

# Saint Isidore College of Arms Bylaws

## I. The name of the organization:

The name of the organization will be "Saint Isidore College of Arms" and shall be henceforth be referred to as the College.

## II. Arms of the College

*ARMS:* Gules, an Agnus Dei Or with the standard of the Order Argent in base a Maltese cross argent. On a chief argent, an open book between two Maltese cross all gules.

*MANTLE:* Gules doubled Ermines

*CREST:* On a crest Or and Sable, issuant from an ancient crown Or a herald proper habited with a tabard of the Order of St Isidore of Seville the sinister hand in benediction and the Dexter arm pointing downwards bend-sinister-wise.

## III. The College shall be composed of the following officers:

a. *The Marshall of Arms.* The Chancellor holds this office ex-officio. The Marshall is responsible for the issuance of the Grant of Arms.

b. *The Registrar.* The Vice-Chancellor holds this office ex-officio. This officer is responsible for the maintenance of the Order's Heraldic Roll and the issuance of all certificates of investiture, promotion, appointment or award.

c. *The Principal Herald.* This office shall be the chief of all heralds within the Order of St. Isidore of Seville and within the College. The said officer shall be responsible for all matters relating to heraldry within the jurisdictions of the Order but on some matter may be required to sought the approval of the Grand Magistry. The said officer shall also be responsible in ensuring the compliance of all knights and dames of the Order to the heraldic laws and practices duly promulgated by the Heralds of the College and the Grand Magistry.

d. *St. Isidore Herald Extraordinary.* This office shall assist the Principal Herald in the disposal of the latter's office. Said Officer's function shall be limited to Arms and heraldic devices that are used and will be required by the Order, its offices and officers, and Order's awards.

e. *Seville Pursuivant & Jerusalem Pursuivant.* These officers of arms shall be responsible in the devisal of arms of the Order's knights and dames as well as other function that the Principal Herald may appoint to them.

f. The Grand Magistry may create additional positions of Herald or Pursuivant as is deemed necessary.

**IV. The said officers shall be deemed the authority to all matters relating to heraldry and their decisions shall be deemed final and no appeal may be made either to the College or the Grand Magistry. However, the consent and approval of the Grand Magistry may be sought on some matters before decision is rendered.**

## V. The Order of Precedence within the College:

The College is organized into two departments, *Administrative* and *Heraldic*, both of which report to the Marshall. The Registrar heads the Administrative Department. Under the Registrar are those administrative personnel the Order & College may be please to appoint. The Principal Herald heads the

Heraldic Department. Under the Principal Herald are the St. Isidore Herald Extraordinary, the Seville Pursuivant, and the Jerusalem Pursuivant.

**VI. The decision of the Grand Magistry as to the promotion and appointment of the heralds within the college shall be final.**

**VII. The duties of the College are as follows:**

- a. The devising of Coats of Arms for the Order's offices, provinces, knights and dames upon the Marshall's issuance of a grant permitting the devisal of armorial ensigns to such individuals.
- b. To issue certificates of knighthoods, promotions via e-mail to those appointed by the Grand Magistry.
- c. To print hard copies of the above upon the request of the individual and upon proper payment of the fee that will be determined by the Grand Magistry from time to time.
- d. To encourage members of the Order that have arms devised for them to be registered by an heraldic body such as the such as the Court of Lord Lyon, The College of Arms, The Cronista Rey de Armas of the Kingdom of Spain, and the Collegium Heraldicum Russiae
- e. Maintain the Order's Roll of Arms
- f. The education of members of the Order with regard to the science and art of heraldry, and the proper use of the Order's insignia and their devised arms.
- g. All armorial ensigns devised by the College shall be deemed legal and copyrighted within the Order and the illegal use of such devices shall be deemed punishable. The Heralds shall properly record devised arms within the Order so that it may serve as references for future devisal of arms.
- h. Arms devised for members of the Order shall be transmitted to his/her heir as heraldic law permits. Heirs, who may not necessarily be knights of the Order, may have such arms registered unto their names upon assumption to the arms within the College of the Order upon payment of fees that would be determined by the Grand Magistry from time to time. A clause shall be inserted into such certificates that the said arms are recognized within the Order of St. Isidore of Seville and his rights to it remain legal within the jurisdiction of the Order.

**VIII. Interpretation of Heraldic Laws**

- a. Heraldic laws of college shall be determined by the heralds and pursuivant of the College through a consultation among themselves and shall be passed on as a minute of the meeting once a majority vote has been given to said resolution.
- b. Only upon the receipt of the College of the Marshall's grant to issue armorial ensigns to individuals within the Order shall the work of the heralds proceed. No armorial ensign, whether for the Order and its offices, officers, provinces and similar bodies or individuals within the Order, shall be devised without the written consent of the Marshall, for individuals, or the Grand Magistry, for the Order and its bodies.