



# **Statutes of The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Michael the Archangel**

*As promulgated by  
His Royal Highness The Prince of Kaharagia,  
Sovereign Lord and Master of the Order,  
on Saint Michael's Day, 8 May 2020*

*By the Grace of God  
We Maximilian, Prince of Kaharagia  
Sovereign Lord and Master of The Most  
Illustrious Order of Saint Michael the Archangel  
etc., etc., etc.,*

*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings!*

**WHEREAS**, the Order of Saint Michael was established on the 18th day of July 2010 to honour and recognise distinguished individuals who have displayed exceptional service, valour, and unwavering dedication to Us and Our Principality of Kaharagia;

And **WHEREAS**, with deep reverence for tradition, the preservation of noble virtues, and the pursuit of excellence, We now deem it necessary to update and refine the statutes that govern this most illustrious order;

Now, **THEREFORE**, We, in Our Sovereign capacity, do establish and ordain these statutes, replacing the original ones enacted at the time of the order's foundation. These renewed statutes shall serve as the guiding principles and regulations for the governance of The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Michael the Archangel.

#### **Article I: Establishment and Purpose**

**1.1** The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Michael the Archangel, known as the Order of Saint Michael, was established on the 18th day of July 2011 by decree, solidifying its position as the preeminent honour of the Principality of Kaharagia.

**1.2** The purpose of the Order of Saint Michael is to bestow recognition upon individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, valour, and unwavering dedication to the Principality of Kaharagia.

**1.3** Membership in the order shall consist of the Sovereign Lord and Master, the Principal Knight Companion, and other distinguished individuals appointed as Knights Companion (male) and Ladies Companion (female).

**1.4** The Feast Day of The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Michael the Archangel shall be observed on the 8th day of May, coinciding with the traditional Saint Michael's Day in Kaharagia. On this day, members of the order shall commemorate and pay tribute to Saint Michael, the Archangel.

**1.5** In addition to the Feast Day, the order shall also celebrate Michaelmas, a significant feast dedicated to Saint Michael the Archangel, on the 29th day of September each year. This celebration shall serve as an occasion to honour the virtues of courage, righteousness, and protection exemplified by Saint Michael.

## **Article II: Governance and Administration**

**2.1** The Sovereign Lord and Master, forever and by hereditary right united with the title of Prince of Kaharagia, shall possess absolute sovereignty, authority, and responsibility over the governance of the Order of Saint Michael.

**2.2** The administration of the order shall be entrusted to appointed officers, who may or may not be members of the order. These officers shall hold the following positions:

- a) The Prelate: Responsible for overseeing the spiritual aspects of the order.
- b) The Chancellor: Responsible for the overall administration of the order.
- c) The Herald: Responsible for matters pertaining to heraldry and ceremonial functions.
- d) The Gentlemen-at-Arms: Responsible for upholding order and ensuring security during official events.

## **Article III: Membership**

**3.1** The appointment of Knights or Ladies Companion to the Order of Saint Michael shall be solely at the discretion of the Sovereign Lord and Master. No specific requirements shall be imposed, as the appointments are considered personal prerogatives of the Sovereign Lord and Master.

**3.2** No applications for membership to the order shall be entertained. Appointment to the order shall be based solely on the personal decision of the Sovereign Lord and Master.

**3.3** Honorary or posthumous appointments shall not be granted within the Order of Saint Michael. All Knights and Ladies Companions shall be regarded as equals, without any distinctions or honorary titles. Both men and women shall be treated equally within the order.

**3.4** The order of precedence within the Order of Saint Michael shall be as follows:

- a) The Sovereign Lord and Master: Holding the foremost position as the supreme head of the order, embodying the highest authority and responsibility.

b) The Principal Knight Companion: A senior member of the Royal Family, appointed as the trusted deputy to the Sovereign Lord and Master, second in rank only to the Sovereign Lord and Master.

c) Members of the Royal Family: Holding a distinguished place within the order, signifying their close connection to the Sovereign Lord and Master.

d) Foreign Royals: Individuals from other royal families who have been recognised for their significant contributions and granted membership in the order.

e) Members of the Kaharagian Nobility: Esteemed individuals from noble families within Kaharagia, acknowledged for their exceptional service and unwavering dedication.

f) Foreign Nobles: Individuals from other noble families who have been acknowledged for their outstanding achievements and contributions.

g) All other Knights and Ladies Companions: Encompassing individuals appointed based on the seniority of their appointment. They shall hold the esteemed titles of Knight Companion or Lady Companion, signifying their honoured status within the order.

#### **Article IV: Privileges and Responsibilities**

**4.1** The privileges accorded to Knights or Ladies Companions shall primarily be of a ceremonial nature, in accordance with the principles of equality upheld by Kaharagia.

**4.2** Knights and Ladies Companions are granted the personal honour of access to and consultation with the Sovereign Lord and Master. They hold the privilege of carrying a canopy over the Sovereign during official ceremonies and have the duty to escort and attend the Sovereign's body at the Sovereign's Funeral.

**4.3** Membership in the Order accords the right to carry a sword at court, along with recognition as a Notable of the Realm and a seat in the Assembly of Notables, should it be convened.

**4.4** Despite tradition in some other orders, Knights and Ladies Companion do not use the prefixes Sir, Dame, or Lady, in keeping with Kaharagian custom. However, they are entitled to use the post-nominal letters CM to signify their status as Companions of the Order of Saint Michael.

**4.5** All members of the Order are expected to uphold the highest moral and ethical standards, embodying the principles of the Order and preserving the reputation of the

Principality of Kaharagia. They must remain committed to the values and traditions of the Order and strive to promote its aims and objectives in their daily lives.

#### **Article V: Appointment and Removal**

**5.1** The appointment of Knights or Ladies Companions to the Order of Saint Michael shall be made through a Royal Decree issued under the Great Seal of the Realm. Upon appointment, they shall be presented with a commission document signed by the Sovereign Lord and Master and sealed with the Order seal, serving as proof of their admission to the order.

**5.2** Membership in the order may be revoked, or an individual may be removed from the order in cases of treason, treachery, or other actions deemed detrimental to the interests or reputation of the order. The decision regarding degradation or expulsion from the order shall rest solely with the Sovereign Lord and Master.

#### **Article VI: Nationality Entitlement**

**6.1** Foreigners who are appointed as Knights Companion or Ladies Companion to the Order of Saint Michael are eligible to claim Kaharagian Nationality by virtue of their appointment.

**6.2** Nationality is not automatically granted upon appointment to the Order; Knights Companion or Ladies Companion who wish to acquire Kaharagian Nationality must explicitly claim it.

**6.3** Upon the acceptance of their appointment and in accordance with the laws and regulations governing Kaharagian Nationality, such individuals may initiate the process to acquire Kaharagian Nationality if they so desire. This entitlement is subject to adherence to all prevailing laws and regulations related to naturalisation and citizenship.

#### **Article VII: Insignia of the Order**

**7.1** The Insignia of the Order of Saint Michael is a treasured representation of the order's traditions and values. It comprises distinctive elements that bear profound symbolism, encapsulating the essence of the Order of Saint Michael.

**7.2** The Collar: The collar of the Order of Saint Michael is adorned with alternating crowned eagles of Jupiter and disks depicting Saint Michael triumphing over Satan. Suspended from the bottom of the collar, beneath an Eagle of Jupiter, is a regal Crown. The cross of the order is elegantly suspended from the Crown, representing the central emblem of the order's honour and dedication.

**7.3** The Cross: The cross of the Order of Saint Michael embodies the iconic Maltese cross, enamelled in radiant white. Each of the eight points of the cross is embellished with delicate

gold balls, enhancing its regal appearance. The central disk features a finely sculpted depiction of Saint Michael the Archangel in resplendent gold, triumphantly vanquishing Satan. On the reverse of the cross, the arms gleam in radiant gold, bearing the letters AMDG on each arm and the Sovereign's monogram at the centre. The cross is worn on the collar during the most formal occasions or suspended from a distinguished gold ribbon around the neck for gentlemen and a graceful bow for ladies on other occasions. Ladies in uniform wear it in the style of gentlemen.

**7.4 Motto and Inscriptions:** The motto of the Order, inscribed in Latin, is "AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM" (for the greater glory of God). This profound phrase encapsulates the noble purpose and spiritual foundation of the order. The coat of arms of the Order displays a striking black cross on a resplendent gold shield. This emblem, known as the Saint Michael's Cross, serves as the heraldic banner and flag of the order, further symbolising its distinguished identity.

### **Article VIII: Seal of the Order**

**8.1** The seal of the Order of Saint Michael serves as an emblem of authority and authenticity for official documents and acts of the order. A unique seal shall be made for each Sovereign of the order, and they shall deface their predecessors.

**8.2** The seal features the impaled arms of the order and the Principality of Kaharagia. The arms of Kaharagia are depicted on the left side, while the arms of the order are displayed on the right side. Above the impaled arms, a regal crown symbolises the royal connection of the order. Two wildmen, representing heraldic supporters, stand on either side. The Latin text "SIGILLUM P. MAXIMILIANI D. ET M. ORD. ILLUST. S. MICHAELIS" (Seal of Prince Maximilian, Lord and Master of the Order of Saint Michael the Archangel) surrounds the seal, underscoring the authority of the Sovereign Lord and Master.

**8.3** The Chancellor is entrusted with the custody and proper usage of the seal. The Chancellor ensures the seal's safekeeping, upholds its integrity, and adheres to established protocols regarding its use in accordance with the statutes and traditions of the order.

### **Article IX: Ceremonial Attire**

**9.1** The ceremonial attire of the Order of Saint Michael constitutes an integral part of its identity, embodying its traditions, honour, and purpose. The attire includes a mantle and a hat, each adorned with symbols and designs that hold profound significance to the Order.

**9.2** The Mantle: The mantle is a mid-calf length cape made of black wool, lined with black silk, signifying the solemnity and dignity of the Order. The mantle's collar, not to be confused with the Collar of the Order, signifies the mantle's completion and the wearer's allegiance to the Order. On the left side of the mantle, there is an embroidered star, which serves as a symbol of light, guidance, and aspiration. The star is embroidered in silver for

Companions and in gold for the Sovereign, symbolising their respective ranks within the Order. The embroidered star is accentuated with an intricate depiction of Saint Michael defeating Satan, encapsulating the Order's dedication to courage, righteousness, and the vanquishing of evil. The mantle is tied with a black rope adorned with gold finials, representing the unity and commitment of the members of the Order. The Mantle is to be worn over a suit, uniform, or clerical dress, as per the occasion's decorum.

**9.3 The Hat:** The hat is a black wool cavalier-style bolero, its design inspired by the valour and chivalry of knights, symbolising the order's dedication to honour and service. The left side of the hat is upturned and pinned with a gold effigy of Saint Michael defeating Satan, reinforcing the enduring symbolism of Saint Michael as the Order's Patron Saint. From the upturned left side, there is a plume of yellow-gold feathers, symbolising the dignity, nobility, and illustrious character of the members of the Order.

**9.4** Members of the Order are expected to wear the ceremonial attire during official events such as investitures of the Order and other days as prescribed by the Sovereign Lord and Master, demonstrating their allegiance, unity, and commitment to the principles and values of the Order. The manner of wearing the ceremonial attire, along with any amendments or additions to the attire, shall be governed by protocols established by the Sovereign Lord and Master."

## **Article X: Enactment and Amendments**

**10.1** These Statutes, upon the signature and seal of the Sovereign Lord and Master, shall be the law of The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Michael the Archangel, regulating all aspects of its governance, administration, and functions.

**10.2** These Statutes supersede any previous statutes, edicts, or orders with respect to the administration, governance, and management of the Order of Saint Michael.

**10.3** The power to alter, amend, repeal, or add to these Statutes shall be vested solely in the Sovereign Lord and Master, acting in accordance with the spirit of justice, virtue, and honour.

**10.4** Any amendments or alterations to these Statutes shall be made under the Great Seal of the Realm, signed by the Sovereign Lord and Master, and shall be communicated to all members of the Order in the form of a Royal Decree.

**10.5** Notwithstanding any provision in these Statutes, in all cases of doubt or dispute regarding the interpretation of these Statutes, the decision of the Sovereign Lord and Master shall be final and binding.

**10.6** These Statutes shall come into effect on the date of signing by the Sovereign Lord and Master.

**GIVEN** under Our Hand and the Great Seal of  
Our Principality, at Our Court in Detroit, This 8th day  
of May, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and  
Twenty, and the Tenth of Our reign

**(L.S.)**

***Maximilian P.***