

Chivalric and Other Orders

Knighthood and Chivalry; the terms are often confused, and often needlessly distinguished. The term knighthood comes from the English word *knight* (from Old English *cniht*, boy, servant, cf. German *Knecht*) while *chivalry* comes from the French *chevalerie*, from *chevalier* or knight (Low Latin *caballus* for horse). In modern English, chivalry means the ideals, virtues, or characteristics of knights. The phrases "orders of chivalry" and "orders of knighthood" are essentially synonymous.



The Nobiliary Fraternity of the Nia Naisc The original order of the Niadh Nask was created by Terence MacCarthy, a native of Belfast who assumed sometime in the early 1980s or late 1970s the style of *MacCarthy Mór*. The Chief Herald of Ireland withdrew Terence MacCarthy's recognition as clan chief and courtesy title of MacCarthy Mór in July 1999. In 2001 the order was restructured as a nobiliary fraternity under the guidance of Charles McKerrell of Hillhouse. The US branch is organized as a charitable "not for profit" corporation governed by a Council chaired by the Ceann Cumain.



The Order of Saint Sylvester Pope and Martyr (Ordo Sanctus Silvestri Papae) The Papal Orders are awarded in the name of the Supreme Pontiff and are given both as awards of His Holiness as Head of the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church and also as Sovereign of the Vatican City State. The Order of Saint Sylvester is neither monastic nor military but a purely honorary title created by Gregory XVI, 31 Oct., 1841.



The Equestrian Order of San Marino (Ordine Equestre Civile di San Marino) San Marino, the world's third-smallest state, also claims to be the world's oldest republic. The Order of San Marino was instituted on 13 August 1859 to be awarded for outstanding civil or military services to the Republic of San Marino and for notable achievements in the fields of arts, sciences and politics and for notable charitable works.



The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ) is an autonomous and independent organization, incorporated in the United States, which seeks to emulate the chivalric and charity traditions of the original Templars. The principal mission of the Order is charity.



The Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Zere Yacobe Asfa Wossen Haile Selassie established the Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion in November 2000 at the City of London. The Order has been established for the sole purpose of providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Ethiopia.



The Royal Confraternity of Sao Teotonio The Royal Confraternity was founded in Portugal on 2nd November 2000. The Royal Confraternity enjoys the personal protection of His Royal Highness Dom Miguel de Braganza, The Duke of Viseu and Infante of Portugal to further the humanitarian efforts in Sao Teotonio.



The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus is one of the orders of chivalry to survive the downfall of the Kingdom of Jerusalem and the attempts by the Crusader knights to win control of the Holy Land from the forces of Islam. It is both a Military Order of Mercy and a Hospitaller Order dedicated to the care and assistance of the poor and the sick.



The Ecumenical Order of Malta The Order follows the principles established by the Second Vatican Council about the Ecumenical definition (Anglicans, Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants), and also the Order will effort itself in the direction of favoring the distribution of spiritual guidance with other religions. The Order constitutes one of the multiple and descendants of the Orthodox Russian Priorate of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem or "Order of Malta".



Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ The Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a family dynastic institute of the Royal House of Georgia, founded by Saint Queen Tamar (1184-1213) and was reconstituted in 1939 by the grandfather of the current Head of the Royal House, H.R.H. Irakly Bagrationi Mukran, as the main order of the Royal House.