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2.1 The Most Venerable Order of St John

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, more commonly known as the Order of St. John, is "an ancient Christian brotherhood" or confraternity, consisting of Order Members having a common commitment to serving humanity through hospitaller and other charitable work. It was a revival of the earlier English Priory of the medieval Order of St John, and has an unbroken factual connection with it. The Order of St John became a British Crown Order of Chivalry and was granted a Royal Charter of Incorporation in 1888. The Order's title was granted the prefix 'Venerable' in 1926 and 'Most Venerable' in 1955.

The Order of St John is one of the five mutually recognised Orders of St John.

2.2 The Order Worldwide

The Venerable Order of St John is an international body with some 30,000 members worldwide. The Order encompasses the Foundations of the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem and St John Ambulance, and is supported by a large number of volunteers and some paid staff.

2.3 Foundations

A Foundation of the Order is an organised body of persons (who need not be members of the Order) which is constituted for the furtherance of any of its objects or purposes. There are presently two Foundations, namely:

- a) The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital
Incorporated as a charitable company and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Order. It is managed by a board of directors/trustees who are accountable to the Grand Council.
- b) St John Ambulance

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Has some 250,000 members throughout the world - Its activities include first aid provision and education; ambulance, community care, youth activities, sea and cliff rescue services, and a therapy dog programme.

2.4 The Order's Structure

Queen Victoria's Royal Charter of 1888 established the Order as a Royal Order of Chivalry, and since then it has had the Monarch as Sovereign Head and a member of the Royal Family as Grand Prior.

2.4.1 The Sovereign Head

The Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) was admitted to the Order as a Dame Grand Cross on 6 March 1947 and became Sovereign Head when she ascended the Throne on 6 February 1952.

The Mantle of the Sovereign Head has a train and is of velvet lined with white silk. The Badge, 304 mm in diameter, is of white silk, embellished in gold, and is surmounted by the Imperial Crown. You will find a description and photograph of the Sovereign Head's insignia at section 7.7.11.



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2.4.2 *The Grand Prior*

The Grand Prior has supreme direction and administrative and executive control over the Order.

The Duke of Gloucester is the second son of the late Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester (and Grand Prior) and Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. He was born in 1944, and is a grandson of George V and a first cousin to The Queen. He was Admitted to the Order as a Knight of Justice on 16 October 1972 and succeeded his father as Duke of Gloucester and Grand Prior in June 1974.

Prince Richard (as he was then known) married Birgitte Eva van Deurs from Odense, Denmark at St Andrew's Church, Barnwell, Northamptonshire. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester have three children.

The Mantle of the Grand Prior is similar to that of the Sovereign Head, but it has no train, and the Badge is not surmounted by the Imperial Crown. You will find a description and photograph of the Grand Prior's insignia at section 7.7.12.

The Grand Prior and Duchess of Gloucester attended the celebrations of the Centennial of St John in New Zealand in Christchurch in 1985.



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2.4.3 The Grand Council

In 1999, the Order's structure was changed significantly and it is now governed by the Grand Council. The Grand Council is composed of the Great Officers and the Prior of each Priory (who may appoint the Chancellor in their place). It provides global strategic leadership and policy direction to the Foundations, Establishments, Members, and Volunteers. It regularly reviews progress in achieving the Order's goals and agrees actions to achieve them.

Representatives of St John Associations are invited to attend meetings of the Grand Council, which rotate between each Priory (New Zealand hosted the Grand Council in 2000). The Hospitaller has the right to attend any meeting of the Grand Council where any matter affecting his office is on the agenda, but he may not vote.

The Grand Council (For the 2002-05 Triennium)

Lord Prior (Chairman)
Mr E L Barry, GCStJ, CD

The Prelate (Ecclesiastical Affairs)
Bishop John Waine, KCVO, GCStJ

Deputy Lord Prior (Legal & Constitutional)
Professor A R Mellows, OBE, GCStJ, TD, PhD, LLD

Sub-Prior (St John Associations)
Mr J A Strachan, GCStJ

and the Prior (and Chancellor if appointed) of each of the eight Priors.

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2.5 The Great Officers

The Grand Prior, the Lord Prior, The Prelate, the Deputy Lord Prior and Sub-Prior are the Order's Great Officers. Except for the Grand Prior, the Great Officers may not serve more than two Triennia. The Grand Prior appoints the Great Officers who must declare a personal profession of the Christian faith.

2.5.1 The Lord Prior, Mr Eric Barry GCStJ, CD

Mr Barry has been a volunteer with St John since 1968 beginning in Montreal as a member of the board of directors of the Québec Council of the Priory of Canada. He was President of the Québec Council 1980-82 and then held various offices at the national level, most recently as Chancellor of the Priory of Canada 1993-1996. He was the delegate from Canada to the International Joint Working Party of the Order which planned the organisation and governmental changes which came into effect in October 1999. At that time, he was appointed to the office of Deputy Lord Prior of the Order.

Almost all his business career has been in association management. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Textiles Institute from 1980 to 1999 and is still active with that organisation.

His business responsibilities centred on international trade negotiations and this has taken him all over the world. He was an advisor to the Canadian government during negotiations for the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement; the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations; and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In 1977, he was appointed by the Canadian government to the Standards Council of Canada for a three year term and to a second three year term in 1980. He is currently a member of the government's Defence Industries Advisory Committee.

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Mr Barry served in the Canadian Forces Reserves for seventeen years and was commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Hussars. He is a life member of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association.

He was born in Montreal and is a graduate of Sir George Williams (now Concordia) University.

The Lord Prior visited New Zealand in March 2003.



2.5.2 The Prelate, The Rt Rev Bishop John Waine, KCVO, GCStJ

The Prelate (who must be a Bishop of the Church of England) is the advisor to the Grand Prior on all matters of an ecclesiastical (church and clergy) nature and is also responsible for determining the form of service and prayers which are not prescribed in the Order's Statutes.

Bishop Waine was Bishop of Chelmsford from 1986 - 96; Clerk of the Closet to The Queen (Chaplain) 1989-1996, and is Chairman of the Council, University of Essex.

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2.5.3 The Deputy Lord Prior, Professor Anthony Mellows, OBE, TD, PhD, LL.D

The Deputy Lord Prior is responsible for constitutional matters in the Order.

Professor Mellows, who is Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of London, was appointed Deputy Lord Prior with responsibility for legal and constitutional matters at the time of the Order's international reorganisation in 1999. He was Chancellor of the Order from 1991 to 1999, having also served as Registrar and Member of Council.

Admitted to the Order as an Officer in 1981, (CStJ 1985 KStJ 1988), Professor Mellows was appointed Bailiff Grand Cross in 1991. He is also a Commander of Merit of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and represents the Venerable Order in its relationship with that Order and the Orders in the Alliance of St John Orders.

Professor Mellows was educated at King's College London, and Commissioned in the British Army Intelligence Corps in 1959. He has been in private law practice since 1960, and is author of many legal publications, and is Chair of several lay commissions within the Anglican Church.

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2.5.4 The Sub-Prior, Mr John Strachan GCStJ

The Sub-Prior has special interest and responsibility for the St John Associations.

Mr Strachan joined the St John Ambulance Brigade as a cadet in Timaru, New Zealand in 1952. He later gained his Grand Prior's Badge there.

He has served in various positions including Staff Officer (Cadets), Secretary/Treasurer for the Ashburton sub-centre, and Chairman of the Nelson Marlborough Centre.

Mr Strachan was a member of the Christchurch based working party that undertook a review of St John in New Zealand, which resulted in the 1987 re-organisation.

After being a member of various national boards he became Receiver-General in 1992, and Chancellor of the Order in 1993.

Mr Strachan was Admitted into the Order as a Serving Brother in 1986, Promoted to Commander Brother in 1989 and Knight of Grace in 1992.

In 1997, Mr Strachan was promoted to Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order of St John. He was subsequently appointed Sub-Prior of the Order in its international re-organisation in 1999.

Mr Strachan was reconfirmed as Sub-Prior for the 2002 Triennium.

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2.6 The Honours and Awards Committee

The Honours and Awards Committee is a standing Committee of the Grand Council and advises on all matters relating to appointments and promotions in the Order and eligibility for awards of the Life Saving Medal and Service Medal.

2.7 The Principal Officers

Appointed by the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Great Officers, the Principal Officers are appointed for a triennium but may be reappointed.

2.7.1 The Secretary-General, Mr Andrew Gough, CB

Andrew Gough is 56 years old and joins the Order of St John (in November 2003) with both a military and business background. He entered the Royal Navy direct from school in 1965 and after graduating from the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth he qualified as a Seaman Officer and then sub-specialised in anti-submarine helicopters. During 35 years in the Royal Navy Andrew commanded a helicopter squadron, a minehunter, 3 frigates and a squadron of NATO warships. Having seen service in most regions of the world Andrew retired as a Rear Admiral in 2000 and was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath by Her Majesty the Queen in the Millennium honours list. He then had a successful short business career as one of the founders of ForcesGroup Ltd, providing specialised insurance solutions to the UK Armed Forces, and has been the Managing Director of two of the group's companies.

Throughout his service in the Royal Navy and since, Andrew has played an active role in helping others, under the principle of “putting something back” – he is currently Patron of the charity “Ewe and You”, which provides hands on rural holiday breaks in the beautiful Shropshire countryside for disadvantaged children from England's industrial heartland - the Black Country.

Andrew and his Danish wife, Susanne, have been married for 32 years and have two grown up sons – Martin and Thomas.

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2.7.2 The Hospitaller, Mr Anthony Chignell, KStJ

The Hospitaller is the principal adviser to the Grand Council on matters affecting the Hospital Foundation.

Mr Anthony Chignell became Hospitaller of the Order on St John's Day, 24 June 2002. He is a distinguished Eye Surgeon specialising in Vitreo-retinal surgery who has retired recently from the Staff of St. Thomas's Hospital, London. He has, in previous years, visited Jerusalem twice as volunteer surgeon so he already has first hand experience of the Hospital.

2.8 The Honorary Officers of the Order For the Triennium 2002-2005

The Honorary Officers are appointed by the Grand Council for a Triennium and may be reappointed. Several of the Honorary Officers also hold concurrent Priory Office in the Priory of England and the Islands.

2.8.1 The Genealogist, Mr Peter Gwynn-Jones, CVO, KStJ, Garter Principal King of Arms

The Genealogist (always a Herald of Arms) is the principal adviser to the Grand Council on genealogical and heraldic matters affecting the Order.

Genealogical advice includes the investigation and reporting on armorial (coats of arms) and genealogical (family pedigree) issues surrounding the reclassification of Knights and Dames of Grace to Justice (who must have a recognised coat of arms before reclassification – see Section 7.7.4).

Information on the Order's heraldry can be found at Section 5.

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2.8.2 The Librarian, Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith, KStJ

Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith, is Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History, University of Cambridge, and world authority on the Crusades, and the Orders of St John.

His responsibilities include representing the Venerable Order on the Unrecognised Orders Committee of the Alliance of St John Orders.

2.8.3 The Director of Ceremonies, Brigadier Anthony Berry, OBE, KStJ

Colonel Berry is responsible for ensuring that the Order's ceremonial is conducted with the dignity and procedure appropriate for our Order as a Royal Order of Chivalry.

2.9 Contact with Great Officers or Honorary Officers

Contact with any of the Great Officers and Honorary Officers is always made through the St John National Office in Wellington.

2.10 The Grand Prior's Advisory Council

The Grand Prior's Advisory Council consists of fifty members including the Grand Council and appointed Members nominated by Priories. Its meeting and business is at the direction of the Grand Prior. It may make rules to regulate its own procedure.

2.11 Establishments (Priories and Commanderies)

The Establishments (Priories and Commanderies) are responsible for the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Order within their respective geographical areas of authority.

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2.11.1 Pories

Each Priory, accorded the widest practicable degree of autonomy, but under the supreme authority of the Grand Prior, has responsibility for the immediate general control and supervision of the affairs and work of the Order and its Members resident within its territory. The eight Pories rank equally and are England and the Islands, Wales, Scotland, United States of America, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

2.11.2 Commanderies

A Commandery is a major organisational unit dependent on a Priory. The two Commanderies - Northern Ireland and Western Australia, are dependent on the Priory of England and the Islands and Priory in Australia respectively.

2.12 St John Associations

St John Associations (until 31 December 2003 they were titled National St John Councils) are constituted in any country (not within the territory of an Establishment) where the work of the Order is being actively carried out, and the value of that work is benefited by the Association's presence.

There are over thirty St John Associations, principally in developing Commonwealth countries and territories. They are:

Europe

Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta.

Africa

Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

North America & The Caribbean

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Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bermuda, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Monserrat, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago.

Australasia, the Pacific, Asia

Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Hong Kong, India.

2.13 Associated Bodies

Ireland and Hong Kong are not full St John Associations at present for constitutional reasons, and are classified as “Associated Bodies.”

2.14 Statement on the Future Direction of the Order

In April 2002, the Grand Council agreed a statement to provide guidance on the Future Direction of the Order to its Establishments, Members and Volunteers. The statement is appended to this document.

2.15 Priory Executives Group (PEG)

The PEG is composed of the Chief Executive Officers of the Pories. Their role is to assist Grand Council with the development of policy particularly with respect to strategic planning; communications between Establishments; and coordination of activities involving more than one Establishment.

2.16 International Secretariat

The International Secretariat came into existence in October 1999 to service the Grand Council; and to act as a link between the Pories and the St John Associations, as well as with the St John Eye Hospital.

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2.17 St John's Gate and the Museum of the Order of St John

St John's Gate in Clerkenwell, London, is the world headquarters of the Venerable Order of St John. Within the precinct of the Gate are the Museum and Library and offices of the International Secretariat and the Priory in England.

The original Priory of England of the Medieval Order of Saint John was established on gifted land in Clerkenwell, on the north of the City of London in 1144. King Henry VIII dissolved the Order in England in 1540 and confiscated its property. The buildings were eventually acquired in 1874 by Sir Edward Lechmere, and have been occupied by the headquarters of the Order since that date.

You can visit the Museum and Library (Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm and on Saturday 10am to 4pm) and join a tour. Admission is free but donations are welcomed (£5 per person is recommended).

The Museum's website is at <http://www.sja.org.uk/museum>. Excellent photographs of St John's Gate can be found at the Priory in the United States website at www.saintjohn.org

2.18 St John and the United Nations

Since 1999, the Order has held Special Consultative Status within the United Nations by being accredited to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations – ECOSOC. The Order's representative to ECOSOC is the Secretary General.

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This accreditation enables the Order to make a contribution to the work programs and goals of the United Nations by serving as technical experts, advisers and consultants to governments and the UN Secretariat.

In 2000, St John South Africa entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with UNICEF to manage and operate their 'Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses' and 'Safe Motherhood' programmes in conjunction with Swaziland and Uganda.

2.19 The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

The St John Eye Hospital (formerly the St John Ophthalmic Hospital) is a centre of excellence providing ophthalmic care of high quality and relevance to the people of the Holy Land irrespective of race, creed, social class or ability to pay. The Hospital is one of the Order's two Foundations.

In the 1999 restructuring of the Order, the Hospital became a Company Limited by Guarantee, and is registered with the United Kingdom Charity Commission as a separate entity. The Hospital Board, chaired by the Hospitaller now has full Trustee responsibilities and is accountable to the Grand Council, which has the power to appoint and remove its members.

The Ophthalmic Hospital was founded in 1882 on a site provided by grant of the Turkish Sultan and within a decade it had become so well established that patients came from across the Middle East. Early praise came from the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem who expressed his gratitude to Sir Edward Lechmere in fulsome terms for the enormous services the Hospital provided to those in his spiritual care. With the outbreak of the First World War the Turkish authorities closed the Hospital, confiscating all its equipment and supplies and then, in 1917, destroying it with explosives shortly before General Allenby captured the city.

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The hospital moved twice over the following half-century, its present building being opened in 1960, thanks to the generosity of members of the Order and some of the leading oil companies. With eighty beds it performs more than fifty thousand outpatient procedures and nearly six thousand major operations per annum (excluding lid surgery, corneal transplants and cataract operations), as well as sending regular mobile clinics into the West Bank and Gaza Strip and engaging in important research work into diabetes related blindness. While the majority of operations are for trachoma and its side-effects, more recent problems faced by the hospital staff included injuries incurred during the Middle East conflict.

2.20. New Zealand and the Eye Hospital

St John in New Zealand has always supported the Eye Hospital in the following ways:

- Providing clinical and personnel support.
- The following members of St John New Zealand have worked at the Hospital:
 - Dr Norman Manson, CBE, KStJ (appointed through Grand Priory)
 - Sir Randal Elliott, KBE, KStJ
 - Pauline Lady Elliott, OStJ
 - Dr Keith Maslin, CStJ
 - Dr Mark Elder, CStJ
 - Mrs Mary Hurst, OStJ

2.20.1 Financial Support

For some years now the Oblations paid by Members of the Order in New Zealand have been sent to the Hospital. As well, it has been traditional for the offerings received at St John Day Church Services and raised by Hospitaller Clubs and Fellowship Branches throughout New Zealand to be sent to the Hospital.

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2.20.2 Hospitaller Clubs

Hospitaller Clubs are located throughout New Zealand and raise money for the Hospital by holding events such as shop days, stalls and raffles. You will find information on Hospitaller Clubs in Section 9.

2.21 Prayer for the Hospital

One of the principal prayers of the Order is for the Hospital, and this is always said at investiture and St John Day services. You will find this prayer at Section 4.

You can view the latest report on the Hospital at <http://www.orderofstjohn.org/hospital/index.htm>

2.22 The Five Mutually Recognised Orders of St John

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, generally known as the Order of Malta and the four Orders of St John of Jerusalem which cooperate in the Alliance of the Orders of St John are united by a common historical tradition and a unique vocation: the care of the sick and the poor.

2.23 The Sovereign Military Order of Malta

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta (known more generally as the Sovereign Military Order of Malta) is the successor to the ancient Hospital in Jerusalem and Crusader Order of Knighthood. This exclusively Roman Catholic Order has its headquarters at the Palazzo Malta, 68 Via Condotti, Rome, Italy, and is governed by its 78th Prince and Grand Master, His Most Eminent Highness Frà Andrew Bertie, along with a Sovereign Council. It has approximately eleven thousand members grouped into six Priories (Rome, Naples, Lombardy-Veneto, Bohemia, Austria and England) and National Associations across the globe including three in the United States, and one each in Australia and Canada.

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The Order enjoys the status of a Sovereign Entity in International Law, maintaining reciprocal diplomatic relations with eighty-six States, and is an Observer Member of the United Nations.

The Order's Website is at www.orderofmalta.org

2.24 The Alliance of St John Orders

Confraternities were created after the Reformation which have legitimately conserved the institutional aims and emblems of the Order in their different Christian traditions and which the Sovereign Military Order of Malta recognises. The four Orders of St John of Jerusalem associated in the Alliance are recognised by the sovereign authorities in the countries in which they are based. They are:

- Die Balley Brandenburg des Ritterlichen Ordens Sankt Johannis vom Spital zu Jerusalem (Der Johanniterorden) based in Johanniterorden) based in Berlin, the head of which is HRH Prince Oskar of Prussia.
- The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem based in London, the head of which is HM Queen Elizabeth II.
- Johanniter Orde in Nederland based in The Hague, the head of which is HRH Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands.
- Johanniterorden i Sverige based in Stockholm, under the High Patronage of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf.

The Orders of St John in the Alliance are Orders of Chivalry and are distinguished from other national Orders because of their Christian faith and their traditions as religious confraternities of Christian lay people.

The Alliance's official web site (and access to each Order's website) is at <http://www.allianceofstjohn.org>

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The main purpose behind the creation of the Alliance was to strengthen the international standing of the Protestant Orders of St John in Europe and to facilitate a united front in matters of common concern. During the Second World War, the Swiss Commander of Der Johanniterorden had a neutral but key position in maintaining close contact with the various Orders of St John and their individual members, as well as with the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

This co-operation continued after the war; but it then proved increasingly difficult for the Orders of St John, with their limited resources, to make a significant contribution among the many rapidly expanding international aid organisations with similar aims of their own. The idea was thus born of forming an Alliance of the various official non-Catholic Orders of St John, as a first stage towards wider international co-operation in the future.

A second reason why such an Association was thought necessary during the post-war era was the growth of unrecognised orders claiming the same historical background as the four official Orders of St John and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. A number of these unrecognised orders had been formed after World War II, some in the USA and spreading from there to Europe. This was source of irritation and confusion.

2.25 Unrecognised Orders of St John

The Committee of Orders of St John, is an independent Committee, established by the initiative of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta in 1974. The four Orders of St John in the Alliance are represented on this Committee. In the context of the wider scene of unrecognised orders of Chivalry, the FOC is charged with preventing the misuse of the names, emblems and official documents of its Member Orders, and to forestall unlawful acts arising from the imitation of those names and emblems.

More information can be found at www.allianceofstjohn.org/falseorder

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No Member of the Venerable Order of St John can be a member of an unrecognised order of St John.

Further information on the Venerable Order's international activities can be found at its website www.orderofstjohn.org

A Statement by the Grand Council on the FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE ORDER

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 This statement was agreed by the Grand Council of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem at its fourth meeting held in London on 17 and 18 April 2002. The Grand Council will periodically review it and issue revisions as appropriate.

1.2 The purpose of the Statement is to provide guidance on the Future Direction of the Order to its Establishments, Members and volunteers. While looking toward the Future, we are mindful of our Heritage.

2. OUR HERITAGE

2.1 The Order was formally incorporated as “The Grand Priory of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England” by Royal Charter in 1888 and is a charity registered under the Charities Act of the United Kingdom.

2.2 The Order is a Royal Order of Chivalry, which has her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as its Sovereign Head. The Grand Prior, currently HRH The Duke of Gloucester, is always a member of the Royal Family.

2.3 Membership in the Order may be granted to those who strive to fulfil its objects and purposes of providing humanitarian relief to those in sickness, distress, suffering or danger. The Order is founded on Christian principles and is stated in its Statutes to be an ancient Christian brotherhood. In its humanitarian work, the Order reaches out to those of any race, class or religion and welcomes all who are moved to share in its work. Currently, there are approximately 30,000 Members throughout the world and they are supported by a very large number of other volunteers.

2.4 Its objects and purposes are:

- a) The encouragement of all that makes for the spiritual and moral strengthening of mankind in accordance with the first great principle of the Order embodied in the Motto “Pro Fide”;
- b) The encouragement and promotion of all works of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering or danger, without distinction of race, class or religion and the extension of the second great principle of the Order embodied in the Motto “Pro Utilitate Hominum”; and
- c) The other objects and purposes set out in Statute 4.

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The Order is able to carry out its work through gifts of time, expertise, money and other resources, and through funds generated by its trading activities.

3. OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Order of St. John is to prevent and relieve sickness and injury and to act to enhance the health and well-being of people of all races and creeds anywhere in the world.

4. OUR VISION

We will be a world leader in the fulfilment of our Mission expanding our charitable works globally, in practical and effective ways, inspired by the humanitarian ethos and ideals of the Hospitaller tradition.

We will be strengthened by our volunteers who come from all races and religions and who, in their selflessness, perpetuate and honour our historic roots.

We will be a global family whose desire to serve transcends all human diversity.

We will be committed to helping each other fulfil our Mission.

5. OUR VALUES

5.1 Our Mission is consistent with, and an expression of, the objects and purposes of the Order.

5.2 In the conduct of our Mission, we are mindful that we are a charity.

5.3 We believe that each Establishment, each Member, and each volunteer together constitute a world-wide family and that we should help each other attain the objects and purposes of the Order.

5.4 We believe in and rely on the effective participation of volunteers in the conduct of our Mission and will actively recruit and encourage them without regard for race and religion.

6. OUR GOALS

6.1 Recruit and retain sufficient volunteers to achieve our mission.

6.2 Increase the financial resources of the Order to provide adequate funding for the International Secretariat and the strengthening of National Councils.

6.3 Increase moral and financial support for the St. John Eye Hospital to reinforce its important place as a Foundation of the Order.

- 6.4 Assist and strengthen National Councils and have them participate in the governance of the Order.
- 6.5 Increase the effectiveness of the St. John Ambulance Foundation and the Order by sharing the best volunteer development, training and community services practices of individual Establishments and by meeting new needs.
- 6.6 To develop a global trading policy in order to (1) increase revenues, lower costs and thus increase the flow of funds for the Order's charitable purposes; and (2) improve business development prospects by sharing best practice.
- 6.7 Develop the status of the Order as an international Non-Government Organization and develop further partnerships with UN and other international agencies.
- 6.8 Protect the integrity and status of the Order in the conduct of our Mission; as a Royal Order of Chivalry; and as a member of the Alliance of the Orders of St. John.
- 6.9 Maintain cordial and cooperative relations with the other members of the Alliance and with the Sovereign Military Order of Malta
- 6.10 Promote the existence and Mission of the Order both nationally and internationally.

7. STRUCTURE

- 7.1 The Grand Council is the governing body of the Order. It is composed of the Great Officers and representatives of each of the Priories. It will provide global strategic leadership and policy direction to the Foundations, Establishments, Members, and volunteers. It regularly reviews progress in achieving the Order's goals and agrees actions to achieve them.
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- 7.3 The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital is incorporated as a charitable company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Order. It is managed by a board of directors/trustees who are accountable to the Grand Council.
- 7.4 St John Ambulance has some 250,000 members throughout the world. Its activities include first aid provision and training; ambulance, community care and sea and cliff rescue services, a therapy dog programme and youth activities.

- 7.5 The Establishments (Priories and Commanderies) are responsible for the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Order within their respective geographical areas of authority. There are also over thirty National St. John Councils and one “associated” body in the Republic of Ireland.
- 7.6 The Secretary-General is the chief executive officer of the Order and the head of the Headquarters. He is assisted by a Secretariat. The responsibilities of the Headquarters are specified in St. John Regulations, 1999.
- 7.7 The Priory Executives’ Group is composed of the chief executive officers of the Priories. Their role is to assist Grand Council with the development of policy particularly with respect to strategic planning; communications between Establishments; and coordination of activities involving more than one Establishment.

8. REFERENCES

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