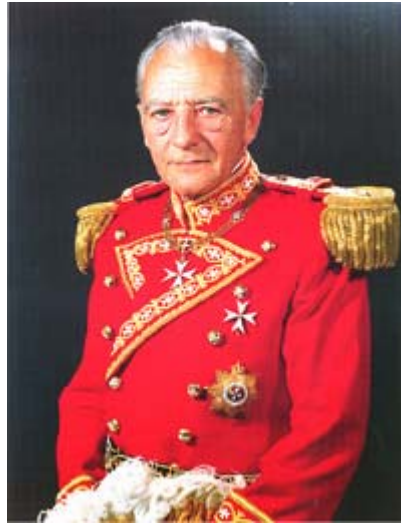


ARMS OF THE ORDER



**His Most Eminent Highness, The Prince and Grand Master,
Fra' Andrew Willoughby Ninian Bertie (elected on May 8th
1988)**



The Insignia of the Prince and Grand Master



INSIGNIA OF A KNIGHT OF JUSTICE





INSIGNIA OF A KNIGHT OF HONOUR AND DEVOTION



INSIGNIA OF A KNIGHT OF GRACE AND DEVOTION





INSIGNIA OF A KNIGHT OF MAGISTRAL GRACE



INSIGNIA OF A DONAT OF DEVOTION

In 1997 the changes to the Code and Charter of the Order allowed women to be received into the class of Donat of Devotion. The same changes eliminated the two lower levels of the class of Donat.



THE ORDER OF MERIT

The Order of Merit was founded in 1916 for the Grand Priory of Bohemia & Austria, and extended to the whole Order in 1928, The Cross of Merit is now in three divisions - Civil, Military and Ladies, - and can be awarded to persons for service to the Order irrespective of nationality or religion.

There are five degrees for each division: for men, they are Grand Cross, Grand Officer, Commander, Officer and Cross; in the Military Division, these are all "with swords". For Ladies, the degrees are Grand Cross, Cross with Plaque, Cross with Crown, Cross with Shield and Cross. For ecclesiastics the degrees "pro piis meritibus" are Grand Cross and Cross.



THE ORDER OF MERIT (MILITARY DIVISION) OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM, OF RHODES, AND OF MALTA



MEDALS OF MERIT

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta also bestows Medals of Merit in two divisions - Civil and Military. There are three degrees for each division, these are Gold, Silver and Bronze. Current practice restricts the issuance of the Gold Medal of Merit to times of war.



CIVIL DIVISION - / - MILITARY DIVISION



The Insignia of Rev. Father Francis Gerard Morrissey, OMI (Magistral Chaplain - SMOM; The Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice - Vatican; Cross of the Order of Merit - SMOM)