

THE GRAND PRIORY IN THE BRITISH REALM
OF THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF
THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

Student Workbook

Category "A" Proficiency

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The Order of St. John - Knowledge Of The Order

Introduction Proficiency Requirements. Minimum age 14 years.
Textbooks - The Order of St. John (A Short History)
The White Cross In Canada 1883-1983
Assignment Question Sheets must be completed and turned into the Course Instructor for review. Progress Tests will be administered by the Instructor.
70% average is expected for assignments and tests
70% is required to pass Final Examination

1. **EARLY ORIGINS; THE ORDER IN THE HOLY LAND**

Handouts 1-1 Outline Map of the Mediterranean Area
1-2 Map and Dates of the Order in the Holy Land
Assignment Section 1 Question Sheet
Test #1

2. **THE ORDER IN CYPRUS AND RHODES**

Handouts 2-1 Map and Dates of the Order; Cyprus, Rhodes, Malta
2-2 Chart of the Order of Government in Rhodes, Malta
Assignment Section 2 Question Sheet

3. **THE ORDER IN MALTA**

Assignment Section 3 Question Sheet
Test #2

4. **THE ORDER IN ENGLAND**

Handouts 4-1 Pictures and Dates of the Order in England (early)
4-2 Pictures and Dates of the Order in England (later)
4-3 The Order and Foundations; Objects of the Order
Assignments Section 4 Question sheet
Test #3 Important dates
Test #4 Important names

5. **THE OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL**

Assignment Section 5 Question Sheet

6. **THE ORDER IN CANADA**

Handouts 6-1 Pictures and Dates of the Order in Canada
6-2 Chart of the Priory of Canada
6-3 Priory of Canada
6-4 Chart of the Grades of the Order
6-5 Principal Dates of the Order in England and Canada
Assignment Section 6 Question Sheet

7. **EXAMINATION**

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WELCOME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORDER PROFICIENCY COURSE!

As this is the only compulsory proficiency subject leading to the Grand Prior's Badge it is designed for senior Cadets and Crusaders. (Minimum age 14) It is meant to be a challenge, as all proficiencies should be. It will require serious study by you the student. If the requirements are not met you will not pass.

You will work with your Instructor and may study with your fellow students. However the assignments and tests are to be done by you and completed in your own words. Full and complete answers are expected for each question. Some excerpts may be taken from the textbook to substantiate your answer. You should use embedded references when incorporating others work in your responses. Most questions are worth five marks and only full answers will receive five marks. Partial answers will only receive partial marks or none at all. All assignments must be completed and your marked assignments will be returned to you for discussion and study. You are expected to average 70% on your assignments and tests. You must achieve at least 70% on your final exam to pass and be awarded the proficiency.

Each assignment could take up to two hours to complete and will require research in the text book and handouts provided. Additional information may come from The White Cross In Canada, which should be available in your Division and The Knights of Malta video available from Provincial Headquarters. Many resources are now available on the Internet and we would encourage you to be resourceful in your research by finding additional materials to assist you in your responses to your assignment questions. Of course, embedded references must be used and credit given to all of your sources.

You may wish to use the chart below to chart your marks.

Name _____ Date _____

Assignment Marks						Test Marks				
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	Overall Average
									Final Mark	

Instructor _____

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Section One - Question Sheet

Answer the following questions on Section 1, based on your reading in “The Short History of the Order of St. John”, chapters 1 and 2, or on your own notes from the lecture session.

1. Why did Christian pilgrims travel to the Holy Land?
2. Who was the Abbot Probus, and what did he do in about 600 A.D. ?
3. What did the Emperor Charlemange contribute to the hostel about 800 A.D.?
4. Who was Caliph El Hakin and what did he do in 1005 A.D.?
5. Who were the Merchants of Amalfi, and what did they do to help the hospital and convent in Jerusalem?
6. Why did the Benedictine monks who staffed the hospital wear the eight pointed white cross?
7. Who was the Blessed Gerrard, and what did he do?
8. How did Godfrey of Bouillon, one of the leaders in the Crusade, help the work of the Blessed Gerrard?
9. How did the Order come to adopt St. John the Baptist as it's Patron Saint?
10. Why is the Blessed Gerard considered as the “founder of the Order”?
11. Explain who the Templars were and what they did?
12. What was the most important accomplishment of Raymond du Puy, The first Master of the Order?

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13. Explain the importance of the following:
 1. The four arms of the white cross
 2. The eight points of the cross
 3. The whiteness of the cross.

14. Why did the wealth and power of the Order increase in the years following the Crusade?

15. What important piece of property was given to the Order in England?

16. What were the seven “Langues” or “Tongues” of the Order in those days?

17. What particular event took place during the battle of Anitoch that illustrated the supreme courage and appalling barbarity of the Age?

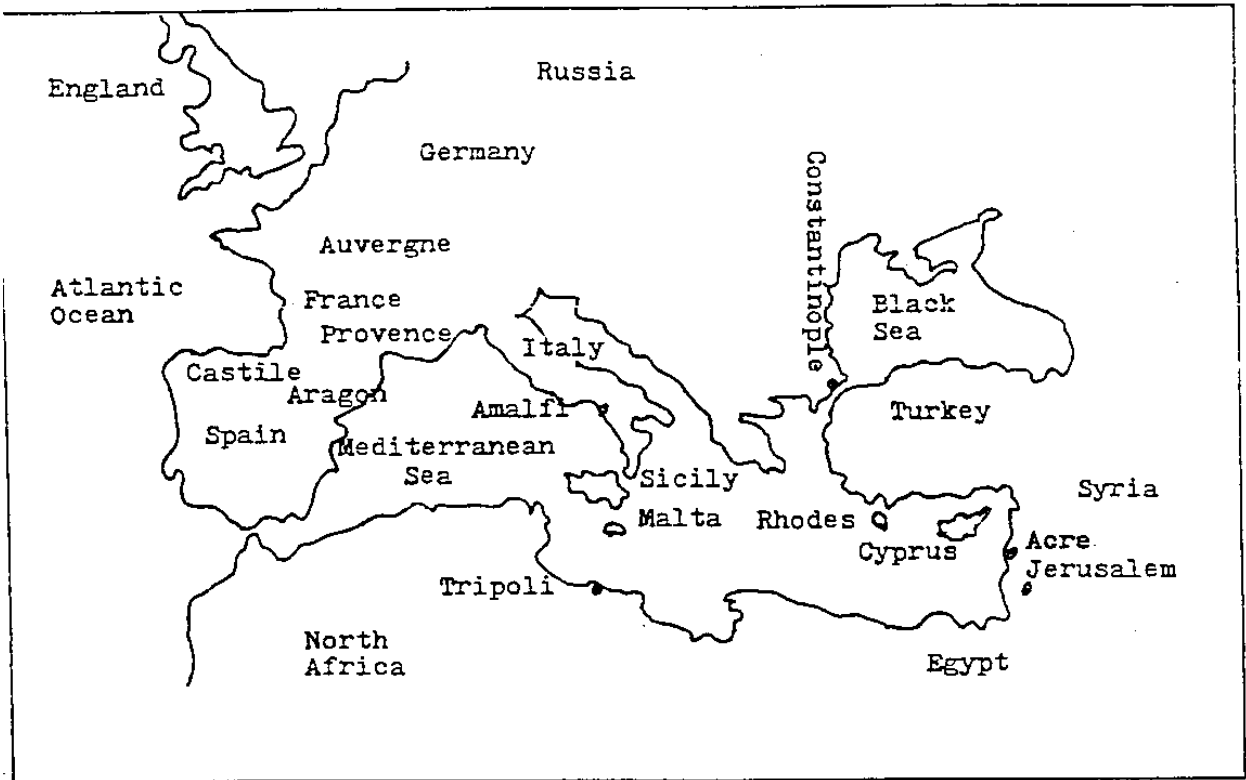
18. Why is the name John de Villiers important in the Order’s History?

19. What was the result of the fall of Acre on the Order of St. John?

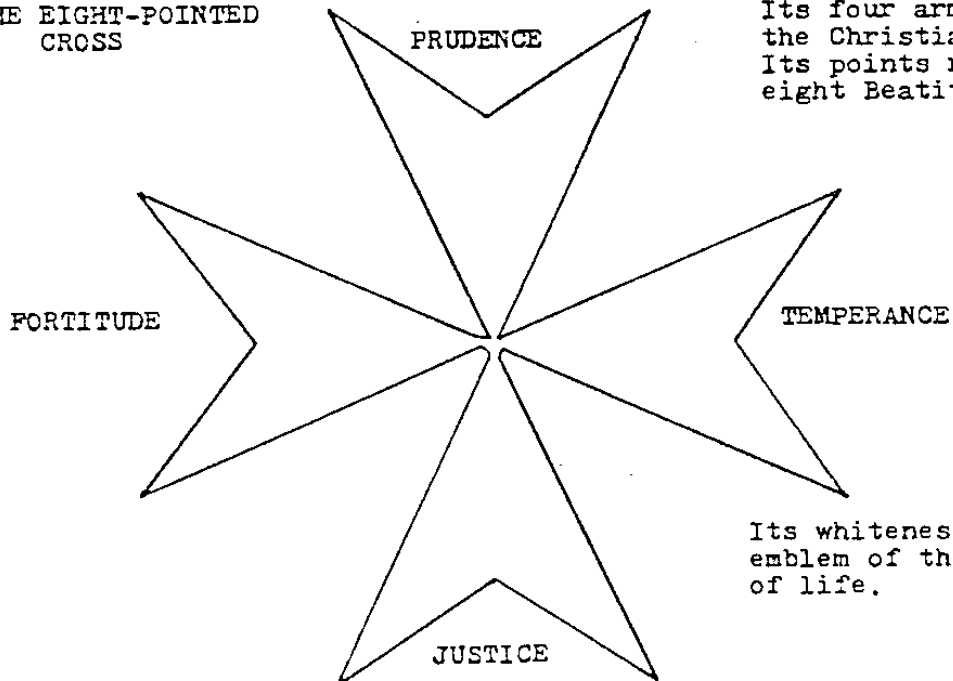
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HANDOUT No. 1-1

OUTLINE MAP of MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE



THE EIGHT-POINTED
CROSS

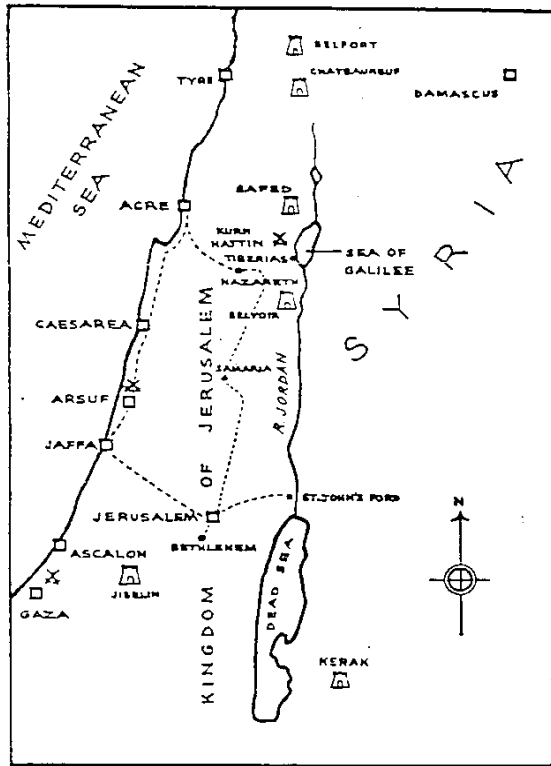


Its four arms symbolize the Christian virtues. Its points represent the eight Beatitudes.

Its whiteness is the emblem of the purity of life.

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PALESTINE AT THE TIME OF THE CRUSADES



----- Main routes of pilgrimage
 □ Walled Town
 ▤ Castle
 X Battlefield

30 20 10 0 10 20 30 40 50
 ENGLISH MILES
 25 15 5

Note: The important Hospitaller castles of Le Crac des Chevaliers and Margat were situated a considerable distance to the north of this map protecting the routes to Tripolis and Antioch.

- 600 The Abbot Probus Founded a hostel for Christian pilgrims in Jerusalem.
- 800 The Emperor Charlemagne enlarged the hostel and added a library.
- 1005 Destruction of the hostel and 3000 other Christian buildings by the "mad" Caliph El Hakim
- 1023 Merchants from Amalfi bought the property at the site of the hostel. They rebuilt the hostel and the Benedictine monks adopted the Badge of Amalfi, and Eight-pointed white cross on a black background.
- 1095 Pope Urban II appealed for a holy crusade to free the Christians of the Holy Land from persecution.
- 1097 Crusaders assembled at Constantinople.
- 1098 Crusaders captured Antioch after a six month siege.
- 1099 Crusaders captured Jerusalem and are impressed by the assistance given to the sick and wounded by the Blessed Gerard and the monks of the hostel. With assistance from the Crusaders, the Blessed Gerard reorganized the hostel and the Brethren into a new order of Hospitallers. The order acquired the ancient monastery of St. John the Baptist and Adopted St. John as the Patron Saint of the Order.
- 1113 The Order received formal recognition from the Pope.

- 1118 Raymond du Puy became the first Master of the Order.
- 1119 The Order of the Knights Templar was founded to give military protection to the Hospitallers and the Christian pilgrims.
- 1187 Acre and Jerusalem are lost to Saladin. After a three year siege. Acre is recaptured in 1191 by the Crusaders. The Order establishes its Headquarters and a hospital there.
- 1291 The City of Acre, the last Christian strong hold in the Holy Land is lost.

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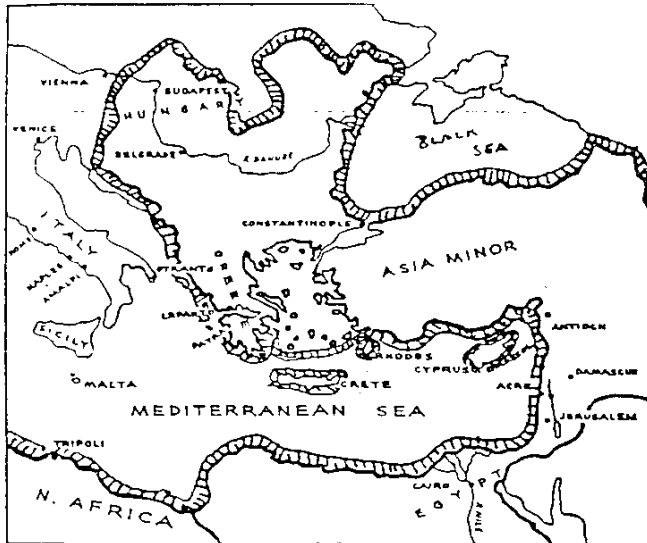
Section Two - Question Sheet

Reading - Chapter 3 of “ The Short History of the Order of St. John”.

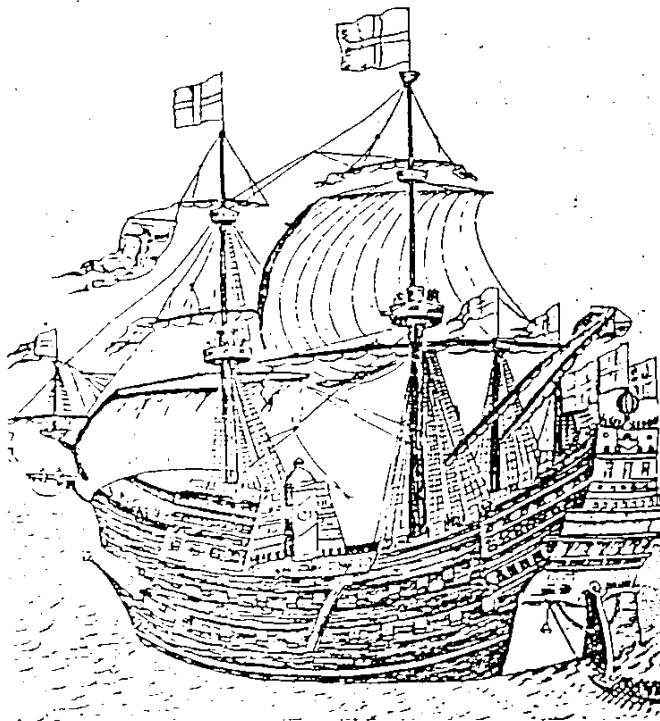
1. Why did the Order move to Cyprus after its expulsion from the Holy Land?
2. What important decision was made while the Order was in Cyprus?
3. What action was taken by the Order in 1310?
4. Explain what happened to the Templars in 1312 and why this was important for the Order of St. John.
5. What was the “Convent”?
6. What was a “Langue” or “Tongue”?
7. What was an “Auberge”?
8. What were the duties of the various Pillars?
9. What were the main actions taken by the Knights of St. John while they were on the Island of Rhodes?
10. What parts made up the Grand Priory of England?
11. What was the result of the first siege of Rhodes in 1480 and why was it important to Christianity?
12. Who was Suleiman the Magnificent and what did he do?
13. Who was Philippe Villiers de L’Isle-Adam and what did he do?
14. What was the result of the second siege of Rhodes in 1522?

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HANDOUT No. 2-1



THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. The extent of the Empire of the Ottoman Turks at the time of the Siege of Malta 1565 is shown by the heavy black line
Scale of English Miles

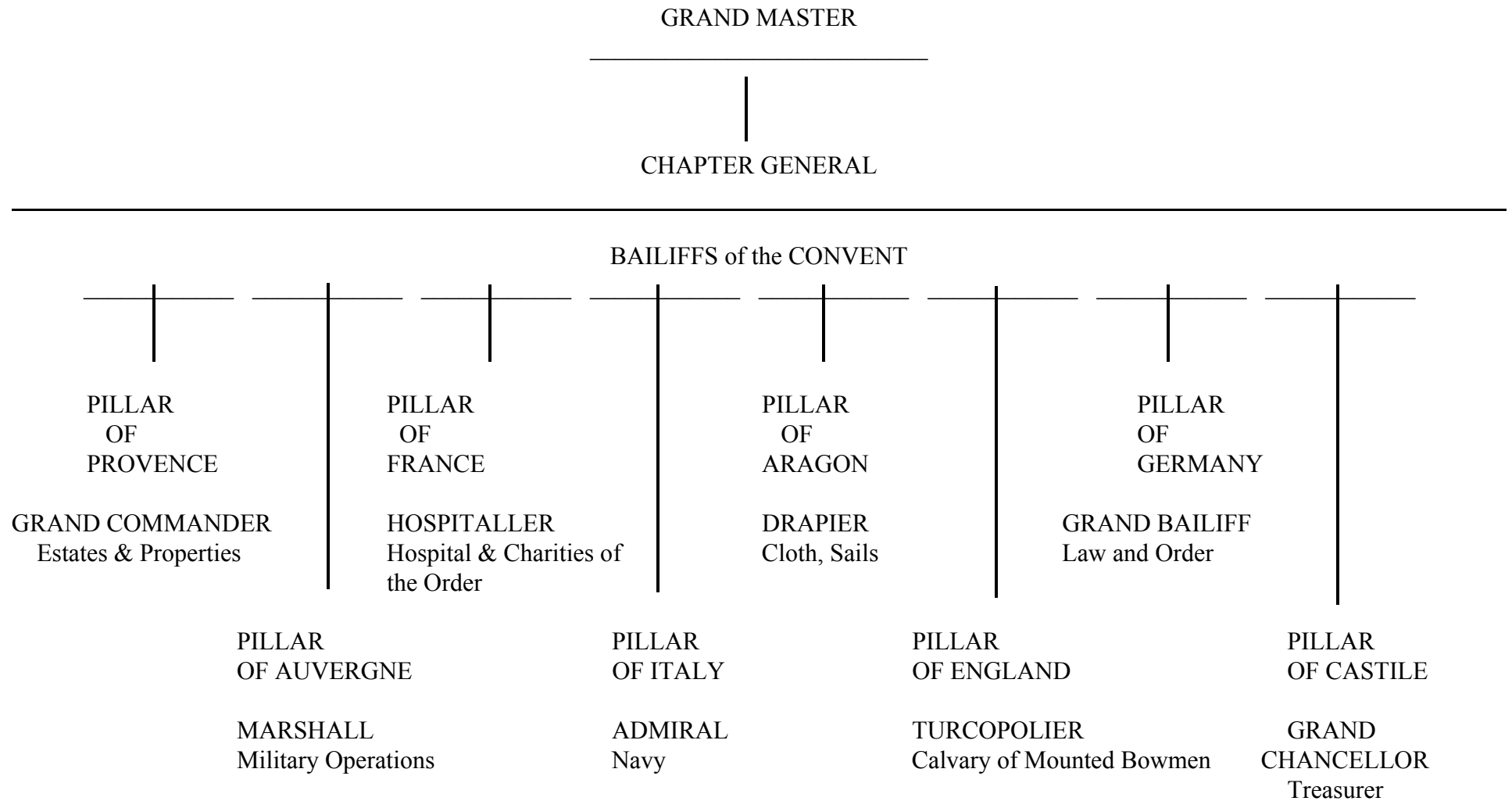


THE GREAT CARRACK, THE "SANTA ANNA"

- 1291 The Order moves to Cyprus.
- 1310 The Order captures Rhodes.
- 1312 The Order of the Templars is dissolved.
- 1453 Constantinople is captured by the Ottoman-Turks.
- 1480 The first great siege of Rhodes is defeated. The city is restored and a new hospital is built.
- 1522 The forces of Suleiman the Magnificent force the surrender of Rhodes but allow the Order to leave with honour.
- 1530 Charles V grants the island of Malta to the Order.
- 1551 Tripoli is lost to the Turks but the attack on Malta is driven off.
- 1565 The Turks are defeated at Malta after a siege of 4 months. During the next 200 years, many fine buildings are built including the "Sacred Infirmary" one of the finest hospitals in Europe.
- 1798 The Island of Malta is captured by Napoleon. The Order is scattered to many lands including Russia.
- 1834 The Sovereign Order of Malta establishes its headquarters in Rome.

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HANDOUT No.2-2



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GOVERNMENT of the ORDER in RHODES and MALTA

The Knights of each country were assembled by Tongues or Langues. Each Langue had its own assembly which met in its own premises called an “Auberge”. A senior knight of each Langue was granted the title of Bailiff of the Convent and was a member of the Chapter General. He was known as the Pillar of his Tongue. The Grand Master was elected by the Chapter General. One third of the income from each estate in the properties of the Order in each homeland was sent to support the Convent.

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PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

CLOSED BOOK TEST

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Section Three - Question Sheet

Reading - Chapter 4 of "The Short History of the Order"

1. What were the details of the agreement in which Charles V granted the Island of Malta to L'Isle Adam and the Knights of St. John?
2. Compare and contrast Malta with Rhodes.
3. What was unusual about the "Santa Anna", the Order's great flagship?
4. Who was Jean de la Valette and for what things should he be remembered?
5. Name the three forts constructed on the Grand harbour by the Knights.
6. Describe the main events which took place in the Siege of Malta in 1565.
7. List four important consequences of the Turkish defeat in 1565, both from the Order's point of view and that of Christianity in general.
8. What contributions were made to medicine by the Order in Malta?
9. Name and briefly describe ten different accomplishments of the Knights in Malta that are still evident today. (I.e. buildings, structures, institutions, etc.)
10. Why was the Order in no position to oppose Napoleon in 1798?
11. Why was Fort St. Elmo such an important fort and so hard to take?

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PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

SOME QUESTIONS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER

CLOSED BOOK TEST

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Section Four - Question Sheet

Reading - "The Short History of the Order"

Chapter V, pages 43 - 55

Chapter VI, pages 57 - 60 (para. 1 and 2)

- 63 (para. 2 and 3)

- 64

Chapter III, page 57 (para. 4)

68 - 71 (para. 1 and 2 only)

1. What important gift was made to the Order in England in or about the year 1144?
2. At what age could a young novice be admitted to the Order?
3. What service was required of a knight before he would be appointed a Commander?
4. What part was played by women in the Order in England during the Middle Ages?
5. For what is Grand Prior Sir Thomas Docwra mainly remembered?
6. For what is Prior Sir John Paveley remembered?
7. For what is Prior Philip Thame remembered?
8. What happened to Robert Hales in 1381?
9. List three of Sir John Langstrother's accomplishments.
10. Explain what effect King Henry VIII's conflict with the Pope had on the Order in England.
11. Who was the Grand Prior of England in 1540?
12. Explain what Queen Mary and then Queen Elizabeth I, did for the Order in England?
13. What happened to the Gate House in the years following dissolution in 1540?
14. Who were mainly responsible for the revival of the Order in England in 1831?
15. Who was Sir Henry Dymoke?
16. Why did the newly revived Order in England break away from the Sovereign Order of St. John in Rome?
17. For what do we remember:
a. J.H. Dunant b. Sir John Furley c. Sir William Drogo?
18. Explain the importance of the following dates:
a. 1877 b. 1887 c. 1882 d. 1888 e. 1922
19. What are the mottoes of the Order (Latin and English)?
20. What is the full title of the Order of St. John?

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HANDOUT No. 4-1



Sir Thomas Docwra
Knight of St. John and Prior
of the English Langue



St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell
Drawn by Tho. H. Shepherd.
Engraved by J.B. Allen



King Henry VIII
<http://www.britannia.com/history/monarchs/mon41.htm>

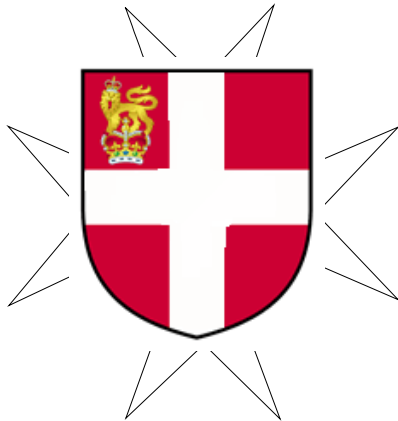
EARLY HISTORY OF THE ORDER IN ENGLAND

- 1144 Gift of 5 acres of land at Clerkenwell by Jordan de Bricett and his wife. The Priory of England was established on this site and remains the H.Q. of the Order of the British Realm to this day.
- 1153 Commandery established in Scotland
- 1174 Priory established in Ireland.
- 1191 Richard Coeur de Lion leads the 3rd Crusade in the recapture of Acre in the Holy Land.
- 1312 Order of the Templars dissolved and their estates confiscated.
- 1330-1358 Prior Phillip Thame completes the acquisition of the Templars' estates for the Order of St. John.
- 1371-1381 Sir Robert Hales is Grand Prior
- 1381 Wat Tyler Rebellion. The Priory is burned and Sir Robert Hales is executed.
- 1399 Priory is rebuilt.
- 1469-1471 Sir John Langstrother is Grand Prior.
- 1501-1527 Sir Thomas Docwra is Grand Prior.
- 1504 St. John's Gate is completed by Sir Thomas Docwra..
- 1511 King Henry VIII is given Honourary Title "Protector of the Order".

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QUEEN VICTORIA
SOVEREIGN HEAD AND PATRON
OF THE VENERABLE ORDER
1888-1901
WHO GRANTED THE CHARTER
OF 1888
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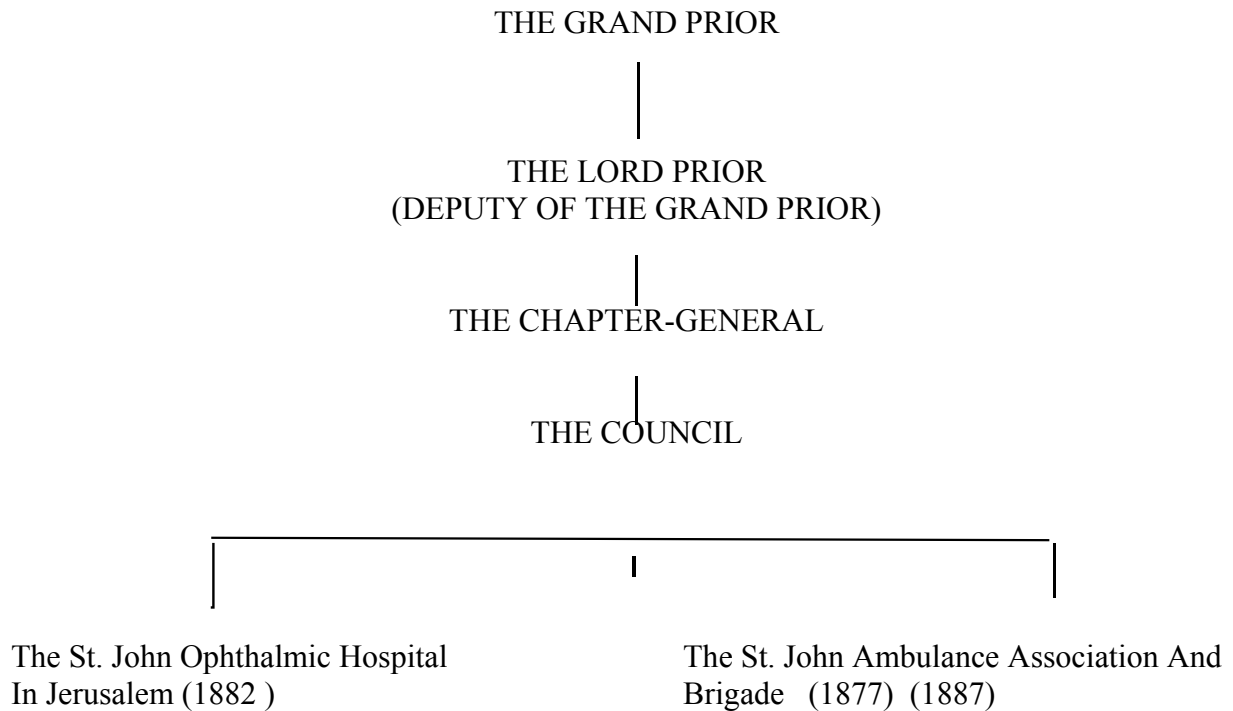


- 1527-1540 Sir William Weston is Grand Prior.
- 1540 The Order is dissolved by Henry VIII.
- 1557 The Order is reinstated by Queen Mary.
- 1558 The Order is suppressed by Elizabeth I.
- 1559 The estates of the Order are Confiscated.
- 1831 The Order is revived.
- 1831 Revival of St. John in England after encouragement by some French Knights of the Order. Sir Robert Peat elected Prior.
- 1858 Membership with the Order of Malta is rejected because the English branch is Protestant.
- 1861 Duke of Manchester is elected and resumes title Grand Prior. He served for 27 years.
- 1863 First Geneva Convention. Sir John Furley represents the Order in forming the Red Cross Society.
- 1872 First, First Aid Class and Ambulance Service. (first ambulance was a two wheeled litter)
- 1874 Life Saving Medal instituted.
- 1877 St. John Ambulance Association Founded.
- 1882 St. John Ophthalmic Hospital founded in Jerusalem.
- 1887 St. John Ambulance Brigade founded.
- 1888 Royal Charter granted by Queen Victoria. The Prince of Wales appointed Grand Prior.
- 1922 St. John Cadets Founded.
- 1963 Signing of a Concordat with the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta.

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HANDOUT No. 4-3

THE ORDER AND ITS FOUNDATIONS



THE GREAT OFFICERS OF THE ORDER

The Grand Prior
The Lord Prior
The Prelate (An Archbishop or Bishop of The Church of England)
The Chancellor (The Chief Executive Officer of The Order)
The Bailiff of Egle

OBJECTS OF THE ORDER

6. The Encouragement of All That Makes For The Moral And Spiritual Strengthening of Mankind in Accordance With The First Great Principle of The Order Embodied in Its Motto "Pro Fide - For The Faith".
7. The Encouragement And Promotion of All Works of Humanity And Charity For The Relief of Persons in Sickness, Distress, Suffering And Danger Without Distinction of Race, Class, or Creed And The Extension of The Second Great Principle of The Order, Embodied in Its Motto "Pro Utilitate Hominum - For The Service of Mankind".

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PLEASE ENTER THE CORRECT DATES

CLOSED BOOK TEST

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PLEASE ENTER THE CORRECT NAMES FROM THE LIST

CLOSED BOOK TEST

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Section Five - Question Sheet

Reading - Short History of the Order Pages 65-67

1. When was the first Ophthalmic hospital established? Where?
2. What are the functions of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital?
3. Where and when was the modern St. John Ophthalmic Hospital built?
4. How does the hospital obtain its funds and staff?
5. How great is the need for this kind of Hospital in the Middle East? Why?

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Section Six - Question Sheet

Reading - Handouts

1. In what year was the present Order of St. John given Royal Charter by Queen Victoria?
2. What happened in London, Ontario in 1909?
3. What are the TWO arms of the Order of St. John in Canada today?
4. Who is the present Sovereign Head of the Order of St. John?
5. Who is the present Prior of the Order of St. John, Priory of Canada?
6. List, specifically, the five grades of the Order of St. John.
7. What are the four cardinal virtues which the four arms of the white cross represent?
8. What is the present approximate strength of the Brigade in Canada?
9. How many Provincial Councils are there in the Priory of Canada?
10. List at least four examples of the types of groups trained by St. John Ambulance instructors in Canada.
11. List five different functions carried out by members of the St. John Ambulance Bridge in your own community.

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THE ORDER COMES TO CANADA

- 1636 Knight of Malta Charles Herault de Montmagny is Governor of Quebec.
- 1784 Engraved stone with the Eight-pointed Cross of St. John is found at Quebec City.
- 1883 The earliest recorded class in first aid in Canada was held in Quebec City during the winter of 1982-83. The lecturer was Brigade Surgeon C. M. Douglas, who 15 years before had won the Victoria Cross in the Andaman Islands while serving with the 24th Regiment of Foot. The examiner was Dr. Robert Bruce, FRCS.
- 1884 Canadian Association founded in Montreal.
- 1892 Association established in Nova Scotia.
- 1892 The first local St. John Ambulance Association was established in Halifax. A unit of the St. John Ambulance Brigade performed its first public service in 1897, during the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.
- 1895 A branch of the Association in Canada and a provincial centre was organized in Toronto with the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Sir George Kirkpatrick as its President. This was followed in the next two years by centres being organized in Westmount, Fredericton, Belleville, London, Guelph, Orillia and Montreal. In 1897 the Provincial Centre in Toronto was enlarged to a Dominion Council



- 1897 The first Dominion council of the St. John Ambulance Association in Canada.
- 1909 A division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was established in London, Ontario. It was registered as No. 1 London (Forest City) Ambulance Division. William Herbert Pinnock was the first Superintendent of the Division and William Loveday the Secretary-Treasurer. At that time Brigade units and divisions reported directly to England.
- 1910 The Canadian Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association was organized with Headquarters at Ottawa to replace the Dominion Council. The new executive although hampered by lack of funds, devoted their energies to the structure of the work of St. John Ambulance throughout the country by establishing Councils in every province. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland Councils were established in 1910. Manitoba, Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan and Quebec Councils were established in 1911.

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- 1912 First Nursing Division formed in Toronto, Central No.1 Nursing Division.
- 1914 The Canadian Association Head Office was moved from Toronto and established in the Castle Building, Queen Street in Ottawa and remained there until 1919.
- 1926 First Canadian Cadet Ambulance (male) Division formed in Montreal.
- 1933 Letters from His Majesty, King George V, Sovereign Head of the Order, and from the Grand Prior, H.R.H., the Duke of Connaught, set forth and approved the establishment of a Canadian Commandery of the Order. A meeting at Government House on November 15 unanimously adopted a resolution asking the Chapter-General of the Order to authorize the formation of a Commandery in Canada to take charge of all branches of the work of St. John in the Dominion. On November 1, 1934, there came into existence The Commandery in Canada of the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.
- 1934 Commandery of Canada established. (See 1933)
- 1935 Canadian Cadet Nursing (Female) Division was formed in British Columbia.
- 1942 First Crusader Division was formed in Victoria British Columbia.
- 1946 September 16, 1946 was the date on which the Commandery of Canada officially became "The Priory of Canada of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem". With the change in status, His Excellency, the Governor-General, Viscount Alexander of Tunis became the first Prior of the Order in Canada.
- 1948 Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret accepted the office of Commandant in Chief of St. John Ambulance Cadets at home and overseas.
- 1958 HRH Princess Margaret visited Canadian St. John Ambulance Cadets coast to coast.
- 1967 The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem is included in the newly established Canadian Honours System.
- 1969 Cadet Proficiency Program began in Canada.
- 1983 Celebration of St. John Centenary in Canada; Canada Post mints commemorative stamp for St. John Centennial in Canada; the First National Brigade Patient Care Competitions were held in Ottawa.
- 1994 Incorporation as the Priory of Canada of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.
- 1997 75th Anniversary of Cadets worldwide.
- 1999 Celebration of 900 years of service world wide. Canadian Astronaut Julie Payette takes 900th Anniversary Pin in her STS-96 official flight kit.

St. John Ambulance—Vital in Canada

The humanitarian work of St. John first came to Canada in the 1600s when the Knights of Malta held positions in New France, known today as Quebec. In 1635, the Lieutenant-General of Acadia (today's maritime provinces) applied to the Knights to organize a branch of the Order at Port Royal. With no funds available to support a base in Acadia, it would be nearly 250 years before the Order could be permanently established in Canada.

As generations passed, the establishment of the St. John Ambulance Association in England helped to bring the Order's medical work back to Canada. By 1882, first aid courses developed by St. John Ambulance were being taught in Quebec City. Soon courses were offered in Kingston, Ontario, and by 1892 there were 12 branches of St. John Ambulance in Canada, from coast-to-coast.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade grew alongside the training association. The first unit was formed in London, Ontario in 1909, followed by a women's division in Toronto in 1912. In the years since, St. John Ambulance has continued to thrive with involvement in both World Wars as well as support during major times of crisis. Canada became a Priory of the Most Venerable Order in 1942.

St. John Ambulance volunteers were there to help after Nova Scotia mining tragedies in the 1950s and 1990s. St. John also assisted people in the Mississauga, Ontario train derailment in 1979, and was on the scene at the Barrie, Ontario tornado in 1985. Volunteers helped thousands overcome the Manitoba floods of 1997 as well as eastern Ontario's ice storm of 1998.

St. John in Canada proudly displays an eight-pointed White Cross on a black background, superimposed on the Maple Leaf. The four arms of the Cross symbolize the virtues of Prudence, Temperance, Justice and Fortitude.

Taken from: St. John National History Page.

http://www.sja.ca/english/about_us/our_history/history_canada.asp

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HANDOUT No. 6-2

THE PRIORY OF CANADA

PRIORY OF CANADA

SOVEREIGN HEAD - THE REIGNING SOVEREIGN

PRIOR OF CANADA - THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

PROVINCIAL PATRON - THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

CHANCELLOR

VICE CHANCELLOR

NATIONAL COMMISSIONER

DIRECTOR OF ASSOCIATION

DEPUTY NATIONAL COMMISSIONER(S)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

NATIONAL SURGEON

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

HOSPITALLER

CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

ALMONER

LEGAL COUNSEL

LIBRARIAN

TREASURER

REGISTRAR

DEPUTY LEGAL COUNSEL

GENEALOGIST

DEPUTY TREASURER

PRIORY SECRETARY

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The Priory consists of a National Headquarters in Ottawa and Councils in each province, the Federal District, the Northwest Territories, as well as Special Centres.

Priory Chapter is the governing body of the Priory of Canada and may exercise any of the powers conferred upon the Priory by the Royal Charter, the Statutes, or the Rules and Regulations authorized for use in the Priory. Priory Councils are responsible, through the Council President, to the Chancellor and the Priory Chapter.

The role of National Headquarters is to provide leadership, co-ordination and direction to meet the changing needs of the people of Canada. Specifically National Headquarters plays a responsible role in quality assurance, program development, and development of guidelines.

Councils are responsible for the delivery of Association and Brigade services within their geographical areas. Many councils, such as Ontario Council, have Branches. Branches are responsible to their Councils for the conduct of affairs of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade within their geographic area of responsibilities.*

2. **Objects of the Order**

The objects of the order are:

- The encouragement of all that makes for the moral and spiritual strengthening of mankind in accordance with the first great principle of the Order embodied in its motto "Pro Fide - For the Faith."
- The encouragement and promotion of all works of humanity and charity and for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering and danger without distinction of race, class or creed and the extension of the second great principle of the Order in its motto "Pro Utilitate Hominum - For the Service of Mankind".

3. **THE EIGHT POINTED CROSS**

The Eight-Pointed Cross is the Order's religious symbol, worn by all Knights, their cross of profession. It will be later used as a badge to identify possessions of the Order as well. Besides being a general symbol of the crucifixion of Christ, it is white to represent purity. The four arms symbolize four virtues: Prudence (Carefulness and Forethought), Justice (Fairness), Temperance (Moderation of all Things), and Fortitude (courage and Endurance).

The eight points represent The Beatitudes (spiritual joy, live without malice, weep over your sins, humble yourself to those who injure you, love justice, be merciful, be sincere and pure of heart, suffer persecution), the spiritual qualities blessed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount. The modern badge of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem includes lions and unicorns, the supporters of the Royal coat-of-arms, between the angles of the cross, granted by the British Crown to show that it is a Royal Order.

For a St. John Member, the Cross symbolizes the qualities needed to be a good First Aider, observation, tact, resource, dexterity, explicitness, discernment, perseverance and sympathy. The Cross is known as the Maltese Cross because it became associated with the island of Malta during the period of lengthy rule by the Order of St. John of that Island.

* In some cases, there are Branches without Brigade Divisions or Brigade Divisions without Branches existing in their area.

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4. THE EIGHT BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Blessed are those who mourn, for
they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will
inherit the earth,
Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they will
be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will
be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for
they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10

5. THE MEMBERS' PRAYER

PRO UTILITATE HOMINUM

Let us pray to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that as we wear the sign of our Redemption, so we may ever remember in our lives that its four arms symbolize the cardinal Virtues - Prudence, Temperance, Justice, and Fortitude; that its points represent the eight Beatitudes which spring from the practice of those Virtues and that its whiteness is the emblem of the purity of life required in those who fight for the defence of the Christian Faith and live for the service of the poor and suffering.

Amen

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GRADES IN THE ORDER

BALIFF GRAND CROSS DAME GRAND CROSS	G.C.St.J
KNIGHT DAME	K.St.J D.St.J
COMMANDER (BROTHER) COMMANDER (SISTER)	C.St.J
OFFICER (BROTHER) OFFICER (SISTER)	O.St.J
SERVING BROTHER SERVING SISTER	S.B.St.J S.S.St.J

MINIMUM PROMOTION INTERVALS

S.B(S).St.J. to O.St.J.	1 YEAR
O.St.J. to C.St.J.	3 YEARS
C.St.J. TO K.St.J. or D.St.J.	6 YEARS

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- 1831 - Revival of the Order in England. The Reverend Sir Robert Peat elected Prior.
- 1872 - First Aid Training started in the mines and potteries districts of England. Ambulance service for the mines formed by the Order.
- 1874 - Life Saving Medal instituted.
- 1877 - Foundation of the St. John Ambulance Association in England.
- 1882 - Foundation of the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem.
- 1884 - Association founded in Montreal.
- 1887 - Foundation of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in England.
- 1888 - The first Royal Charter was granted to the Order by Queen Victoria.
- 1909 - First Canadian Ambulance Division formed - No. 1, Forest City Ambulance Division, London Ontario.
- 1912 - First Canadian Nursing Division formed - No. 1 Central Nursing Division, Toronto, Ontario.
- 1914 - Canadian Branch Headquarters moved from Toronto to Ottawa.
- 1922 - Formation of the St. John Ambulance Cadets in England.
- 1926 - First Canadian Ambulance (male) Cadet Division formed in Montreal
- 1934 - Canada becomes a Commandery of the Order of St. John.
- 1935 - First Canadian Nursing Cadet Division formed - No. 18C Vancouver Central Cadet Nursing Division. B.C.
- 1946 - Canada Elevated to the status of a Priory.
- 1955 - New Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth II.
- 1963 - Signing of a Concordat with the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta.

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