

Statutes of The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Dzogadze

Preamble

In order to strengthen the Kingdom of Dzogadze and to encourage generous patronage in support of its mission, operations, charitable works, and cultural programming, the Crown hereby establishes a patronage order of chivalry known as **The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Dzogadze** (the Order). This Order is distinct from all merit-based honours of the Kingdom.

Article I. Name and Nature

1. The Order shall be known as **The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Dzogadze**.
2. The Order is a patronage order and exists to recognize financial benefaction and material support provided to the Kingdom of Dzogadze.
3. This Order is conferred for benefaction only. The Kingdom's merit-based Orders and honours remain reserved for service, achievement, and distinction.
4. The Order is an honour conferred by the Crown. It is not a contract of employment, a guarantee of title outside the Order, or a grant of governmental authority.

Article II. Purpose

1. The purpose of the Order is to recognize those who provide financial contributions or comparable material benefaction that directly support the Kingdom of Dzogadze.
2. The Order exists separately so that the Kingdom's merit-based honours remain reserved for service and achievement.

Article III. Headship and Governance

1. The Order is founded by the Crown and is under the supreme authority of the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Dzogadze.
2. The **Grand Master of the Order** shall be:
His Royal Majesty Torgbui Gorni Treve IV, Dufia of Dzogadze, Brimshibrim of Greater Dzogadze, Head of the Order.
3. The **Deputy Grand Master of the Order** shall be the Nugoryifia (Goodwill Chief), namely:
His Serene & Royal Highness Togbe Spencer Akoto II.
4. The Grand Master holds final authority over the Order, including the right to confer, withhold, suspend, or revoke membership in accordance with these Statutes and the Rules and Regulations.

Article IV. Grades of the Order

The Order shall consist of four grades, in descending precedence:

1. Knight Grand Collar of the Order of the Crown of Dzogadze
2. Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Dzogadze
3. Knight Commander of the Order of the Crown of Dzogadze
4. Knight of the Order of the Crown of Dzogadze

Article V. Eligibility

1. Any person of good standing may be admitted to the Order upon qualifying benefaction, subject to approval by the Grand Master or by delegated authority.
2. The Order may be conferred upon citizens of Dzogadze and non-citizens alike.
3. No person has a right to admission. Admission is a privilege granted by the Crown through the Grand Master.
4. The Grand Master may decline any admission or advancement for any reason consistent with the dignity and reputation of the Crown and Kingdom.

Article VI. Basis of Admission and Advancement

1. Admission and advancement within the Order shall be based solely on financial contribution or material benefaction of defined value, as established in the Rules and Regulations.
2. Service to the Kingdom may be recognized through other honours, but shall not be required for this Order, nor shall it substitute for the benefaction requirement.

Article VII. Officers and Administration

1. The Grand Master *may* appoint Officers of the Order to administer its affairs.
2. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master and may be removed or replaced at any time.
3. The Officers shall maintain registers, records of admissions, and such administrative procedures as the Grand Master directs.

Article VIII. Insignia and Style

1. The Grand Master shall approve the badge, star (if any), ribbon, collar, and other insignia of the Order.
2. Members may wear the insignia only in the manner and at the occasions authorized by the Rules and Regulations.
3. The Grand Master may authorize post-nominal letters and styles for each grade.

Article IX. Precedence

1. The Order shall have a defined precedence within the honours system of Dzogadze as determined by the Grand Master.
2. Because this is a patronage order, the Grand Master may place it after merit-based orders in precedence while still recognizing it as an Order of Chivalry.

Article X. Discipline, Suspension, and Revocation

1. The Grand Master may suspend or revoke membership for conduct that brings the Crown, Kingdom, or Order into disrepute.
2. Grounds may include fraud, misrepresentation, criminal conduct, harassment, abuse, public dishonour, or any act incompatible with the dignity of the Order.
3. Procedures for discipline shall be established in the Rules and Regulations.

Article XI. Amendments

1. These Statutes may be amended by the Grand Master at any time.
2. Amendments take effect upon promulgation by the Grand Master or upon a later effective date specified by the Grand Master.

Rules and Regulations of The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Dzogadze

Section 1. Definitions

1. **Benefaction** means a financial donation, sponsorship, or material contribution of verifiable value made to the Kingdom of Dzogadze or to a designated Dzogadze entity approved by the Crown.
2. **Qualifying Contribution** means a benefaction that meets the minimum threshold for admission or advancement, as set by the Grand Master.
3. **Register** means the official record maintained by the Registrar listing members and grades.

Section 2. Patronage Character and Separation from Merit Honours

1. This Order is conferred for financial benefaction and sponsorship in support of the Kingdom of Dzogadze.
2. This Order is a patronage honour and is distinct from all merit-based Orders and honours of the Kingdom. Merit-based Orders remain reserved for service, achievement, and distinction.
3. No grade in this Order shall be construed as a recognition of merit or service unless separately recognized by an additional honour conferred under the Kingdom's merit system.

Section 3. Contribution Thresholds

1. The Grand Master shall establish and may revise contribution thresholds for each grade.
2. Thresholds may be set for one-time gifts, annual gifts, lifetime cumulative gifts, and event sponsorships.
3. Thresholds may be published publicly or maintained privately at the Grand Master's discretion.
4. The Grand Master may approve equivalents for material donations (goods or services) if their value is documented and accepted by the Kingdom.

Section 4. Admission Process

1. A person seeking admission shall submit:
 - o Full name and preferred style
 - o Contact details
 - o The intended benefaction type and amount
 - o Any preference for public recognition or anonymity
2. Admission is not final until:
 - o The benefaction is received and verified, and
 - o The Grand Master or delegated authority approves the admission.
3. The Kingdom may refuse a benefaction and decline admission if acceptance would harm the reputation, integrity, or security of the Kingdom.

Section 5. Advancement

1. Advancement may occur when a member meets a higher qualifying contribution threshold and remains in good standing.
2. The Grand Master may require a minimum time-in-grade, or may waive it.
3. Advancement is conferred only upon approval by the Grand Master or delegated authority.

Section 6. Investiture and Evidence of Award

1. Admissions and advancements may be announced by Letters Patent, certificate, or official proclamation.
2. The Register shall be updated promptly following the conferral.

Section 7. Post-nominals and Forms of Address

1. If authorized by the Grand Master, members may use approved post-nominal letters corresponding to their grade.
2. Members may describe themselves as members of the Order only while in good standing.
3. The Order does not convey civil rank outside the Order. Any titles used are ceremonial within the honours system of Dzogadze.

Section 8. Insignia, Wearing, and Use of Marks

1. Insignia designs and wearing protocols are established by the Grand Master.
2. Members shall not alter insignia without permission, use insignia in a way that implies official authority, or commercially reproduce insignia without written authorization.
3. The Grand Master may authorize a member badge, ribbon bar, or lapel device for informal occasions.

Section 9. Financial Handling, Transparency, and Ethics

1. All benefactions shall be receipted and recorded according to the Kingdom's internal financial policies.
2. The Kingdom may publish aggregate totals while respecting donor anonymity where requested.
3. The Kingdom shall not accept contributions that are illegal in the relevant jurisdiction, derived from fraud or coercion, or intended to purchase improper influence over governance decisions.
4. The Order shall not be used as a means of granting favoritism in appointments, contracts, or adjudications.

Section 10. Anonymity and Privacy

1. Donors may request anonymity. The Kingdom shall honour such requests to the fullest extent practical.
2. The Register may be maintained in a full internal form and a public form that omits names of anonymous members.
3. Personal data shall be handled carefully and shared only as necessary for administration of the Order.

Section 11. Resignation

1. A member may resign by written notice to the Chancellor or Registrar.
2. Upon resignation, the member shall cease use of the Order's insignia, post-nominals, and representations.

Section 12. Suspension and Revocation Procedure

1. The Grand Master may suspend a member immediately where urgent reputational risk exists.
2. Before revocation, the Chancellor may provide notice and an opportunity to respond, unless waived for serious cause.
3. Upon revocation, the member must cease use of all insignia and post-nominals and return insignia if required.

Section 13. Dispute Resolution

1. Any dispute regarding administration of the Order shall be referred to the Deputy Grand Master for review.
2. Final authority rests with the Grand Master.

Section 14. Amendments and Promulgation

1. These Rules and Regulations may be amended by the Grand Master.
2. Amendments take effect upon promulgation, unless a later date is specified.