

ORIGINS

The Order of St George was founded by King Károly Róbert of Hungary in 1326 as a royal and military order of chivalry. After the 1956 uprising in Budapest it was reformed in exile as a commemorative Christian confraternity, drawing its membership from across the Trinitarian Christian denominational spectrum: from evangelical through to Roman Catholic; from Anglican to Eastern Orthodox.

Today's Knights and Dames of St George uphold the timeless virtues of chivalry and through their charitable trust provide a service to humanity by financially supporting good causes, particularly linked to supporting the persecuted Christians of Iraq and Egypt, and the welfare of US, NATO and Commonwealth armed forces personnel and veterans.



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The International Knighly Order Valiant of St. George

Descending from an ancient and military order of knighthood, founded on 23 April 1326 in Visegrad, Hungary, by King Károly Róbert, great-grandson of Charles of Anjou.

It is a lay order dedicated to the name of the Blessed Trinity under the particular patronage of St George (patron of chivalry). The original foun-



deration documents are preserved in the Hungarian National Archives in Budapest. It is the most ancient of those Chivalric Orders which were created as “Royal” institutions, independent of the church and is a religious confraternity of Knights and Dames who are committed to a life of humility, loyalty and service for the common good. Over the centuries, governance of the Order has been in the hands of Kings of Hungary, Holy Roman Emperors, Cardinals and a Pope.

In Hungary, the Knighly Order Valiant of St George re-emerged in its own right after the fall of communism in 1989. In the twentieth century the international Order was officially registered as a charity under English law. In 2015 the Order was awarded NGO consultative status to the United Nations.

Joining the Order

Membership of the International Knighly Order of St George is offered to ladies and gentlemen who are practicing Christians (of any denomination) over the age of 21, of exemplary social and moral reputation and living honourably. The Order of St. George is a select, internationally recognized Order of Knighthood or Chivalry. Membership therein is an international Lifetime Achievement recognition for your contributions to Humanity and excellence in your field. This is an honor that is bestowed on worthy Christian individuals for meritorious conduct in their lives which has had a positive effect on the wider community.

An invitation to join the Order normally follows nomination by two serving members, or the personal invitation of the Grand Prior, his deputies, or the Commander of a Commandery. However, requests to join from individuals are also given due consideration.

Not everyone who is nominated is guaranteed admittance. Once your petition is received a formal Investigation Committee with contact you. There is a formal review process and the Grand Line of Officers of the Order must approve your petition. We request a CV, a pastoral letter of attendance and a list of charitable activities you have been or are involved with and two personal references.

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KNIGHTHOOD

Members of the International Knighly Order Valiant of St George have always made a difference in their world, and pursue traditions of excellence by compassion and supporting our various works of charity.



Members appointed as Knights and Dames are invested with the insignia and mantle of the Order by the Grand Prior or his delegate in a ceremony held in a consecrated place. Within the Order, the title Chevalier or Dame and the postnominals KStG or DStG are adopted upon investiture.

If you would like to join our Order, please contact the person who gave you this pamphlet or visit our website at:

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