lieutenancy Grand Prior and the members of the Lieutenancy Council. At the end, based on the results, the Lieutenant will normally compile a "terna" of names to be proposed to the Cardinal Grand Master, through the Governor General, who may avail himself of further consultations. For each of the three candidates, it is preferable to acquire a written opinion from the Lieutenancy Grand Prior which may also be forwarded confidentially, if necessary. The final choice, however, rests with the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

ARTICLE 40

PREROGATIVES, DEPUTYSHIP, AND INCOMPATIBILITY OF THE LIEUTENANT

§ 1. Representation - On the Lieutenants falls, by implicit delegation of the Cardinal Grand Master, the representation of the respective Lieutenancy before local, ecclesiastical, and civil authorities, as well as any other administrative body.

§ 2. Delegation - The Lieutenants, when formally delegated, may act in the name and act on behalf of the Cardinal Grand Master in relation to specific problems or issues.

§ 3. - Incumbent Lieutenants are *ex officio* members of the Consulta.

§ 4. Deputyship - In the event of the death or resignation of the incumbent Lieutenant (or Regent), the Chancellor of the Lieutenancy shall temporarily exercise his duties until a new Lieutenant or Regent, appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master, in consultation with the Governor General and after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, takes over.

In the event of a Lieutenant's incapacity to act or prolonged absence, the case will be submitted to the Cardinal Grand Master, who will consider the measures to be taken. Pending his determinations regarding the vacancy of the office of a Lieutenant or Regent, the members of the Lieutenancy Council shall remain in office until a successor is appointed.

§ 5. Incompatibility - Incumbent Lieutenants or Regents may not be appointed as members of the Grand Magisterium unless the Regent is already a member.

ARTICLE 41

DUTIES OF LIEUTENANTS

§ 1. Duties - The Lieutenants direct the Lieutenancies entrusted to them in a spirit of service, exercising their authority in line with the norms of Canon Law, the Statute, these General Regulations of the Order, the Rules of Lieutenancy formally approved by the Cardinal Grand Master, and, where appropriate, local law.

The Lieutenants are responsible for:

- a) the life, spiritual growth and activities of their respective Lieutenancies;
- b) the selection of candidates;
- c) the continuing education of members;
- d) contacts with the local Hierarchy and the ecclesial communion of the members;
- e) the collection of funds for charitable aid;
- f) the organization of the annual meeting of all members as well as pilgrimages to the Holy Land and other Shrines;
- g) the proper application of the Statute and these General Regulations of the Order, the directives of the Cardinal Grand Master, the Governor General and the Grand Magisterium;
- h) the application of the various national norms that do not conflict with the doctrine of the Church;
- i) the possible drafting of Rules of the Lieutenancy to be submitted to the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium for approval.

The Lieutenants are assisted in the performance of their duties by the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Council of the Lieutenancy.

§ 2. Selection of Members - The Lieutenants have the responsibility to select candidates for admission to the Order in close cooperation with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior, after consultation with the competent ecclesiastical authorities (Pastor or Ordinary). The exercise of this responsibility consists not only in assessing the suitability of candidates, where possible by personal interview, but also in identifying within the territory of the Lieutenancy persons who meet the requirements for admission to the Order (cf. Art. 63 - Candidacy for Admission).

§ 3. Power of Appointment - The Lieutenant appoints the following collaborators, after consultation with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior, who may seek the advice of the Ordinary of the interested party, and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium:

- a) The Chancellor, Treasurer, Secretary of the Lieutenancy, and Lay Master of Ceremonies, chosen from among the lay members of the Lieutenancy.
- b) Other members of the Lieutenancy Council, for the purpose of discharging specific duties deemed necessary by him, after consultation with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.
- c) Section Presidents, after consultation with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior, with the advice of the competent Ordinary and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.
- d) The Regent of a Section and Local Delegation, chosen from among the members of the Lieutenancy, after consultation with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior and with the approval

of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, for the purpose of temporarily exercising the duties of Section President or Local Delegate in the event of the death, resignation, inability to act, or prolonged absence of the office holder.

The Section or Local Delegation Priors awarded episcopal dignity are appointed by the Cardinal Grand Master upon the proposal of the Lieutenant and the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

Section and Local Delegation Priors not awarded episcopal dignity are appointed by the Lieutenant in consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, the proper Ordinary and after receiving approval from the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and the Cardinal Grand Master.

§ 4. Annual report and financial statements submitted for audit -

a) each Lieutenant shall submit annually to the Governor General, by April 30, the audited financial statements of the Lieutenancy Council and, if any, of any civil or ecclesiastical entity associated with it, together with the certification of independent auditors, if any, and their suggestions; or: each Lieutenant shall submit to the Governor General an Annual Report on the activities, general administration, and financial management of the Lieutenancy and its Sections and Delegations. He or she must also submit financial statements to the Governor General, together with the report of the independent auditors, if any, and their suggestions.

b) in submitting the statements, the Lieutenant must accompany the accounting data with a brief report of the activities of the Lieutenancy, any problems encountered, and any guidelines that have emerged;

c) in particularly serious cases, the Governor General may grant a waiver regarding the annual deadline for submission of financial statements.

§ 5. Direction - The Lieutenants shall report on their activities to the Governor General and, if necessary, for information, to the Vice Governor General responsible for the area. The Lieutenant shall prepare his or her members to make specific commitments to the operation of the Lieutenancy, ensuring a regular turnover of members and duties on the Lieutenancy Council.

§ 6. Active Members - The Lieutenants shall attend constantly to the regular review of the lists of members of the Lieutenancy to ascertain the real intentions of those who have lost interest in the ideals and activities of the Order over the years.

This review is to be conducted according to the obligations of discretion and Christian charity with the aim of bringing those who have drifted away from the Order closer to it.

Members of the Order who are held responsible for omission of one or more of the obligations provided for in Article 36 of the Statute should be sent an initial communication, signed by the Local Delegate, after hearing the opinion of the Delegation Council and, where possible having had an interview with the person concerned; the letter should request that they wish to indicate the reasons for their failure to fulfill their commitments.

After six months, in the event of no response or a response that cites inadequate justification, the President, after hearing the Section Council, sends a second communication; this constitutes the prerequisite for forwarding the file to the Lieutenant; the latter, having ascertained the reality of the facts, forwards the file to the Grand Magisterium.

After a further six months, in the absence of a response or in case of inadequate justification, the Lieutenant sends a third communication informing the person concerned that the his or her file will be forwarded within three months to the Grand Magisterium for appropriate action.

At any time, the person concerned may request an interview with the Lieutenant to present his or her justifications.

The Lieutenant may, in the case of ascertaining special situations, temporarily exempt a member from one or more obligations arising from membership in the Order.

To facilitate communications between Lieutenants and members, the latter must undertake to notify the Lieutenant promptly of any change of residence or domicile.

For any change of residence or domicile of members, it is the responsibility of the Lieutenant to maintain and update the address records through the local officers.

§ 7. Regional Meetings - Regional meetings of the Lieutenants shall be convened and presided over by the Governor General or by his delegation by the Vice Governor General with territorial jurisdiction. The purpose of the meetings is to enable the Lieutenants to discuss and analyze among themselves, and with the central authorities of the Order, common interests and problems.

§ 8. Local Dispositions - The Lieutenants, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may draw up specific dispositions - applicable exclusively within the territorial boundaries of their Lieutenancies - supplementing these General Regulations of the Order. They must be in line with the norms of Canon Law, the Statute, these General Regulations, and local regulations, and be formally approved by the Cardinal Grand Master.

§ 9. Organization of Pilgrimages - The Lieutenant, either personally or through a pilgrimage coordinator, shall ensure the proper planning, promotion, organization and conduct of pilgrimages of the Lieutenancy to the Holy Land and other Shrines. Pilgrimages to the Holy Land should include visits to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, other Holy Places and the Latin Patriarchate, and to Institutions related to the Catholic Church (e.g., a visit to a parish and/or to a work supported by the Order). The assistance and advice of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem may be sought for this purpose. The Lieutenant shall make use of Christian guides who are suitable and particularly knowledgeable in the biblical and archaeological fields, given that the pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a qualifying event for membership in the Order.

§ 10. Disciplinary measures

a) Admonition. The Lieutenant, in cases of violation of the obligations and duties arising from membership in the Order, after having contacted and as far as possible heard the

person concerned and having consulted the Grand Prior and the Lieutenancy Council, may admonish a member by written measure.

b) Suspension. It is always imposed by the Cardinal Grand Master; only in cases of particular urgency and seriousness, may it be decided *ad cautelam* by the competent Lieutenant, who will immediately inform the Cardinal Grand Master and the Governor General, providing an exhaustive and documented report illustrating the case, for the evaluations of competence. The suspension imposed by the local authority must be confirmed by the Cardinal Grand Master; if the suspension is not confirmed, it is considered null and void. The suspension may not have indefinite effectiveness in time but must provide for a term, even a generic one, such as the cessation of the situation that caused it or the final judgment of the judicial authority competent to judge any case brought against the person concerned.

§ 11. Social communication activities - The Lieutenants shall pay due attention to the social communication activities of the Lieutenancy, and any written exposition of them about the Order shall be in line with the Grand Magisterium's guidelines and publications (official website and official social pages). The social communication activities of the Lieutenancy, consist of two branches: local communication aimed at members and international information sharing done by the Grand Magisterium through the Order's official website and related official social pages without replacing them.

ARTICLE 42

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CENTRAL OFFICES OF THE ORDER

§ 1. - The Lieutenants shall direct their correspondence to the:

- **Cardinal Grand Master**, for matters of primary importance as well as for those related to the liturgical planning and logistics of the Investitures presided over by him; also for all matters that are desired to be submitted to him personally and directly.
- **Lieutenant General**, for matters entrusted to him or her by the Cardinal Grand Master in accordance with the Statutes.
- **Governor General**, for all ordinary matters of the Lieutenancies, their activities, administrative problems and disciplinary matters.
- **Chancellor of the Order**, for Admissions, Nominations, Promotions, Protocol matters, for matters concerning communication and publications on the Order's activities, projects and events, as well as for any requests for copies or duplicates of the official archival documentation.
- **Treasurer of the Order**, for administrative matters, budgets, and funding of projects in the Holy Land.

§ 2. - Ordinary non-confidential correspondence and any parcels from by the Lieutenants, relating to the matters of the offices mentioned above, should be addressed to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem – 00120 Vatican City - taking care to indicate the wording "to the courteous attention of" accompanied by the name of the person in charge of the aforementioned offices; all correspondence should be sent, for information, in copy to the Governor General who, if appropriate, will report to the Cardinal Grand Master.

ARTICLE 43

THE GRAND PRIOR OF THE LIEUTENANCY

§ 1. **Appointment** - The Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy is appointed from among the ecclesiastical members of the Order, preferably awarded with the episcopal character, by the Cardinal Grand Master after consultation with the Assessor, the Governor General, the Lieutenant, and the competent authorities of the local Church. The Grand Prior holds office for a period of four years and may be reappointed (see Statutes, Art. 27 § 1).

§ 2. Duties

a) The Grand Prior assists the Lieutenant and cooperates with him or her in the direction of the Lieutenancy, represents its spiritual leadership, and follows the action of the Priors of the Sections and Local Delegations, giving appropriate directives (cf. Statutes, Art. 27 § 2).

b) The action of the Grand Priors should always take place in harmony with the Ordinaries of those who are called to assume service within the Order, since it draws its strength from the life of the Church and from communion with it.

§ 3. Coadjutor

a) Appointment: when circumstances make it necessary, the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Assessor, the Governor General, the relevant Grand Prior and the Lieutenant, may appoint a Coadjutor to assist the Lieutenancy Grand Prior.

b) Revocation: the Cardinal Grand Master, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consulting the Assessor, the Governor General, and the relevant Grand Prior and after hearing the opinion of the Lieutenant, may revoke the appointment of a Coadjutor Lieutenancy Grand Prior (see Statutes, Art. 27 § 3).

§ 4. **Incompatibility** - Lieutenancy Grand Priors and Priors of Magistral Delegations may not be appointed as members of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 5. **Delegation** - The Grand Priors of the respective Lieutenancies are granted by the Cardinal Grand Master, in his absence, the faculty to celebrate the Investiture Ceremony of new members in the Order (cf. Statutes, Art. 35 § 3).

The Lieutenancy Grand Prior, in turn, may delegate this faculty to another ecclesiastical authority belonging to the Order, with episcopal character. In case of the absence of an

ecclesiastical authority with episcopal character, the authorization rests with the Cardinal Grand Master (See Art. 3 c).

ARTICLE 44

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE LIEUTENANCY

§ 1. Appointment - The importance of the role of Chancellor of the Lieutenancy demands that he or she be chosen from among individuals with a high moral profile, experience, and wide esteem among the members of the Order.

The Chancellor is appointed by the Lieutenant from among the lay members of the Lieutenancy, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and prior approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium (see Statute, Art. 29 § 1).

§ 2. Duties - The Chancellor of the Lieutenancy answers to the Lieutenant and has the task of assisting the Lieutenant in his duties by examining requests for admission into the Order, evaluating the activity of individual members of the Lieutenancy and any promotion proposals. Furthermore, the Chancellor supervises the communication activities of the Lieutenancy, as established by the Art. 41 § 11 of these General Regulations (see Statute, Art. 29 § 2).

§ 3. Substitution - The Chancellor of the Lieutenancy can exercise temporarily the duties of the Lieutenant in the event of the Lieutenant's death, resignation, inability to act or prolonged absence, or in the period preceding the installation of a new Lieutenant or a possible Regent (see Statute, Art. 29 § 3).

ARTICLE 45

THE TREASURER OF THE LIEUTENANCY

§ 1. Appointment - Due to the delicacy of the office and the role of particular trust entrusted to the Treasurer of the Lieutenancy, as custodian of the Lieutenancy's fundraising for its own purposes of the Order, the Treasurer must have significant experience in the field of administration and accounting.

The Treasurer of the Lieutenancy is appointed by the Lieutenant from among lay members of the Lieutenancy, in agreement with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium (see Statute, Art. 30 § 1).

§ 2. Duties - The Treasurer of the Lieutenancy answers to the Lieutenant in the administration of the economic affairs of the Lieutenancy. The Treasurer's tasks include property management, updating of inventories, the drafting of the annual budget, as well as the administration of capital resources in line with the provisions of the approved annual budget; the Treasurer also takes care of the preparation of the annual financial statement of the Lieutenancy (see Statute, Art. 30 § 2).

ARTICLE 46

THE SECRETARY OF THE LIEUTENANCY

§ 1. Appointment - By virtue of the office he or she holds, the Secretary of the Lieutenancy must be endowed with confidentiality, organizational capacity, reliability, and availability of time in serving the members of the Lieutenancy.

The Secretary is appointed by the Lieutenant from among the lay members of the Lieutenancy, in agreement with the Lieutenancy Grand Prior and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium (see Statute, Art. 31 § 1).

§ 2. Duties - The Lieutenancy Secretary answers to the Lieutenant and has the task of recording and archiving the documents of the Lieutenancy, safeguarding the data in compliance with current regulations concerning members and providing administrative assistance to the Lieutenant and to the Chancellor of the Lieutenancy (see Statute, Art. 31 § 2).

ARTICLE 47

THE MASTERS OF CEREMONIES OF THE LIEUTENANCY

§ 1. The Lay Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy - The Lay Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy is required to have the ability to take care of ceremonies with a high degree of attention to the Liturgy and the orderly participation of the members in them, taking into consideration any invited individuals.

The Lay Master of Ceremonies is appointed by the Lieutenant from among the lay members of the Lieutenancy; he or she is accountable to the Lieutenant and is responsible for the logistical-protocol organization of the events and ceremonies of the Lieutenancy.

The Lay Master of Ceremonies also provides for the preservation of the furnishings and anything else deemed necessary, maintaining and safekeeping their good condition.

In the performance of duties, the Lay Master of Ceremonies may utilize the assistance of other members.

§ 2. Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy - The Lieutenant may appoint an Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy, in consultation with the Grand Prior, from among the ecclesiastical members of the Lieutenancy; he shall, in consultation with the Lieutenant and the Grand Prior, be responsible for organizing the religious and spiritual events of the Lieutenancy. In a spirit of union with the whole Order, he will adhere to the Ritual of Celebrations.

§ 3. Liturgies and Ceremonial - In accordance with local traditions, the Masters of Ceremonies (lay and ecclesiastical) will take care of liturgical and ceremonial aids (e.g., texts to

be used in the circumstance) to facilitate the participation of the members of the Order in the ceremonies of the Lieutenancy.

In case of special need (such as, for example, the presence of the Cardinal Grand Master), it is desirable that the Liturgy and Ceremonial should also be agreed upon with the central offices of the Order.

ARTICLE 48

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCILS

§ 1. Lieutenancy Council - As an advisory body assisting the Lieutenant in the direction of the Lieutenancy, especially in developing the spiritual life of its members, guiding its charitable activity, and taking care of its administration, it must be composed of a suitable number of members chosen preferably from among those who have at least three years of active life in the Order.

At least three-fourths of the members of the Lieutenancy Council in principle must be lay people. In addition to the members who are *ex officio* members (Chancellor, Treasurer and Secretary), the following may be members:

- a) The Grand Prior and the Coadjutor (if any) (or their delegate).
- b) The Lay Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy.
- c) The Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy
- d) The Section Presidents.

In addition, the Lieutenant may appoint other Members as Councilors of the Lieutenancy in a number not exceeding one Councilor for every one hundred Members.

All Council Members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 2. Section Council - This is the advisory body that assists the President in directing the activities of the Section. Its members are:

- a) The Section Treasurer.
- b) The Section Secretary.
- c) The Section Prior (or delegate).
- d) The Lay Master of Ceremonies of the Section.
- e) The Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Section.
- f) The Local Delegates.

In addition, the Section President, after consultation with the Lieutenant and the Section Prior, may appoint additional members not exceeding one Councilor for every 25 members.

All Council members are appointed by the Section President, after consultation with the Lieutenant and subject to the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, after informing the respective Diocesan Ordinaries of the nominees (see Statutes, Art. 33 § 5).

§ 3. Local Delegation Council - As an advisory body assisting the Delegate in directing the activities of the Local Delegation, it consists of:

- a) The Local Delegation Treasurer.
- b) The Secretary of the Local Delegation.
- c) The Prior of the Local Delegation (or delegate).
- d) The Lay Master of Ceremonies of the Local Delegation.
- e) The Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Local Delegation.

In addition, the Local Delegate - having consulted the Prior of Local Delegation, the Section President and the Lieutenant - may appoint other Council members, up to a maximum of 5. The request must be made respecting the hierarchical line (Section President and Lieutenant).

All Council members are appointed by the Local Delegate, after consultation with the Section President, the Lieutenant and subject to the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, after informing the respective Diocesan Ordinaries of the nominees.

ARTICLE 49

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

For all of the previously stated offices, it is required that the appointees meet the requirements of dignity and suitability and comply with the principles and obligations set forth in the Statutes (Statutes, Art. 36) and these General Regulations (Art. 64 § 1 and 66), i.e., that they are persons of distinguished moral conduct, in good standing with the statutory financial contribution, and have hopefully made a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

ARTICLE 50

RIGHT OF REVOCATION AND DISSOLUTION

§ 1. Faculty of revocation - The Lieutenant may revoke:

- a) The appointment of one or more members of the Lieutenancy Council for serious and well-founded reasons, after consulting the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium; the revocation of one of the members ex

officio requires the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium (see Statutes, Art. 28 § 4).

b) Appointment of a Section President for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Section Prior, after informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium (cf. Statutes, Art. 33 § 2).

c) The appointment of a Local Delegate for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Prior of Section and Local Delegation, after informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and after consultation with the respective Section President (cf. Statutes, Art. 33 § 2).

d) Appointment of a Section Prior who has not been awarded episcopal dignity, for serious and well-founded reasons, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and after informing the Cardinal Grand Master and the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium. In the same manner, after also consulting with the respective Sectional President, the Lieutenant may revoke the appointment of a Prior of a Local Delegation who has not been awarded episcopal dignity. In the case of a Prior of Section or Local Delegation who has been honored with episcopal dignity, the Lieutenant may, in agreement with the Grand Prior of Lieutenancy, propose a rotation to the Cardinal Grand Master.

e) The appointment of one or more members of the Section Council or Local Delegation, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Lieutenancy Council, after hearing the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and - in the case of a Council of Local Delegation - after consultation with the respective Section President (cf. Statutes, Art. 33 § 5).

§ 2. Faculty of dissolution - The Lieutenant may dissolve:

a) The Lieutenancy Council for serious and well-founded reasons, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

b) The Council of one or more Sections for serious and well-founded reasons, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, after consultation with the Council of the Lieutenancy.

c) The Council of one or more Local Delegations for serious and well-founded reasons, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and after hearing the President and the Section Prior and Local Delegation, after obtaining the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and consulting the Lieutenancy Council.

ARTICLE 51

CIVIL LIABILITY

§ 1. Limits of civil liability - Territorial organizations of the Order with legal personality in civil law are normally considered autonomous entities before the law, even where they cooperate with a central entity.

In the event that a Lieutenant is responsible for a violation of the rules of civil law concerning the financial or general administration of his or her lieutenancy, said failure does not legally implicate the Cardinal Grand Master, the Grand Magisterium or its Presidency, or any other central authority of the Order.

The Lieutenant must promptly inform the Governor General and the Deputy Governor General of his geographical area of any situation of conflict between the rules of civil law and those of the Statute and these General Regulations of the Order.

The issue of individual liability shall be explicitly specified in the Lieutenancy Rules formally approved by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Legal Commission.

§ 2. Liability Insurance - If affordable at reasonable cost, each Lieutenancy may take out liability insurance in an amount adequate to indemnify any person - in the performance of his or her duties as a member or officer of the Lieutenancy - who becomes involved in a lawsuit.

The insurance will be for the purpose of covering court costs and any other reasonable and justified expenses related thereto, provided that the person involved acted in good faith.

Administrative Management

ARTICLE 52

ORDINARY RESOURCES

§ 1. - Bearing in mind that the Order is by its nature contributory, the resources of the Lieutenancy are made up of:

- a) oblations upon entry into the Order and promotions, fixed by the Lieutenancy Council according to the socio-economic situation of the Lieutenancy;
- b) annual statutory economic contributions, fixed by the Lieutenancy Council according to the socio-economic situation of the Lieutenancy;
- c) liberal donations;
- d) income from economic and financial management of movable and immovable property (regulated);
- e) testamentary bequests (regulated).

§ 2. - Oblations for entry into the Order and for any subsequent promotions are to be allocated to the support of Catholic Places and Institutions in the Holy Land, through the Grand Magisterium, which will also consider its own organizational needs and subject to its authorization; the Lieutenancies may use these funds to the maximum extent of 20% for general administrative expenses.

The 20% share of oblations is calculated with reference to the estimated budget.

§ 3. - Statutory economic contributions paid by members to the Lieutenancy are to be allocated to the support of Catholic Places and Institutions in the Holy Land, according to the Order's annual programming; however, the Lieutenancy may allocate these funds, to the maximum extent of 10%, to the discretionary support of projects in the Holy Land not included in the Order's annual programming; these discretionary economic contributions (i.e., the maximum 10% share) are to be sent to the Holy Land through the Grand Magisterium.

The 10% share of discretionary economic contributions is calculated with reference to the budget estimate, minus the amount of general administration expenses.

§ 4. - Liberal disbursements must take into consideration the will of the donor; in the absence of a precise indication from the latter, the decision regarding the use of these resources is the responsibility of the Cardinal Grand Master, after hearing the opinion of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and the Lieutenancy concerned.

§ 5. - The economic and financial management of movable and immovable property is entrusted to the Lieutenant in collaboration with the Treasurer of the Lieutenancy according to the provisions of Art. 26 § 5 of the Statute, in compliance with local civil laws and international regulations.

§ 6. - Any exceptions to the above rules must be authorized by the Cardinal Grand Master, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

ARTICLE 53

EXTRAORDINARY RESOURCES

The Lieutenants are encouraged to promote the raising of additional resources and income, including from external sources, aimed at sustaining the Lieutenancy or other activities of the Order in favor of the Holy Land. Any initiative that takes place in the name and with the emblem of the Order must be authorized by the Lieutenancy Council and communicated in advance to the Governor General.

Any donations, in support of projects or programs not included in the Order's annual budget, must obtain the authorization of the Governor General in advance to avoid any possible duplication of allocation of funds. The relevant amounts will be transferred to the beneficiary through the administrative bodies of the Grand Magisterium.

Such activities must be carried out in accordance with ethical principles and expediency and must be authorized in advance.

The procurement and allocation of any sum collected or donated must be done in accordance with international economic norms.

ARTICLE 54

ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION OF RESOURCES

§ 1. - The Lieutenant is responsible for the administration of the movable and immovable property of the Lieutenancy, according to the aforementioned regulations. In this activity he or she shall be assisted by the Treasurer of the Lieutenancy (cf. Statute, Art. 26 § 5).

§ 2. - The economic administration of the Lieutenancy shall be conducted in accordance with prudent management inspired by the principles of ethics, transparency, and containment of expenses.²

ARTICLE 55

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

§ 1. Format of budget estimates and financial statements - Following international accounting procedures - including AML regulations (see Appendix) - budget estimates and financial statements of the Lieutenancies must cover a full fiscal year (January 1 to December 31) and include, in particular:

- a) The assets, liabilities, and net worth (balance sheets).
- b) The income broken down into the accounting categories provided for in the Annual Reports forms and according to any donor's instructions.
- c) The expenditures, broken down by programmatic or operational purposes and according to the donor's directions, if any.
- d) The expenditures, broken down into the accounting categories provided by the Annual Reports forms and according to any donor's directions.

§ 2. Audited financial statements -

- a) each Lieutenant shall submit annually to the Governor General, by April 30, the audited financial statements of the Lieutenancy Council and, if applicable, of any

² Please see the attached document on Organizational Integrity approved by the Lieutenants of North America.

associated civil or ecclesiastical entity, together with the certification, if any, of independent auditors and their suggestions,

b) in presenting the statements, the Lieutenant must accompany the accounting data with a brief report of the activities of the Lieutenancy, any problems encountered and guidelines that have emerged (see Art. 41 § 4 - Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements);

c) in exceptional cases, the Governor General may grant a waiver regarding the annual deadline for submission of financial statements.

ARTICLE 56

BUDGET PLANNING

§ 1. Revenue Projections - Each Lieutenant - in the financial statements regulated in the preceding Article - shall communicate to the Governor General by the end of June an estimate of the revenue projected by the Lieutenancy and which he will send to the Grand Magisterium in the following year. This financial projection, complete with the dates on which contributions are expected to be sent, will enable the Grand Magisterium to plan and program more accurately the nature, destination, and amount of financial aid to the Holy Land.

§ 2. Use of Contributions - The Lieutenants in drawing up the budget and institutional operating expenses of the Lieutenancy will follow the guidelines provided in Art. 52 - Ordinary Resources.

The Magistral Delegations

ARTICLE 57

ESTABLISHING MAGISTRAL DELEGATIONS

§ 1. - The introduction of the Order in a geographical area in which it was not present, or the autonomy granted to a Section with respect to the original Lieutenancy to which it belonged initially takes place with the creation of a Magistral Delegation. The establishment of a Magistral Delegation involves the appointment of a Grand Prior, a Magistral Delegate, and a Council according to general rules; it also requires a minimum of ten members. It may be elevated to the rank of a Lieutenancy when it has attained a minimum of four years of existence subject to the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and an adequate number of members (see Art. 38 § 2 - Establishment of Lieutenancies).

§ 2. - Delegations and Magisterial Delegates follow the rules of the Statutes and these General Regulations of the Order concerning Lieutenants and Lieutenancies, unless expressly provided otherwise (cf. Art. 38 § 2 - Establishment of Lieutenancy).

§ 3. **Incompatibility** - To avoid any possible conflict of interest, Magistral Delegates and Grand Priors of incumbent Magistral Delegations may not be appointed as members of the Grand Magisterium.

Sections and Local Delegations

ARTICLE 58

ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT, AND TERRITORY

§ 1. **Establishment** - The Cardinal Grand Master, upon the joint recommendation of the Lieutenant and the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, with the approval of the local Ordinary, in agreement with the Governor General, after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may establish Sections within each Lieutenancy, and these, in turn, may be divided into Local Delegations.

§ 2. **Management** - Sections are headed by Section Presidents, Local Delegations by Local Delegates.

In the case of the unification of several Sections or Local Delegations, the direction of the newly constituted entity is decided by the Cardinal Grand Master upon the proposal of the Lieutenant General, in agreement with the Governor General after consulting with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 3. **Territory** - Whenever possible, the boundaries of Sections and Local Delegations should coincide with those of Ecclesiastical Provinces and Particular Churches, respectively.

ARTICLE 59

SECTION PRESIDENTS

§ 1. **Appointment** - The Section Presidents are appointed by the Lieutenant from among the lay members of the Order for a period of four years renewable once, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, having obtained the opinion of the Ordinary to whose Diocese the President proposed for appointment belongs, after informing the Ordinary of the Diocese (if different) where the Section is located of the appointment, and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 2. **Deputyship** - In the event of the death, resignation, inability to act, or prolonged absence for serious and well-founded reasons of a Section President, the Lieutenant, after consultation with

the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, shall appoint from among the members of the Lieutenancy a Section Regent to temporarily exercise the authority of the Section President.

§ 3. Vacancy in Office - In the event that the office of Section President becomes vacant for any reason, the members of the Section Council shall remain in office, automatically ceasing when the successor takes office; the successor, however, may reappoint them to the office.

§ 4. Revocation - The Lieutenant, for serious and well-founded reasons, in consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Prior of Section, after informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may revoke the appointment of a Section President (see Art. 50 § 1 b - Faculty of Revocation).

ARTICLE 60

SECTION PRIORS

§ 1. Appointment - The Section Priors are appointed by the Lieutenant from among the ecclesiastical members of the Order, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Ordinary of the candidate (not awarded the episcopal character), subject to the approval of the Cardinal Grand Master and after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 2. Duties

a) Section Priors cooperate with their respective Section President and act as spiritual leaders of the Section, directing all of its religious activities.

b) The actions of Section Priors shall always take place in harmony with the Ordinaries of those called to service within the Order, since it draws its strength from the life of the Church and in communion with it.

§ 3. Revocation - The appointment of a Section Prior who has not been conferred with episcopal dignity may be revoked by the Lieutenant, for serious and well-founded reasons, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, after informing the Cardinal Grand Master and the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

In the case of a Section Prior who has been awarded the episcopal dignity, the Lieutenant may, in agreement with the Grand Prior of Lieutenancy, propose to the Cardinal Grand Master a rotation (cf. Art. 50 § 1 d - Faculty of Revocation).

ARTICLE 61

THE LOCAL DELEGATES

§ 1. Appointment - Local Delegates are appointed by the Lieutenant from among the lay members of the Order for a period of four years renewable once after hearing the Section Prior, the Section President, obtaining the advice of the competent Ordinary and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 2. Deputyship - In the event of the death, resignation, inability to act, or prolonged absence of a Local Delegate for serious and well-founded reasons, the Lieutenant, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and with the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, shall appoint from among the members of the Lieutenancy a Regent of Local Delegation to temporarily exercise the authority of the Local Delegate.

§ 3. Vacancy in Office - In the event that the office of a Local Delegate becomes vacant for any reason, the members of the Local Delegation Council shall remain in office, automatically ceasing upon the taking office of the successor; the successor, however, may reappoint them to the office.

§ 4. Revocation - The appointment of a Local Delegate may be revoked - after consultation with the respective Section President - by the Lieutenant, for serious and well-founded reasons, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Section Prior, after informing the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium (see Art. 50 § 1 c - Faculty of Revocation).

ARTICLE 62

THE PRIORS OF THE LOCAL DELEGATION

§ 1. Appointment - Priors of Local Delegations are appointed by the Lieutenant from among the ecclesiastical members of the Order, after consultation with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy and the Ordinary of the candidates if not awarded the episcopal character, subject to the approval of the Cardinal Grand Master after consultation with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

§ 2. Duties

- a) The Priors of Local Delegations shall cooperate with their respective Local Delegate and act as spiritual leaders of the Local Delegation, directing all of its religious activities.
- b) The actions of the Priors of Local Delegations always occur in harmony with the Ordinaries of those called to service within the Order, since it draws its strength from the life of the Church and in communion with it.

§ 3. Revocation - The appointment of a Prior of a Local Delegation who has not been conferred with episcopal dignity may be revoked by the Lieutenant in agreement with the respective Section President, for serious and well-founded reasons, in agreement with the Grand

Prior of the Lieutenancy, after informing the Cardinal Grand Master and the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium.

In the case of a Prior of a Local Delegation who has been conferred with episcopal dignity, the Lieutenant may, in agreement with the Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, propose to the Cardinal Grand Master a rotation (cf. Art. 50 § 1 d - Faculty of Revocation).

TITLE III
THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

ARTICLE 63
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

§ 1. Search for Candidates - Any member of the Order may identify persons meeting the requirements as possible candidates for admission, to be presented to the Lieutenancy through the hierarchy.

The Lieutenant of the territory to which they belong is responsible for the final evaluation of their suitability, where possible by personal interview, in order to guide the application process.

§ 2. Requirements - For admission, the aspiring candidate must be selected from among those who meet the requirements listed below (see Statutes, Art. 34 § 2):

- a) he or she must be a Catholic of exemplary faith and moral conduct;
- b) must actively participate in the life of the local Church and generously support its activities;
- c) must be animated by the desire to live intensely the spirituality of the Order, to contribute to the fulfillment of its mission, and not to pursue mere honorific ends;
- d) must be experienced and serious in purpose and have already demonstrated competence and maturity in other areas of activity;
- e) must be willing to undergo a period of formation, lasting not less than one year, directed by a member with proven experience and adequate seniority in the Order;
- f) must be at least twenty-five years of age;
- g) must submit a written commitment indicating a desire to be a member of the Order, accepting all the obligations set forth in the Statutes and these General Regulations.

ARTICLE 64
ADMISSIONS

§ 1. Documentation for Admissions - Applications for admissions must be submitted to the Lieutenant and be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Certificate concerning the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and in addition, for married persons, that of Religious Marriage; in the event that a recently converted candidate has previously contracted a non-Catholic marriage, the case must be submitted beforehand in its entirety to the local Ordinary, whose opinion will then be acquired by

the Appointments Commission; certificate concerning the Sacrament of Holy Orders for ecclesiastical candidates;

b) an updated curriculum vitae (with biographical, residence and activity data);

c) a certificate from the parish priest confirming the candidate's exemplary religious practice and moral conduct;

d) a *nihil obstat* confirming the non-existence of any reasons preventing the candidate's admission to the Order from the Diocesan Ordinary (and/or Prior/Grand Prior) for lay candidates, from the Military Ordinary for candidates belonging to Armed Forces or Law Enforcement; the *nihil obstat* from the Ordinary for ecclesiastics and from the Major Superior(s) for religious candidates;

e) a criminal record and criminal record certificate; where national laws do not permit this, a self-certification countersigned by the local authority of the Order about any pending or already concluded legal proceedings shall suffice;

f) a declaration by the candidate that he/she does not belong to Bodies, Organizations, and Associations whose character and purposes and programs are contrary to the doctrine and teachings of the Catholic Church, as well as to purported Orders and Institutions of an allegedly chivalrous character, not recognized by the Holy See or not granted or recognized by Sovereign States, as well as an undertaking not to belong to them in the future.

§ 2. Ordinary Admission - Ordinary power to admit candidates to the Order and to confer Investiture upon them rests with the Cardinal Grand Master, according to the Statutes and these General Regulations. This power is normally exercised upon the recommendation of the Lieutenant. The latter, having completed the selection of aspiring candidates after verifying that they do not belong to Entities, Organizations, and Associations mentioned in § 1 letter f) above, will send the files for admissions (enclosing a summary translation where the documents indicated in § 1 above are not written in French, English, Italian, Spanish, or German) to the Chancellor of the Order for their instruction and subsequent examination by the Appointments Commission, before being submitted to the Cardinal Grand Master for approval. Once admitted, the respective Lieutenant and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy must be informed.

§ 3. Admissions *motu proprio* - The Cardinal Grand Master, at his discretion, has the power to admit candidate(s) *motu proprio* to any rank in the Order, if necessary, after consultation with the Diocesan Bishop. In *motu proprio* admissions, the candidate must be informed of the rights and duties of the members of the Order; in addition, the respective Lieutenant, Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy, and Diocesan Bishop must be informed of the admission.

§ 4. Extraordinary Admission - Exceptionally, both the Governor General and the Grand Magisterium (unanimously) have the faculty to propose any selected candidates to the Appointments Commission, enclosing the required documentation in § 1; the Commission, after

examination, will present the files to the Cardinal Grand Master for approval. The respective Lieutenant and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy must be informed of the admission.

§ 5. Membership - Membership in the Order takes place with the Investiture of the candidate by the Cardinal Grand Master or his delegate, according to the Ritual of Celebrations.

It is attested by a Diploma signed by the Cardinal Grand Master, bearing his own seal, the seal of the Order, and the visa and seal of the Secretariat of State of the Holy See.

After the Investiture, the Lieutenant will notify the respective Ordinaries of the admission to the Order, sending a copy of the Diploma.

ARTICLE 65

FORMATION

§ 1. Formation Period - Candidates for admission to the Order must undergo a period of formation, lasting not less than one year, coordinated by a member with proven experience and adequate seniority in the Order and by an ecclesiastical member of the Order (cf. Statute, Art. 34 § 4).

§ 2. Preparatory Formation - The preparation of candidates for admission to the Order, in addition to participation in religious activities, should initiate the candidate in the knowledge of the mission, objectives, and ideals of spirituality that are proper to the Order, as well as its central and territorial structure, work, and charitable commitment. Such preparation will enable candidates, before their final decision to join the Order, to be aware of the obligations and implications of membership.

§ 3. Prayer Vigil - The formation of candidates concludes with the Prayer Vigil, celebrated according to the Ritual for Celebrations, usually the evening before their Investiture. During the Vigil the candidate also makes a solemn written commitment to a life inspired by the ideals and rules of the Order.

§ 4. Ongoing Formation - The ongoing formation of members of the Order through regular meetings, pilgrimages, conferences, and retreats must include in-depth study of the Christian life, knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, the mystery of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection, the teachings of the Church, and the spirituality and history of the Order. In addition, the Lieutenancies are to promote activities to nurture charity and dialogue and enlighten public opinion on moral, cultural, and religious problems, as well as on the situation in the Holy Land.

In ongoing formation, moreover, members are called to accept with a spirit of true understanding the directives that come from the Order both in the liturgical and disciplinary, economic, and administrative fields.

§ 5. Publications - The written and digital publications of the central and territorial authorities of the Order constitute a valuable support for the continuing education of its members

and to nurture their interest and involvement in the meritorious activities of the Order. Such publications should be disseminated widely and extensively.

Each Lieutenancy may publish and disseminate digital or printed bulletins related to its activities in keeping with the guidelines of the Grand Magisterium.

The Lieutenancies are required to seek the approval of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium where they intend to make publications in the name and at the expense of the Order with the use of logo and wording.

ARTICLE 66

OBLIGATIONS

§ 1. General Obligations - The members of the Order are requested to participate actively, both individually and collectively, in the life of the Order, particularly in those activities aimed at the achievement of the statutory objectives; to observe punctually the norms of the Statute and of the present General Regulations; to comply faithfully with the directives of the Cardinal Grand Master, the Grand Magisterium, and the Governor General and all other members of the Order deputed to act on their behalf.

§ 2. Pilgrimage - Except for justified and proven reasons, members of the Order must go to the Holy Land at least once in their lifetime on Pilgrimage, preferably organized in an official form by the central or local authorities of the Order. The member of the Order will also personally take care of his or her own preparation and participation in the Pilgrimage, taking into consideration what is expressed in Art. 41 § 9.

§ 3. Local Activities - The members of the Order are called to participate actively in the life of the Order, especially by taking part in liturgical celebrations, religious, charitable, and institutional activities proposed by the Lieutenancy and local bodies, including the possible annual meeting of the Lieutenancy.

§ 4. Contributions of the Members - Lay and ecclesiastical Members of the Order are obliged to pay annually the statutory economic contribution fixed by the Lieutenancy (see also Art. 52 § 3 - Ordinary Resources), intended primarily to support institutions and projects in the Holy Land, also committing themselves to a further prefixed oblation in the event of promotion to the higher rank.

§ 5. Rules of Conduct - Members of the Order must refrain from any action or behavior which, in the judgment of the competent authority of the Order, might constitute a serious public violation of divine or ecclesiastical law, seriously threaten ecclesial communion, or damage in any way the reputation and honor of the Order even at the local level. In dealing with particular

disputes, each Knight and Dame will be guided by principles of charity and dialogue, according to the teaching of the Gospel.³

§ 6. Use of the Means of Social Communication - Without prejudice to the fact that members of the Order who disseminate content on the means of Social Communication are personally responsible for it, they must avoid any polemical attitude toward the authority of the Church and its teaching, as well as disrespect for the Order and its members. It is not acceptable to the dignity of a Knight or Dame to use the means of social communication to make judgments and fuel controversy or to entrench themselves behind anonymity.

§ 7. Residence and Domicile - Each member of the Order undertakes to notify in a timely manner the Lieutenancy to which he or she belongs of any change of residence.

§ 8. Violations - Failure to comply with one or more of the obligations contemplated in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this article may result in disciplinary measures being taken, in the manner indicated in these General Regulations (see Art. 41 § 6 - Active Members and 67 - Disciplinary Measures).

ARTICLE 67

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

§ 1. Disciplinary Measures - In case of violation of the obligations and duties deriving from belonging to the Order, or, in any case, upon the occurrence of personal situations incompatible with it, disciplinary measures are taken - exclusively within the Order - according to the following modalities:

- a) Admonition: As a rule, this is issued by the competent Lieutenant with written notice to the person concerned; in particular cases it may be taken directly by the Cardinal Grand Master.
- b) Suspension from membership in the Order: It is always imposed by the Cardinal Grand Master; only in cases of particular urgency and seriousness, it may be decided provisionally by the competent Lieutenant, who will immediately inform the Cardinal Grand Master and the Governor General, providing an exhaustive and documented report illustrating the case, for the evaluations of competence. The suspension imposed by the local authority must be confirmed by the Cardinal Grand Master; if the suspension is not confirmed, it is considered null and void. The suspension may not have indefinite duration but must provide for a term, even a generic one, such as the cessation of the situation that caused it or the final judgment of the judicial authority competent to judge any case brought against the person concerned.

³ Please see the attached Code of Conduct approved for Members by the Lieutenants of North America.

c) Forfeiture of membership in the Order: This is decided by the Cardinal Grand Master in cases in which the member, in spite of repeated written warnings (at least three) from the Lieutenancy of membership, has abstained for at least two years, without giving any explanation, from any form of active or contributing participation in the life of the Order. In any case, the Cardinal Grand Master, after hearing the opinion of the relevant Lieutenant and the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may readmit the former member to the rolls. The lapsed member must return the Diploma of appointment and of any subsequent promotions to the Lieutenant, who will transmit it to the Chancery of the Order; the latter will register the member's lapsing, after the Cardinal Grand Master has noted the correctness of the procedure.

d) Removal from the rolls of the Order: only the Cardinal Grand Master has the faculty to revoke the membership of the Order, with the removal of the person concerned from the rolls, for serious and proven reasons, according to the norms of the Code of Canon Law, the Statute of the Order, and these General Regulations. This faculty is exercised at the proposal of the Lieutenant or the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium and always after thorough investigations have been carried out and having completed the necessary consultations with the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium. Causes for disbarment may include violation of the obligations of members mentioned in Articles 64 § 1 f) and 66 of these General Regulations. The disbarred member must return the Diploma of appointment and of any subsequent promotions to the Lieutenant, who will transmit it to the Chancery of the Order; the latter will register the member's disbarment from the rolls, after the Cardinal Grand Master has noted the correctness of the procedure.

§ 2. Obligation to Inform - The member subjected to one of the disciplinary measures dealt with in the preceding paragraph must be immediately informed by the competent authority and put in a position to present his or her defense within the time allotted to them, which must be reasonable.

§ 3. Confidentiality - The Cardinal Grand Master, or any Dignitary in his stead, shall not be obliged to communicate to anyone other than the person concerned and, for information and in confidence, the Lieutenant concerned, the reasons for which the disciplinary action has been taken.

ARTICLE 68

RIGHT TO DEFENSE

§ 1. Prior Consultation - The member of the Order against whom a disciplinary measure has been ordered must - in the spirit of the Order - consult with a local authority of the Order he or she trusts or with the Vice Governor General with territorial jurisdiction regarding the measure before taking any action.

§ 2. Right of Appeal - The authority competent to take the disciplinary measure must guarantee the person concerned a full right of defense by providing full documentation regarding the allegations.

§ 3. Recourse

a) A member of the Order against whom a disciplinary measure has been ordered by the Lieutenant or Magisterial Delegate or Regent shall have the right to explicitly request in writing, within sixty days from the receipt of the notification, the revocation, or correction of the same to the authority that issued the measure by providing adequate arguments; such request shall be transmitted for information, again by the person concerned, to the Governor General. Late or irregular submission of the appeal shall render it inadmissible.

b) The member of the Order against whom a disciplinary measure has been ordered by the Cardinal Grand Master shall have the right to set forth in writing, within sixty days from the notification of the measure, his or her justifications, also indicating:

1. The data necessary to unequivocally identify the challenged act.
2. The identification of the member of the Order filing the appeal, as well as his domicile for the purposes of service.
3. The grounds, at least in summary fashion, for the appeal and any new elements.
4. The appellant's claim with respect to the challenged act (revocation or modification).
5. The date and signature of the appellant

The filing of the appeal does not suspend the effect of the order.

The authority that issued the disciplinary measure has thirty days from receipt of the appeal to provide an interlocutory or final response.

§ 4. Appeal - Members of the Order whose appeal has been rejected by the Lieutenant or Magistral Delegate or Regent may appeal to the Cardinal Grand Master.

The Appeal must be submitted within the peremptory term of thirty days from the notification of the decision responding to the appeal.

If there is no response to the appeal from the issuing authority, after the thirtieth day of silence from the date certain of receipt, an appeal may be filed.

§ 5. Decision of the Appeal - The Cardinal Grand Master shall take all information and, if necessary, acquire the necessary evidence and, as far as possible, hear the member of the Order who filed the Appeal.

The outcome of the decision shall be pronounced by written decision within ninety days of the receipt of the Appeal; in it, the reasons shall be summarily stated.

ARTICLE 69
SELF-SUSPENSION

Should a member find himself or herself in personal situations that could be detrimental to the Order, he or she is invited to self-suspend *pro tempore*.

Self-suspension also entails self-suspension from all possible offices held and terms of service received within the Order.

Self-suspension must be immediately communicated in writing to the Lieutenant in charge of the territory, who will inform the Cardinal Grand Master.

Self-suspension takes effect from the date on which the relevant communication is sent to the Lieutenant. In the case of self-suspension by a member holding an office, the Lieutenant may appoint an interim replacement.

Self-suspension ceases to produce its effects only upon an act ordered by the Lieutenant, upon the written request of the member of the Order documenting the cessation of the cause that determined it. The act must be communicated to the Cardinal Grand Master.

ARTICLE 70
RESIGNATION

§ 1. Resignation of Membership in the Order - Members may renounce their membership in the Order by submitting, in writing, their resignation to their respective Lieutenant. However, before submitting one's resignation, it is desirable that the member of the Order manifest his or her reasons by meeting with his or her immediate superior and/or Prior.

The resignation takes effect from the date on which it appears to be received by the recipient. The effectiveness of resignation does not require acceptance by any authority of the Order (see Statutes, Art. 35 § 4).

§ 2. Procedure for a member's renunciation of membership in the Order - The member who has resigned must return the Diploma of Appointment and of any subsequent promotions to the Lieutenant, who will transmit it to the Chancery of the Order; the latter will register the member's renunciation, after the Cardinal Grand Master has noted the correctness of the procedure.

ARTICLE 71
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict between personal interest and that of the Order arises when a behavior or decision, within the scope of one's activity within the Order, may generate a direct and/or indirect, mediated and/or immediate, or even only potential advantage for oneself and/or related persons.

If a case of conflict of interest is ascertained, the direct superior will be informed about it, who will verify the basis for it and, after consulting his or her Council, will take the appropriate measures.

ARTICLE 72

AWARDING OF KNIGHTLY GRADES

§ 1. The Order consists of Knights and Dames who are divided into two classes:

A. Class of Knights of the Collar and Dames of the Collar:

a) The Collar of the Order belongs by right to the Cardinal Grand Master and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

b) The Cardinal Grand Master confers the Collar of the Order on eminent ecclesiastical personalities, or lay persons of the highest dignity, in very exceptional cases.

B. Class of Knights and Dames, distinguished in the degrees of:

a) Knight and Dame. *Eques and Domina*

b) Knight Commander and Dame Commander. *Commendator et Domina a Commenda*

c) Knight Commander with Star and Dame Commander with Star (Grand Official). *Commendator cum Nomismate and Domina a Commenda cum Nomismate.*

d) Knight Grand Cross and Dame Grand Cross. *Eques a Magna Cruce and Domina a Magna Cruce.*

§ 2. **Knights and Dames** - Knights and Dames of the Order are faithful lay members, men and women, who are at least 25 years of age, of deep faith and religious practice, of exemplary moral conduct, who wish to commit themselves to the goals and objectives of the Order, and who participate in the activities of their local churches (see Statutes, Art. 34 § 2).

The degree of Knight-Religious/Dame-Religious is normally conferred on clergy and religious who perform spiritual duties within the Order, wish to commit themselves to its goals and objectives, and have a special connection with the Holy Land. The title of Knight/Dame is the highest degree that can be conferred on cleric(s).

§ 3. Knight Commanders and Dame Commanders - The degree of Knight Commander and Dame Commander is conferred on Knights and Dames at least 35 years of age who have distinguished themselves by achieving merits on behalf of the Order and its works. This is, as a rule, the highest degree that can be conferred on permanent deacons, prelates (Monsignors), and full Canons of the Patriarchal Chapter of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

The title of Knight Commander is the highest degree that can be conferred on priests and deacons.

§ 4. Knight Commanders with Star (Grand Officers) and Dame Commanders with Star - The rank of Knight Commander with Star (Grand Officers) and Dame Commander with Star is conferred on lay Knight and Dame Commanders who have continued to distinguish themselves by a high degree of participation, concern, and charity towards the Holy Land and the life of the Order; moreover, who are ready to accept additional responsibilities in the Order and received the Pilgrim's Shell.

The rank of Commander with Star (Grand Officer) is normally conferred on clergymen vested with Episcopal dignity.

§ 5. Knights Grand Cross and Dames Grand Cross - The degree of Knight Grand Cross or Dame Grand Cross is conferred on Knight Commanders with Star (Grand Officers) and Dame Commanders with Star who have continued to distinguish themselves for their extraordinary participation toward the Holy Land and the life of the Order; moreover, have assumed additional responsibilities in the Order and attained at least 50 years of age, as well as received the Pilgrim's Shell.

The Degree of Knight Grand Cross is, as a rule, conferred on Cardinals.

ARTICLE 73

PROMOTIONS

§ 1. Requirements - The promotion of a member of the Order to a higher rank constitutes recognition of commitment to the Order, participation, and quality service in the rank for at least five years.

§ 2. Documentation for promotion - Applications for promotions must be submitted by the Lieutenant and be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) certificate from the parish priest confirming the candidate's exemplary religious practice and moral conduct;
- b) clearance confirming the non-existence of any reasons preventing promotion by the Diocesan Ordinary (and/or Prior/Grand Prior) for lay candidates, and by the Military Ordinary (or equivalent ecclesiastical authority) for candidates belonging to the Armed Forces or Law Enforcement;

- c) criminal record and criminal record certificate; where national laws do not provide for the issuance of such documents, a self-certification countersigned by the local authority of the Order about any pending or already concluded judicial proceedings is sufficient;
- d) proof of payment of the one-time oblation pre-set by the competent Lieutenancy for promotion to each higher grade.

§ 3. Ordinary Promotion - The ordinary power to promote candidates in the Order belongs to the Cardinal Grand Master according to the Statute and these General Regulations. This power is normally exercised upon the proposal of the Lieutenant. The latter shall send the files for promotions (enclosing a summary translation where the documents indicated in § 2 above are not in French, English, Italian, Spanish, or German) to the Chancellor of the Order for their information and subsequent examination by the Nominations Commission, before being submitted to the Cardinal Grand Master for approval. Once a candidate is promoted, the respective Lieutenant and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy must be informed.

§ 4. Extraordinary Promotion - Exceptionally, both the Governor General and the Grand Magisterium (unanimously) have the faculty to propose to the Cardinal Grand Master, who will send to the Nominations Commission, any selected candidates to be promoted, enclosing the documentation provided for in § 2; the Commission, after consideration, will submit the files to the Cardinal Grand Master for final approval. The respective Lieutenant and Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy must be informed in advance of the request for promotion.

§ 5. *Motu proprio* Promotions - The Cardinal Grand Master, at his discretion, has the power to promote candidate(s) *motu proprio* to any rank in the Order, having taken such information as he deems appropriate. The respective Lieutenant, Grand Prior and Diocesan Bishop are informed of the promotion.

§ 6. Promotion of a Member of the Grand Magisterium and a Lieutenant - The conferring on a Member of the Grand Magisterium or a Lieutenant of a distinction of higher rank shall be done by the Cardinal Grand Master.

In the case of Members of the Grand Magisterium, promotion takes place upon the proposal of the Governor General; in the case of Lieutenants, it takes place upon the proposal of the Governor General or their respective Grand Priors.

ARTICLE 74

DIGNITARIES OF THE ORDER

§ 1. - The Grand Prior of the Order, the Assessor, the Members of the Grand Magisterium, Lieutenants, Magistral Delegates, and Grand Priors of the Lieutenancy and Magistral Delegation, shall be entitled, during *munere*, to the title of "Dignitary of the Order."

§ 2. - The Cardinal Grand Master, having heard the opinion of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium, may confer the title of honor to the office held on those Dignitaries of the

Order who have rendered themselves particularly deserving of it; the conferment of the title takes place when the Dignitary ceases to hold office.

The conferral of the title of Honor is not automatic and does not necessarily occur upon the Dignitary's termination of office. It will be conferred by the Cardinal Grand Master at the appropriate time, after carrying out the necessary evaluations.

ARTICLE 75

RECOGNITION

§ 1. Recognition of Knights and Dames of the Order - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consulting the territorially competent Lieutenant or the Magistral Delegate, has the faculty to confer on Knights and Dames of irreproachable moral conduct and particularly well-deserving in charity for the Holy Land the following Distinctions: Palm of Jerusalem (gold, silver, and bronze) and Pilgrim's Shell.

§ 2. - The Palm of Jerusalem (gold, silver, and bronze) is awarded by the Cardinal Grand Master to members of the Order who have acquired important and special merits towards the Order or the Holy Land. The Palm of Jerusalem may be conferred for the same reasons and under the same conditions, in special cases, by the Patriarch Grand Prior to members of the Order with permanent residence in the Holy Land; the Patriarch will regularly inform the Grand Magisterium, forwarding the relevant documentation.

As a rule, the Palm of Jerusalem is conferred only once in rank on the same person at the proposal of the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium or the Patriarch Grand Prior of the Order or the relevant Lieutenant. Ecclesiastical members without episcopal dignity may be awarded, after a suitable number of years as a token of appreciation for their service, only the Silver Palm.

The conferral of the Palm of Jerusalem is not automatic and does not necessarily occur upon the termination of office. It will be conferred by the Cardinal Grand Master at the appropriate time, after carrying out the necessary evaluations.

§ 3. - The Pilgrim's Shell is granted only once by the Cardinal Grand Master or the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, to Knights and Dames who have made a pious Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is carried out in the manner prescribed in Art. 66 § 2 of these General Regulations or exceptionally on an autonomous basis.

The Lieutenant, upon request of the pilgrim members, prepares a list of the names of the participants to be submitted to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, so that they may then receive the Pilgrim's Shell.

In the case of pious pilgrimage carried out exceptionally independently, without the coordination of the Lieutenancy, the individual will notify the Lieutenant of his or her intention

to travel to the Holy Land; the Lieutenant having evaluated the modalities of the pilgrimage, will notify the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem of the name of the pilgrim member.

Should a Knight or Dame have made a pious pilgrimage to the Holy Land prior to joining the Order, he or she shall present the relevant documentation or a statement attesting to his or her participation in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to the Lieutenant, who will forward it to the Cardinal Grand Master for the possible granting of the Pilgrim's Shell.

§ 4. - Special Distinctions (of Chapters or Lieutenancies) of ancient historical significance authorized by the Cardinal Grand Master are to be worn exclusively in the territory where the tradition is in force.

Insignia and Uniforms

ARTICLE 76

INSIGNIA OF SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS

§ 1. **Palms of Jerusalem (gold, silver, and bronze)** - The Palm of the Order (cm. 4 x 4) bears on the front the Cross of Jerusalem on a gold, silver, or bronze shield, the whole bordered by two elliptical Palms, one with olive fronds, the other with laurel berries, enameled green.

Engraved on the back is the inscription, "*Palma Equestris Ordinis Sancti Sepulcri Hierosolymitani.*"

All recipients of the Palm of the Order wear the Palm on the left side of the cloak at breast height, hanging from a 5.5 cm. ribbon of black marbled silk.

§ 2. **Pilgrim's Shell** - The Pilgrim's Shell (cm. 4 x 4.5) is a special badge depicting the Silver Shell, with a frontally open shell, fielded by the red enameled Jerusalem Cross threaded in gold, cm. 2.

ARTICLE 77

DRESS

§ 1. **Knight's Cloak** - Knights wear an ivory white cloth cloak that falls 10 cm. below the knee, with a white velvet collar, white cord frogs, white satin lining, and a 25 cm. high Jerusalem Cross in scarlet cloth below the left shoulder.

§ 2. **Dame's Cloak** - Dames wear an ankle-length cloak, lined with black silk, with a black velvet collar and a 25 cm. high Jerusalem Cross in scarlet cloth threaded with gold below the left shoulder.

§ 3. Capitular Cloak - Members of the Grand Magisterium and Lieutenants, both incumbent and honorary, wear a long capitular cloak, of white cloth for Knights and black for Ladies, with inverted lapels closed at the front with an opening of about 50 cm. below the lapel, scarlet Jerusalem Cross below the left shoulder, and long cording ornamented with tassels with a slip knot just below the sternum. The tasseled cords are gold for the Members of the Grand Magisterium and the currently serving Lieutenants and silver for the honorary ones. The lapels of the Lieutenant General and Governor General are striped with a gold ribbon.

In addition, female members designated to the following positions wear the following rank distinctions on both sides of their lapels:

- Lieutenants: silver olive leaf wreath.
- Members of the Grand Magisterium: gold olive leaf serge.
- Vice Governor General: two gold olive leaf wreaths.
- Lieutenant General and Governor General: three wreaths of gold olive leaves.

§ 4. Knight's Headgear - Lay Knights wear a beret (cap) of black velvet, in the form of a cap supported vertically on the right by a band of equal velvet, raised and shaped wing, which goes all around the cap and on the left slopes down to a height of cm. 4. A badge is applied to the bicorn of the 12 cm. band, with the following distinctions of rank:

- Knight: Scarlet Jerusalem Cross on Silver Shield of 40 x 37.5 mm.;
- Commander: Scarlet Jerusalem Cross on Silver Shield of mm. 40 x 37.5 on a black velvet disk of 6 cm., surrounded by a cord of gold embroidery, of 3 mm.;
- Commander with Star: Scarlet Jerusalem Cross on Silver Shield mm. 40 x 37.5 on a black velvet disk of 7.5 cm., surrounded by two gold embroidery cords of 3 mm.;
- Knight Grand Cross: Scarlet Jerusalem Cross on Silver Shield mm. 40 x 37.5, on a black velvet disk 7.5 cm., surrounded by a wreath of olive leaves and finished with a gold embroidery cord of 3 mm.;
- Knight's Collar: Scarlet Jerusalem Cross on Silver Shield on a black velvet disk of 7.5 cm., surrounded by a wreath-shaped Crown of Thorns and finished with a gold embroidery cord of 3 mm.

In addition, Members of the Grand Magisterium and Lieutenants wear the following insignia of office, along both sides of the badge:

- Lieutenants: silver olive leaf wreath.
- Members of the Grand Magisterium: gold olive leaf wreath.
- Vice Governor General: two gold olive leaf wreaths.
- Lieutenant General and Governor General: three wreaths of gold olive leaves.

§ 5. Dame's Veil - Ladies of all ranks wear a black mantilla or black veil on their heads.

In addition, the veil of the Lieutenants and Members of the Grand Magisterium is surrounded by 1.5 cm. gold embroidery.

§ 6. Gloves - Knights wear short-sleeved white gloves. Ladies wear short-sleeved white gloves with long-sleeved dresses, or long-sleeved white gloves with short-sleeved dresses.⁴

§ 7. Clergy - Ecclesiastical members of the Order clothed in the choral habit may wear the white colored mozzetta (satin for Bishops), of normal size, with a scarlet Jerusalem Cross on the left shoulder (cm. 20x20) on a rochet, with black reverse cuffs, unless by other title they are entitled to purple or crimson reverse cuffs.

§ 8. Lay members of the Order - The cloak constitutes the specific dress for the Knights and Dames together with their own neck cross; they are to be worn in church; they may be worn outside church in procession or parade, after consultation with the local Bishop. As a rule, the cloak is to be worn closed.

Knights will wear the cloak, their own neck cross, beret, and white gloves; in church the beret and gloves are removed at the beginning of the ceremonies and put on again at the end, following the instructions of the Lay Master of Ceremonies of the Lieutenancy.

Dames will wear their own cloak, neck cross, black veil and gloves; the latter are removed at the beginning and put on again at the end of the ceremonies, following the directions of the Lay Master of Ceremonies.

The cloak is the church dress of members of the Order; it is to be worn with due respect and not outside the area where the ceremony is being held.

Members may not wear the cloak in public functions or ceremonies, other than those of the Order, without prior permission from their Lieutenant and the Lieutenant of the place where the function or ceremony is held.

The criteria established for the cloak in these General Regulations should be observed, except for different ancient local customs that have been approved by the Cardinal Grand Master.

§ 9. Ecclesiastical Members of the Order - On the occasion of the Order's ceremonies, those who do not participate in the liturgical service shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- a) Bishops shall wear their proper vesture with the Order's white satin rochet and mozzetta with the neck cross, plaque and stole of the Order, if any;
- b) Prelates of Honor, Chaplains of His Holiness, and Priests will wear the proper cassock with surplice and white mozzetta with the neck cross;
- c) Permanent Deacons will follow the provisions for the Lay Knights.

⁴ Black gloves are worn in the Lieutenancies of North America, except in those areas where white is the tradition.

§ 10. Religious Members of the Order - Religious-Knights and Religious-Dames shall wear the proper habit of the Institute to which they belong, with white scarf or black shawl with emblazoned cross and the proper neck cross.

§ 11. Investees - Investees shall attend the Prayer Vigil and Investiture Ceremony, wearing:

- a) dark or ceremonial dress for lay people;
- b) proper cassock and rochet for Bishops; surplice for Prelates, Chaplains of His Holiness, and Secular Priests;
- c) dark dress for permanent Deacons;
- d) proper religious habit for Religious.

§ 12. Allowable Decorations - The following Insignia of rank are allowed on the cloak:

- a) On the capitular cloak with gold/silver thread cords should be worn the proper cross of rank or the Collar.
- b) On the cloak of the Knights and Dames the neck cross and the proper award, if any, shall be worn.

§ 13. Allowable Distinctions - As Special Distinctions, the following are allowed:

- a) The "Pilgrim's Shell," placed in the center of the emblazoned Cross of the cloak and capitular cloak, as a testimony to the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land; it is worn with the umbo (i.e., hinge) at the top.
- b) The "Palm of Jerusalem," placed on the left side of the cloak at chest level. It will be placed at the highest level.

Dignitaries of the Order who, upon ceasing to hold office, have been awarded the title of honor, shall replace the gold cordon on the cloak with a silver one (with silver thread clasp and tassels). They retain the capitular cloak.

Outside of the above-mentioned Insignia of Rank and Special Distinctions of the Order, no other decoration or insignia may be affixed to the cloak.

§ 14. Dress of Participants during the Vigil Ceremony - Knights and Dames are dressed in the cloak, neck cross and insignia according to their rank.

For the Knights, the beret and gloves are removed at the beginning and worn again at the end of the ceremony.

Religious-Knights and Religious-Dames wear the proper dress of their respective Institute with scarf or shawl with emblazoned cross and their own neck cross.

Knights on duty will keep the beret on during the ceremony, except during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the conclusion of the exposition. The Dames in charge of the service will wear the veil and gloves.

The cloaks of the Investee Knights and Dames are worn on the left arm, with the emblazoned cross facing outward; the gloves will be held in the left hand as well as the beret or veil and the proper neck cross.

The scarves of the Religious/ Knight investees and the shawls of the Religious/Dame investees are worn on the left arm with the emblazoned cross facing outward and their own neck cross in the left hand.

Permanent Deacons, when participating in an active role in the rite, wear alb and stole.

During the Vigil Rite, the one who presides will wear an alb, stole, and cope, if not vested with episcopal dignity.

The bishop uses the miter and crosier.

§ 15. Dress of participants during the Investiture Ceremony - Knights and Dames are dressed in the cloak, neck cross, and insignia according to their rank. For Knights, the beret and gloves are removed at the beginning of the ceremony and put back on at the end.

Religious-Knights and Religious-Dames wear the proper dress of the Institute to which they belong with scarf or shawl with emblazoned cross and their own neck cross.

Knights in service will keep the beret on during ceremonies except during the Consecration and when receiving communion. Ladies in service will wear the veil and gloves.

The cloaks of the Investee Knights and Dames are normally worn on the left arm with the emblazoned cross facing outward; the gloves will be held in the left hand as will the beret or veil and their own neck cross; however, it is possible to place the cloaks and neck crosses on a pillow or in some other arrangement so as to facilitate their blessing.

The scarves of the Religious-Knight investees and the shawls of the Religious-Dames investees are worn on the left arm with the emblazoned cross facing outward and their own neck cross in the left hand.

The investee Priests' mozzettas are worn on the left arm with the emblazoned cross facing outward and their own neck cross in the left hand.

Permanent Deacons, when participating in an active role in the rite, wear alb and stole.

Clergymen, if concelebrating, will wear the alb, stole, and chasuble from the beginning. Other non-concelebrating clergy shall dress as prescribed in the General Considerations section of the Ritual of Celebrations.

During the Investiture, the one presiding will wear alb, stole, and cope, if not vested with episcopal dignity.

The bishop uses the miter and crosier; for the Investiture it is preferable to use the Processional Cross.

§ 16. Local traditions, of ancient custom or recognized by the Cardinal Grand Master, shall remain in force.

ARTICLE 78

INSIGNIA OF RANK

§ 1. **Insignia of the Order** - The insignia of the Order, according to ancient custom, is the Jerusalem Cross, that is, an emblazoned cross of gold, enameled in blood color and four crosses in the four corners, all equally of gold and enameled in blood color. It is worn with certain characteristics peculiar to each rank, as follows.

§ 2. **Knights and Dames** - Knights and Dames wear a Jerusalem Cross, 3.5 cm., suspended from a 3.5 cm. black ribbon of marbled silk. For the Knights, the Cross is surmounted by a "Military Trophy" and worn around the neck; for the Dames, the Cross is surmounted by a gold metal ornamental bow and hangs around the neck. Dames in civilian gala dress wear only the gold metal ornamental bow.

§ 3. **Knight and Dame Commanders** – Knight and Dame Commanders wear a 5-cm Jerusalem Cross suspended from a 5-cm black marbled silk ribbon. For Knights, the Cross is surmounted by a "Military Trophy" and worn around the neck; for Dames, the Cross is surmounted by a gold metal ornamental bow and hung around the neck. Dame Commanders in civilian gala dress wear only the ornamental gold metal bow.

§ 4. **Knight Commanders with Star (Grand Officers) and Dame Commanders with Star** - Knight Commanders with Star (Grand Officers) and Dame Commanders with Star wear a 5-cm Jerusalem Cross suspended from a 5-cm ribbon of black marbled silk. For the Knights, the Cross is surmounted by a "Military Trophy" and worn around the neck; for the Dames, the Cross is surmounted by an ornamental gold metal bow and hung around the neck.

In addition, Knight Commanders with Star (Grand Officers) and Dame Commanders with Star wear the 8.5 cm. silver medal, on which is superimposed the Jerusalem Cross on a white enameled background surrounded by a garland of olive leaves, in gold, enameled green. The star is worn on the left side of the cloak.

Dame Commanders with Star in civilian gala dress wear only the ornamental gold metal bow.

§ 5. **Knights and Dames Grand Cross** - Knights and Dames Grand Cross wear a 5-cm Jerusalem Cross suspended from a 5-cm ribbon of black marbled silk. For Knights, the Cross is surmounted by a "Military Trophy" and worn around the neck and another cm. 6.5 Jerusalem Cross is tied at the height of the left hip to a cm. 10 band of black marbled silk, worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.

For the Dames, the Cross is tied at hip height to an 8-cm band of black marbled silk, worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.

In addition, Knights and Dames Grand Cross wear a cm. 8.5 radiant silver medal, on which is superimposed a cm. 5 Jerusalem Cross. For Knights, the medal is worn on the left side of the jacket; for Dames, the star is worn on the left side of the dress.

§ 6. Knights and Dames of the Collar - Knights and Dames of the Collar wear a Collar consisting of a chain of six Jerusalem Crosses, alternating with seven pairs of rectangular gold plates, with the motto: "*Resurrexit*," from which hangs the Jerusalem Cross enameled in red surmounted by the relief figure, in gold, of Christ Rising from the Tomb and surrounded by a garland of leaves in gold, enameled in green. For the Knights the Cross is surmounted by a "Military Trophy"; for the Dames the Cross is surmounted by an ornamental bow in gold metal. In addition, the Knights and Dames of the Collar wear an 8.5 cm. radiant silver medal, surmounted by a 4 cm. gold disc, on which is superimposed on a white enameled background the Jerusalem Cross enameled in red with the relief figure, in gold, of Christ Rising from the Tomb and surrounded by olive leaves in gold enameled in green. For Knights, the medal is worn on the left shoulder of the tailcoat; for Dames, the medal is worn on the left side of the gown.

§ 7. Miniature Insignia - The rank insignia in miniature format is worn hanging from a ribbon for Knights or from a bow for Dames on the left side of the formal dress that provides for the affixing of decorations. Knights may wear a rosette with their highest rank on the left lapel of their jacket; Dames may wear a black bow with a miniature of their highest rank on formal dress that provides for the affixing of decorations (for description and measurements, see the Table attached to these General Regulations).

ARTICLE 79

BANNERS OF THE ORDER

§ 1. Labarum of the Order - The Insignia of the Order consists of the banner of white silk on a red pole, surmounted by "Military Trophy." The 1.80 x 2.10 cm panel is knotted to the transverse pole by crenellated loops. From the lower horizontal rod hangs a fringe of m. 0.40, depicting in colors and pendants the Lieutenancies of the Order. On the front of the Banner stands the figure of Christ Rising from the Tomb, holding the Crusader Banner.

On the head of the empty Tomb is spread in ornate form the cartouche with the motto in Gothic characters "*Resurrexit*."

The figure of the Resurrected Christ is enclosed on the sides by an ornamental motif alternating between Jerusalem Crosses and Crowns of Thorns. From the upper transverse rod knobs hang the Order's ribbons of marbled black silk.

On the back of the banner stands out the Cross of Jerusalem.

The Banner is kept in the Order's headquarters in Rome. Its use is regulated by the Cardinal Grand Master.

§ 2. Banner of the Lieutenancies - The Insignia of the Lieutenancies is the banner of white silk, with a red staff, surmounted by the "Military Trophy." The 0.80 x 2.40 m. wide panel, which ends in a point, bears on the front the figure of Christ Risen from the Tomb, holding the Crusader Flag and, at the base, the ornamental scroll with the motto "*Resurrexit.*" From the knobs of the transverse staff hang ribbons: on the right that of the Order of black watered silk, on the left with the colors of the nation of the Lieutenancy. On the back of the standard is the Jerusalem Cross.

The standard is kept in the seat of the Lieutenancy and the Lieutenant regulates its use.

§ 3. Insignia of the Sections - The Insignia of the Sections is the banner of white silk with a red staff, surmounted by the "Military Trophy." On the front of the drape 0.60 x 0.60 m high with a swallowtail of 0.80 m is placed the Jerusalem Cross. The arms or colors of the seat of the administrative territory of the Section are on the side. From the staff hang the ribbons of the Order and the seat of the administrative territory of the Section.

The banner shall be kept in the headquarters of the Section, and the President regulates its use.

§ 4. Insignia of the Delegations - The Insignia of the Delegations is the banner of white silk on a metal pole, surmounted by the golden Cross of the Order.

On the front of the drape 0.60 x 0.60 m high with a swallowtail of 0.80 m is the Jerusalem Cross.

From the pole of the banner hang the ribbons of the Order and the city, seat of the Delegation.

The banner is kept in the Delegation headquarters, and its use is regulated by the Delegate.

ARTICLE 80

COAT OF ARMS AND SEAL

§ 1. Coat of Arms - The Coat of Arms of the Order is silver with the Jerusalem Cross in gold and enameled in sanguine color.

The Golden Helmet, surmounted with the Crown of Thorns of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Crest, of the globe surmounted by the Cross, is flanked by two Silver Flags with the purple Jerusalem Cross in the center.

The Lieutenants are represented by two Angels wearing red dalmatics; one (right) holding the Crusader's Banner; the other (left) holding the pilgrim staff and shell.

Motto: "*Resurrexit*" in Roman capital font on a bifid scroll below the tip of the shield.

§ 2. **Seal** - The Seal of the Order, in the form of a mandorla, enclosed by a gold frame with the Crown of Thorns of Our Lord Jesus Christ, depicts, embossed in silver, or impressed in wax, the figure of Christ Risen from the Tomb.

ARTICLE 81

THE CARDINAL GRAND MASTER'S COAT OF ARMS

The Cardinal Grand Master frames his coat of arms with the Coat of Arms of the Order: of Silver to the Cross of Gold, enameled in sanguine color, surmounted by the *galero rosso* with the right to the cloak, topped by the Crown of Thorns surmounted by the Crest.

The Shield is surrounded by the Collar of the Order.

The Cardinal Grand Master in his coat of arms makes use of the Cross of Jerusalem.

ARTICLE 82

ATTRIBUTION OF TITLES

Offices of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem

INTERLOCUTORS	APPELLATIVES
Cardinal Grand Master	His Eminence - Cardinal
Patriarch Grand Prior	His Beatitude
Assessor	His Excellency (if Bishop)
Lieutenant General	Excellency Lieutenant General
Governor General	Excellency Governor General
Vice Governor General	Excellency Vice Governor General

Chancellor	
Treasurer	
Master of ceremony	
Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy	His Eminence (if Cardinal), His Excellency
Lieutenant	Excellency
Magistral Delegate	
Chancellor of the Lieutenancy	Sir or Dame
Treasurer of the Lieutenancy	Sir or Dame
Secretary of the Lieutenancy	Sir or Dame
Section President	Sir or Dame
Local Delegate	Sir or Dame
Section Regent	Sir or Dame
Local Delegation Regent	Sir or Dame
Section Prior	Rev.
Prior of Local Delegation	Rev.
Section Councilors	Rev.
Local Delegation Councilors	Rev.

ARTICLE 83

CELEBRATIONS OF THE ORDER

Investiture Ceremony - Admission into the Order takes place at a solemn Investiture Ceremony, preceded by a Prayer Vigil.

The celebration of the Investiture Ceremony of new members in the Order is the responsibility of the Cardinal Grand Master; in his absence, the power to celebrate the Investiture Ceremony is delegated to the Grand Priors of the respective Lieutenancies, by implicit delegation (cf. Statutes, Art. 35 § 3). The Grand Priors of Lieutenancies, in turn, may sub-delegate to another ecclesiastical authority belonging to the Order (see Art. 3). Immediate spiritual and preparatory meetings may be scheduled.

For the ritual, please refer to the Ritual for Celebrations of the Order.

ARTICLE 84

SPIRITUAL BENEFITS

In accordance with Article 37 of the Statute, members of the Order enjoy a plenary indulgence, once the usual conditions of confession, communion, and prayers established for the Holy Father's intentions are met:

On the day of one's Investiture

The day of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Palestine, Patroness of the Order (Aug. 22)

The day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14)

The day of the feast of St. Pius X (August 21)

On the feast day of St. Helen (Aug. 18)

It is also required that they commit themselves, or renew their commitment, at least in private, to faithfully observe the Statutes of the Order (A copy of the Decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary on 09/23/1967 can be found in the Appendix to these General Regulations).

ARTICLE 85

HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE OF THE ORDER

The hierarchical structure of the Order is as follows:

Cardinal Grand Master

Cardinal Members of the Order (if any)

Patriarch Grand Prior

Assessor

Lieutenant General

Governor General

Vice Governors General

Chancellor of the Order

Treasurer of the Order

Master of Ceremonies of the Order

Spiritual Assistant of the Order (if appointed)

Other Members of the Grand Magisterium

Lieutenants/Regents of the Lieutenancy
Grand Priors of the Lieutenancy
Magistral Delegates/Regents of Magistral Delegation
Grand Priors of Magistral Delegation
Coadjutor Priors of the Lieutenancy or Magistral Delegation
Chancellor, Treasurer, Secretary of the Lieutenancy
Other Members of the Lieutenancy Council
Section Presidents/Regents
Section Priors
Local Delegates/Regents of Local Delegation Priors of Local Delegation.

In the event of equality of office and rank, precedence shall follow seniority in office.

Where Cardinals, members of the Order and non-members of the Order, and civil authorities, members of the Order and non-members of the Order, are present, precedence shall follow according to their rank.

ARTICLE 86

HERALDIC PRIVILEGES

Ecclesiastics who may make use of a coat of arms:

1. Cardinals shall quarter their arms with the Jerusalem arms.
2. Other ecclesiastics may attach their shield to the Jerusalem Cross.

Knights and Dames, who legitimately make use of the coat of arms, may have the Cross of the Order hanging below the tip of the shield:

- Knights with a black knot;
- Knight and Dame Commanders hanging from a black ribbon coming out from under the base of the shield;
- Knight and Dame Commanders with Star with trophy hanging from a black ribbon hugging the sides of the shield;
- Knights and Dames Grand Cross hugging the entire shield with the ribbon of the Order, from which the Cross with trophy hangs;

- The Knights of Collar, the members of the Grand Magisterium, the Lieutenants-in-Office and of Honor, and the Grand Priors will be able to attach with the Jerusalem arms to the right; Knights of Collar may also place the Collar around the shield.

The Patriarch Grand Prior and the Assessor make use of the chief charged with the Jerusalem Cross.

Knights and Dames who do not have their own Coat of Arms are entitled to bear the Cross of the Order.

TITLE IV

DECORATIONS OF MERIT

ARTICLE 87

§ 1. Decorations of Merit - The Cardinal Grand Master, after consulting the territorially competent Lieutenant or Magistral Delegate, has the faculty to confer on persons not belonging to the Order of irreproachable moral conduct and who are particularly meritorious in charity for the Holy Land the Decoration of Merit, distinguished in the following classes:

- a) Cross of Merit;
- b) Cross with Silver Star of Merit;
- c) Cross with Gold Star of Merit;
- d) Collar of Merit for eminent personalities who are also non-Catholic or non-Christian.

It is conferred, as a rule, upon the recommendation of the Governor General or the Presidency of the Grand Magisterium or the Lieutenant with territorial jurisdiction and does not imply entry into the Order.

It may be conferred in a single class on clerics, subject to the positive opinion of their Ordinary.

The Decoration of Merit may not be conferred on Members of the Order, and its award does not imply membership in it; however, it does not prevent subsequent membership.

§ 2. Insignia of the Cross of Merit - The Insignia of the Cross of Merit consists of an emblazoned Cross, of gold, enameled red, with a crown of thorns of gold, passing between the arms of the Cross. The ribbon is of white silk with three longitudinal red stripes.

§ 3. Insignia of individual classes - The insignia of individual classes have the following characteristics: (see Tables 7-8-9 old Statutes)

- Cross of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem: the 5.2-cm insignia is worn around the neck hanging from a 4.5-cm ribbon.
- Silver Cross with Star of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem: the cm. 5.2 insignia is worn around the neck hanging from a cm. 4.5 ribbon. The Star is radiant silver, cm. 7.2 with the insignia superimposed cm. 3.5.
- Cross with gold Star of Merit of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem: the cm. 6.4 insignia hangs from a cm. 10 wide silk sash that is worn over the shoulder from the right shoulder to the left side. The Star is radiating silver, cm. 8.5 with the insignia superimposed, cm. 5.2.
- Collar of Merit: Collar jointed in two sections, with links to the Cross of cm. 1.5 enhanced gold, enameled red, with a Crown of Thorns in gold, passing between the arms of the Cross (eight Crosses), alternating with eight pairs of rectangular gold platelets, with the motto "*Meriti causa,*" from which hangs the Cross of cm. 5.2 enhanced gold, enameled red, with a Crown of Thorns in gold, passing between the arms of the Cross. The Star, radiating gold, cm. 8.2 with the above Cross superimposed, measuring cm. 2.8; the Star is worn on the left side of the chest.

APPENDIX

