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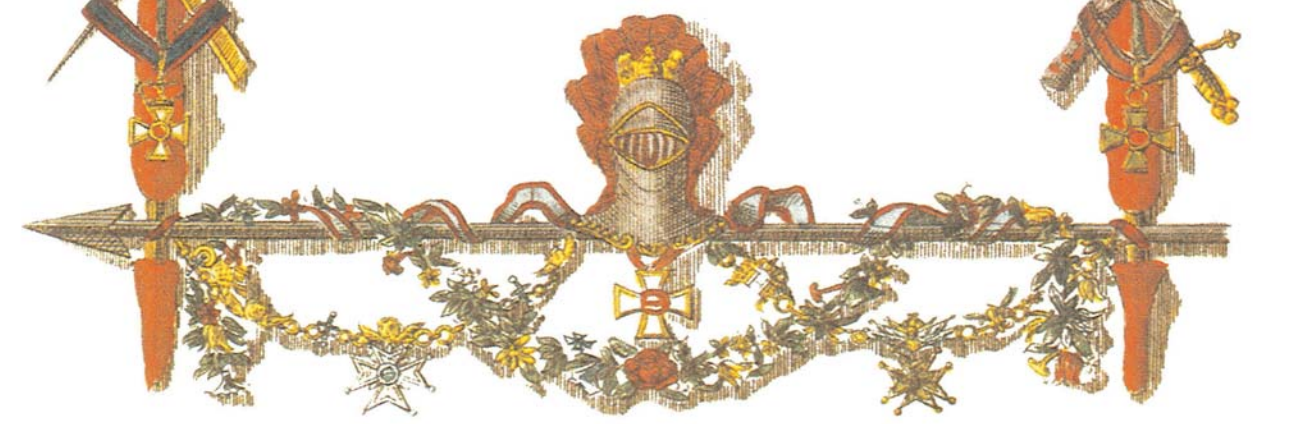


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Grand Master Establishes Austrian Volunteer Service Program

The “Mobiler-Sozialer Dienst” of the Order of Saint Joachim was created at the end of 2006 by the Grand Master of the Order, His Excellency Col. Prof. Vis. The Chevalier Helmut von Bräundle-Falkensee, GCJ, FMA, MEASc, The Much Hon. Laird of Bladnock and Lochanbards.

The “Mobiler-Sozialer Dienst”, or Volunteer Transport Group of the Order of Saint Joachim, has been established with a headquarters in Vienna under its chairman The Chevalier Ernst Ritter von Stejskal, who worked in ambulance service for many years at the Austrian Workers Samaritan-Federation (ASBÖ).



The Order’s “Mobiler-Sozialer Dienst” currently has several active volunteers who have served as ambulance attendants for the Red Cross, and provides transport services for hospital patients as well as the disabled and elderly people in need.

The “Mobiler-Sozialer Dienst” is self-supporting through its own fundraising efforts, but members of the Order who wish to make a direct contribution can use The Order’s on-line web payment service through our website, ensuring that the donation is clearly marked for the Austrian “Mobiler-Sozialer Dienst”.

Grand Chancellor Made Freeman of the City of London

The Grand Chancellor of The Order of Saint Joachim, Leslie Haverhill Rosan GCJ, Lord of Haverhill, was presented with the Freedom of the City of London at a ceremony on Monday, the 30th of October, 2006 for his extensive charitable work.

The award is thought to have been first made in 1237. The Free status dates back to medieval times when city and town charters drew a distinction between free men and vassals of a feudal Lord. Early Freedom of the City ceremonies had great importance in affirming that the awardee enjoyed privileges such as the right to earn money and own land, and protection within the town. There is a long standing tradition of admitting women, who used to be called 'free sisters'.

A number of other ancient privileges are associated with the Freedom. They include the right to herd sheep

over London bridge, to go about the City with a drawn sword, and if convicted of a capital offence, to be hung with a silken rope. Other advantages are said to have included the right to avoid being press-ganged, to be married in St Paul's Cathedral, buried in the City and to be drunk and disorderly without fear of arrest.

Today the Freedom of the City has been preserved as an distinction with few remaining privileges, although the right to herd sheep over London bridge was last exercised on June 17, 2006 when a flock of about 30 sheep was driven across the Millennium Bridge to mark the start of London Architecture Week.





H.E. The Chevalier Leslie Haverhill Rosan GCJ, Grand Chancellor of The Order of Saint Joachim, receives the Freedom of the City

Until 1835 the Freedom of the City - together with membership of one of the ancient guilds which were the forerunners of today's Livery Companies - was essential to anyone who wished to exercise a trade in the City. It remains necessary to this day for all liverymen to be freemen of the City, and it is the liverymen who elect the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of the Corporation of London.

His Excellency The Chevalier Rosan has offices in Croydon and lives in Hellingly, is a Fellow of the National Association of Estate Agents and a Fellow of the National Association of Valuers and Auctioneers. He is also a Fellow of the National Federation of Chartered Skippers and skippers a boat which operates from Brighton.

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The Order of Saint Joachim Educational Bursary Created

The Canadian Commandery of The Order of Saint Joachim has established and awarded its first “Order of Saint Joachim Educational Bursary”. In keeping with the Order’s ties to naval traditions, the first recipient was a Canadian Sea Cadet, Chief Petty Officer 2nd class (CPO2) Andrew Bruce.

CPO2 Bruce is a member of Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) Nootka in Holden, AB. He was chosen Canada’s Outstanding Sea Cadet of the Year by a selection committee from the Navy League of Canada on the basis of participation and performance at the local cadet level, rank held, training courses attended, academic record, and service to the community.

The award was presented to CPO2 Bruce on behalf of The Order at the Dominion President’s Luncheon on Friday, 10 November 2006. On November 11th, CPO2 Bruce participated in the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa.

The cash bursary is awarded to recipients pursuing or about to enter post-secondary education. It will be awarded to the different branches of the Service in rotation, with the first award to the

Outstanding Navy Cadet of the Year in 2006, the Outstanding Army Cadet of the Year in 2007, and the Outstanding Air Cadet of the Year in 2008.

The Canadian Commander, The Chevalier Lautens GCJ, thanks Lt(N) The Chevalier Walter Dermott KJ RCN-Reserve, for proposing the bursary and his liaison work with The Royal Canadian Legion.



Royal Canadian Legion Dominion President, Mr. Jack Frost, presents the first Order of Saint Joachim Educational Bursary cheque and certificate to its first recipient, CPO2 Andrew Bruce, Canada’s Outstanding Naval Cadet of the Year.

United States Commander Appointed

The Grand Chapter of the Order is pleased to announce the appointment of Major The Chevalier Timothy Zack KCJ as Commander of the United States.

Major The Chevalier Zack is a career officer with the U.S. Army. He returned to the US after a tour of duty in Kuwait last year to take up his new duties at the Pentagon. He now serves in the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, as the CA/PSYOP Force Integrator, Army Reserve Force Programs.

In Kuwait Major The Chevalier Zack served as Country Coalition Officer, Task Force Gator, 377th Theater Support Command, Multi-National Forces-Iraq. Major Zack assisted over 15,000 Soldiers from 28 Coalition Countries in preparation for, and support of, their Iraq combat mission. During this time he served with distinction, was seriously wounded and received several honours and awards.

While in Kuwait, Major The Chevalier Zack was one of only 12 recipients to ever receive the Polish Army Multi-National Division Award. He also received the Korean Army Multi-National Division Award for his support of Korean operations in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The re-establishment of an American Commandery is in response to the growth of The Order of Saint Joachim in that country, and to better serve our members there. While very busy with his work at the Pentagon, in the coming months Major The Chevalier Zack will be organizing the Commandery, with particular attention paid the the challenges of being



Major The Chevalier Zack KCJ receives a certificate of merit for his active service.

responsible for such a large and diverse geographic area.

Major The Chevalier Zack is married to Christina Zawierucha-Zack, a Fulbright Scholar and English teacher at Orchard Park School High School, as well as an Adjunct Professor at Buffalo State College.

Major The Chevalier Zack can be reached by email at: zack@stjoachimorder.org.



THE ORDER OF SAINT JOACHIM & *Blackadder*

The thing about The Order of Saint Joachim, is you never know where we will turn up. These two photos are from the hugely popular BBC comedy, *Blackadder*.

In *Blackadder Goes Forth*, General Sir Anthony Hogmany Melchett (Stephen Fry) prepares for a date with female impersonator Hugh Laurie (House) in the episode *Major Star*.



On his mess kit is clearly visible the breast star of a Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Joachim. There is no way of knowing what extraordinary feat earned him this honour.

For those *Blackadder* fans, this is not the only time the insignia appears in the series. In *A Blackadder Christmas Carol* Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson is roused from his sleep on Christmas Eve by George, the Prince Regent (Hugh Laurie again), and quite correctly on his naval tunic is the breast star of The Order of Saint Joachim.

Wearing the Order's Insignia

by Stephen Lautens, GCJ

New members of the Order of Saint Joachim are reminded in either their Ceremony of Admission or their introductory letter that our Statutes require them to wear the insignia of the Order at all times possible.

In the modern Ceremony of Admission postulants are told by the Master of the Ceremony as the insignia of the Order, in the form of the enamelled cross, is affixed to their lapel:

"I present you with the ancient insignia of the Order of Saint Joachim. You are obligated under our ancient Charter to wear it on every public and appropriate occasion. Wear it with pride and honour and in remembrance of your Oath."

Vice Chancellor Sir Levett Hanson GCJ recorded this requirement in his 1802 book about the knightly orders of Europe:

"All the Knights are constantly obliged to wear some Badge, and that, in an ostensible manner. In case they do not, they will be fined for such omission. The first time, the Fine will amount to one Ducat; and the second, to two Ducats; which will be appropriated to the Order, ad pios usus, and by neglecting more and more, to appear with the Insignia, such omission shall be formally and officially reported to the Order; and the refractory Member, shall be deprived of his Dignity. The Knights, Commanders, and Grand Commanders, are obliged, according to their respective ranks, to add to their Seals and other armorial bearings, the Insignia of the Order."

Such was the seriousness of the requirement to wear our Order's insignia that even European sovereigns felt inclined to honour it.. On April 27, 1791 King Friedrich Wilhelm II of Prussia issued a Royal Grant permitting the wearing of the insignia of The Order of Saint Joachim by a Knight Commander of Saint Joachim serving in his army, specifically making reference to The Order's of Saint Joachim's requirement to wear its insignia, even when in military uniform:

CONCESSION

In Favour of M. de Cronhelm, Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Regiment of light Infantry, by which permission, is granted him



A new Knight Expectant of The Order of Saint Joachim receives his insignia

to wear the decoration particularly appertaining to the Commanders of the Order of Saint Joachim, in conformity to the Statutes of that Order.

His Majesty the King of Prussia, my Sovereign, having learnt from M. de Voss, Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of light Infantry, that M. de Cronhelm Lieutenant and Adjutant of the said Regiment, was installed at Gründstadt in the Empire, as a Knight of the Order of Saint Joachim; and that he is at present a Commander of the said Order, which Dignity, may in process of time, be of singular Advantage to him: being however obliged by the Statutes, to wear the Decorations assigned to the Commanders of the said Order; he most humbly requests His Majesty, to grant him his most gracious permission to that effect.

His Majesty, therefore, in consequence of the Resolution taken by his Ministers, the twenty fourth of last Month, has most graciously granted to the said Lieutenant de Cronhelm, His Royal Permission, to the end that he may publicly wear the Decorations, especially appertaining to a Commander of the said chapteral

Order of Saint Joachim, in conformity to the Statutes thereof, and make use of the same, upon all Occasions, without hindrance, or molestation; promising to Lieutenant de Cronhelm, in virtue of the concession issued from his Council, to protect and maintain him in the enjoyment of this Privilege, so often as shall be necessary.

And thereupon the said M. de Cronhelm, and all and everyone, whom it may concern, must regulate themselves conformably to these presents. In Witness whereof, the said grant was sealed with the Royal Seal, and signed by the Ministers of State, and the Chiefs of the Department of the Order. Done and given at Berlin, the 27th April 1791.

By His Majesty's special command, Woellner.

Other writers in the early 1800s remarked on the apparently novel and severe requirement of members of the Order to wear its insignia at all times. It was observed that no other Order of Knighthood had this requirement, nor had such severe penalties for its breach. The fine of a Ducat represented a substantial amount of money at the time, and expulsion for repeat offenders was unheard of.

The Order's cross, as worn on the lapel by all members to identify themselves as members of The Order of Saint Joachim - and to avoid the traditional fine of a Ducat.



The wearing of the insignia of the Order on all possible occasions not only reflects on the pride members, Knights and Dames of The Order of Saint Joachim have for our ancient society, it also inspires others to ask about the Order, attracting new members.

The traditional penalty for being seen by another member not wearing your insignia has been preserved in section 10.1 of the modern Charter of The Order, with a fine of £10 levied by the Grand Capitular and paid into the Order's charitable fund.

Membership Roll

His Excellency the Grand Master and Grand Chapter are pleased to announce the following new members and promotions:

Knights Expectant

W. Wilford Kale Jr.U.S.A.
 Edward LivingstonCanada
 Cav. Gr. Uff. Gabriele Di MauroItaly
 Joachim MerkleGermany
 Edward WatersAustralia

Knights / Dames

Viscount Marcus Barccani-Dunston .U.S.A.
 Anders BlomqvistSweden
 Rev. Dr. Gordon Kenworthy-Neale . . .Aust

Count Frank Joseph KrakwoskiU.S.A.
 Reuben LanfrancoMalta
 Robert A. McTaggartCanada
 C.H. Craig McOuatCanada
 Neil Conrad Morrison IIIU.S.A.
 Felix Andreas SchweikertGermany
 David Hiroski TsubouchiCanada

Knights Commander

Colin LeeU.K.
 Major Timothy E. ZackU.S.A.



The Nelson Plate



Following a visit to the Royal Worcester factory by Lord Nelson and Lady Emma Hamilton in 1802, Nelson commissioned an original service based on an elaborate “Imari” design, and featuring in the centre of the serving plates his recently modified coat of arms.

Tragically, Nelson was never actually able to use these beautiful plates, because he was at sea when it was delivered, and then killed at Trafalgar before his return.

The arms are the same as displayed on his “funeral hatchment” displayed in his local church in Merton, and include his four Orders of Knighthood. Hanging around the central crest is the Sicilian Order of St Ferdinand and of Merit. Beneath it is the Ottoman Order of the Crescent. To the left, suspended on a

burgundy ribbon is the Order of the Bath.

To the right for all to see is Nelson’s Order of Saint Joachim in the form of the Knight Commander’s breast star, as was worn by Nelson on his service uniform, suspended from a green ribbon.

Royal Worcester revived this pattern for a limited commemorative edition in 2005 to mark the 200th anniversary of Trafalgar. The 20cm (8 inch) accent plate with the coat of arms can still be found and purchased individually.

An Internet search shows several companies that will sell and ship all over the world, or the plate can be found at Royal Worcester’s own website: <http://www.royal-worcester.co.uk>.



Notice of 2007 Oblations Due

Take Notice That the 2007 oblations are now due from all members of The Order of Saint Joachim, regardless of rank.

The annual oblation is £15 and may be paid as follows:

- ✠ By international money order in the amount of £15 payable to The Order of Saint Joachim and forwarded to:

H.E. The Chevalier The Most Rev. Douglas Lewins, GCJ
 Grand Prior
 161 Russell Lane
 London, England
 N20 0AU

- ✠ By credit card in the amount of £16 (£15 + £1 service fee) on line through the Order's website at: <http://www.stjoachimorder.org/payments.htm>.

Under article 3.1 of the Order's by-laws, new members joining after September 30, 2006 are exempt from 2007 oblations.

January 1, 2007

By Command of the Grand Chapter.

