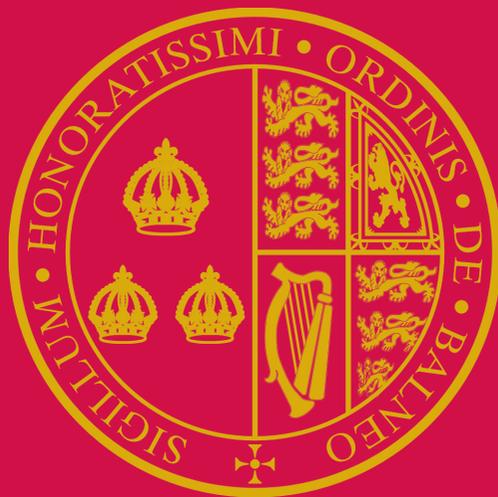


THE
MOST HONOURABLE
ORDER OF
THE BATH



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF**

**KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS
OF
THE MOST HONOURABLE
ORDER OF THE BATH**

IN

**THE LADY CHAPEL OF KING HENRY VII
THE CHAPEL OF THE ORDER**

IN THE ORDER'S 296th YEAR

**5.30 pm
MONDAY 19th July 2021**

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Although the Order of the Bath, as we know it today, was created by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal on 18th May 1725, the origins of the ceremony, which takes place in the Henry VII Chapel, can be traced back to the 14th century. A pamphlet of that time refers to Knights receiving ‘a Degree of Knighthood by the Bath’ and describes part of the knighting ceremony thus:

‘The Knight shall be led into the chapel with melody and there he shall un-girt him and shall offer his sword to God and Holy Church to be laid upon the altar by the Bishop’.

The original installation ceremony was based largely on that used at the Coronation of Henry V on 9th April 1413. As at the Coronation, candidates had to appear in the Prince’s Chamber in the Palace of Westminster, where they were put to bed to prepare them for a long night’s vigil. From 1725 until its formal abolition in 1815, the vigil took place in the Order’s designated chapel, the Chapel of Henry VII. This was followed by an investiture and then the installation. After taking the Oath to honour God, love the King, and defend widows and orphans, Knights were seated in their stalls.

In practice only the actual installing of a new Knight took place (ie placing him in his stall).

Even this fell into abeyance after 1812, because of the enlargement of the Order in 1815, and the installation ceremony was formally abolished in 1847. It was revived in 1913 in the modified form which continues in use to the present.

THE OATH

I shall honour God above all things. I will be steadfast in the faith of Christ. I will love The Queen, my Sovereign Lady, and her and her right defend to my power. I will defend maidens, widows, and orphans in their rights and will suffer no extortion as far as I may prevent it. And of as great honour be this Order unto me. As ever it was to any of my progenitors, or others.

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Officers of the Order and the Knights Grand Cross who are to be installed take up their allocated seats, having robed into their mantles in the North Ambulatory. The guests of the Knights Grand Cross make their way to the Lady Chapel of King Henry VII and take up their allocated seats.

The Dean gives

THE BIDDING

The Dean performs

THE ACT OF INSTALLATION

The Bath King of Arms conducts Sir David Omand GCB, to his stall.

The Dean says

SIR David, having sworn The Oath of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath, we place you in your stall. Will you faithfully continue to uphold the promise you made in that Oath?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

May the Lord sustain you in all good works at your going out and your coming in this day and always.

Following the act of installation, the Dean bows.

Sir David Omand returns the bow and is seated.

The Dean returns to the Altar.

The Bath King of Arms conducts Admiral Sir Jonathon Band GCB DL to his stall.

The Dean says

SIR Jonathon, having sworn The Oath of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath, we place you in your stall. Will you faithfully continue to uphold the promise you made in that Oath?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

May the Lord sustain you in all good works at your going out and your coming in this day and always.

Following the act of installation, the Dean bows.

Admiral Sir Jonathon Band returns the bow and is seated.

The Dean returns to the Altar.

The Bath King of Arms conducts General the Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC DL to his stall.

The Dean says

LORD Dannatt, having sworn The Oath of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath, we place you in your stall. Will you faithfully continue to uphold the promise you made in that Oath?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

May the Lord sustain you in all good works at your going out and your coming in this day and always.

Following the act of installation, the Dean bows.

General the Lord Dannatt returns the bow and is seated.

The Dean returns to the Altar.

The Bath King of Arms conducts Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy GCB CBE DSO to his stall.

The Dean says

SIR Glenn, having sworn The Oath of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath, we place you in your stall. Will you faithfully continue to uphold the promise you made in that Oath?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

May the Lord sustain you in all good works at your going out and your coming in this day and always.

Following the act of installation, the Dean bows.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy returns the bow and is seated.

The Dean returns to the Altar.

The Bath King of Arms conducts Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE DL, to his stall.

The Dean says

SIR Mark, having sworn The Oath of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath, we place you in your stall. Will you faithfully continue to uphold the promise you made in that Oath?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

May the Lord sustain you in all good works at your going out and your coming in this day and always.

Following the act of installation, the Dean bows.

Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope returns the bow and is seated.

The Dean returns to the Altar and leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech thee to pour thy blessing upon our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and upon all those who are called to serve her by sea or land or air, at home or abroad. Grant unto the members of this Most Honourable Order of the Bath that they may ever contend valiantly for the faith, succour the defenceless, protect the weak, and, in the maintenance of their Sovereign's right and honour, constantly uphold the cause of equity and justice among all her peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour hath taught us, so we pray:

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord, and to us sinners life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

