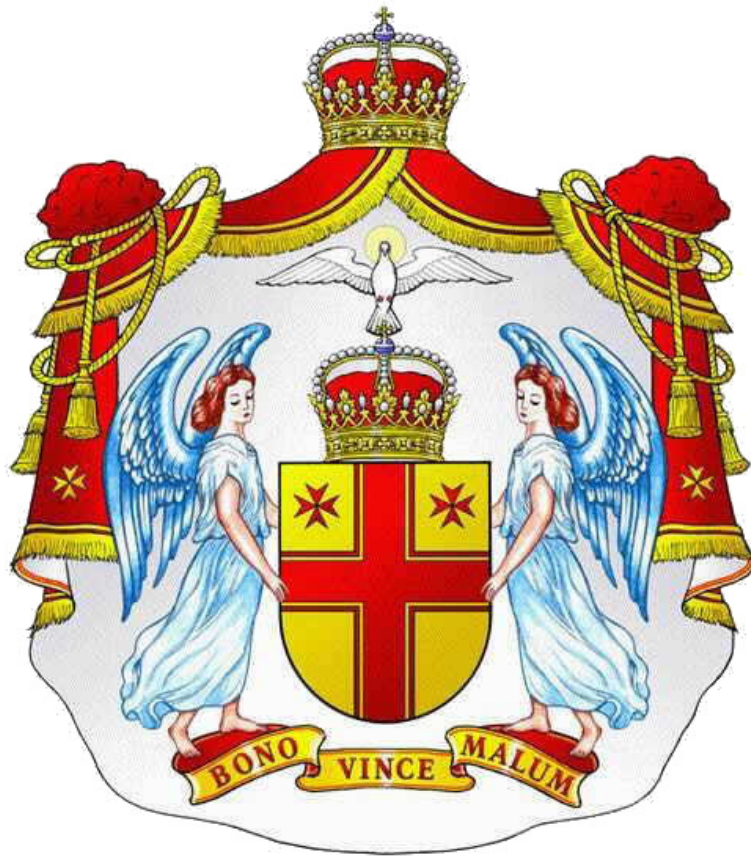


The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville



A Knight's Resource

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Introduction and Foreword

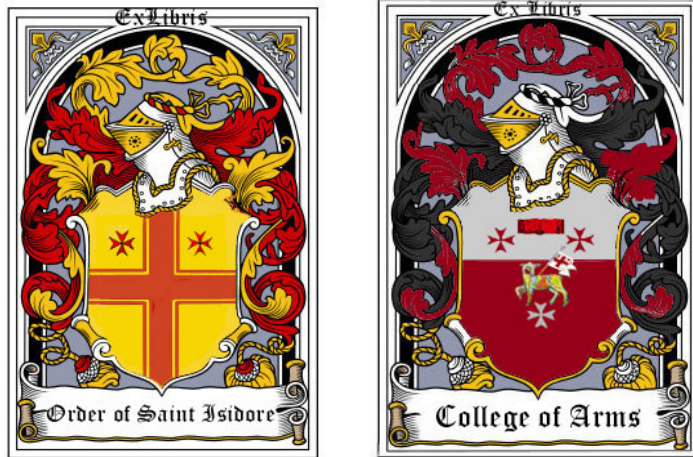
This book has been compiled for the sole purpose of providing information, offline and can be printed for reference. The Structure, Constitution and Bylaws, Code of Chivalry, Heraldry, Ecclesiastic Heraldry, Bylaws of the College of Heraldry are compiled separately in other forms. Those who share a single belief of spreading Chivalry through the internet, and on personal and religious web sites, as well as in their day to day life, in public and private, is a modern day way of life based on an old interpreted honour system. To promote a defining moral integrity and the ideals of Christian Chivalry.

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Our Flag



Our Seal – Grandmaster's Seal



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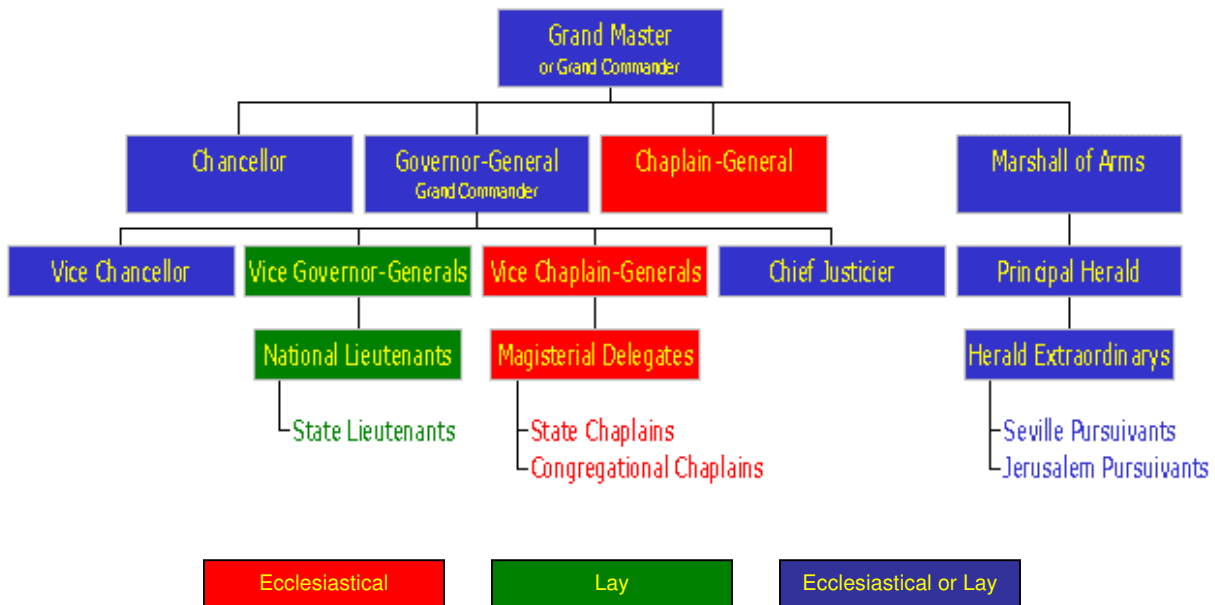
The Order of St. Isidore of Seville, Background

The Order of Saint Isidore was first founded on January 1st 2000 to celebrate the beginning of Christ's Third Millennium.

The Orders Peerage is as follows:

- Knighted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Major General Sir Roy Redgrave MC: Knight of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Grand Prior of England and Wales- OSMTH
- Knighted Eric Russell-Brown: Knight Commander-OSMTH, Governor-General –OSTI
- Knighted Stephen Plowman: Knight Commander –OSMTH, Chancellor OSTI.
- In turn admitting all members of the Order of Saint Isidore of Seville, in Abstentia.

May of 2004, The Order restructured the entire Grand Council and Grand Magistry.



The Government structure is as follows:

Grand Magistry: Grand Master, Grand Commander, Governor- General, Chancellor, Chaplain-General, Vice-Governor-General, Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Chaplain-General.

Grand Council: All members of the Grand Magistry, all National Lieutenants, all Magisterial Delegates.

National Level: State Lieutenants, State Chaplains, Knight Commanders, Knights, and Squires.

The Order is a worldwide structure consisting of Laymen and Ordained Ministers who have qualified to be part of the order:

- over the age of 20**
- of good character who will follow the rules of chivalry
- who accept and acknowledge the Christian beliefs as contained in the Nicene Creed
- accept the 27 books of the New Testament
- respect the right of other Christian Churches to worship according to their own doctrines.

**Members 18 through 20 years of age are Squires or Ladies-in-Waiting. They will become full members of the Order on their 21st birthday.

The Orders Arms: Or, a cross resarcelle Gules, between two Maltese crosses of the same in chief. The escutcheon is ensigned with a Magisterial crown proper, and thereupon a dove descending from above Argent. Supporters: on either side an angel winged and habited Argent.

The Arms of the Order were originally devised and assumed by the Order in 2000. The fuller Achievement of Arms with the two Angels as supporters were devised by the [Collegium Heraldicum Russiae](http://www.collegiumheraldicum.com) in July 2003.

The Order's Motto: "*Bono Vince Malum*" – "Overcome Evil with Good".

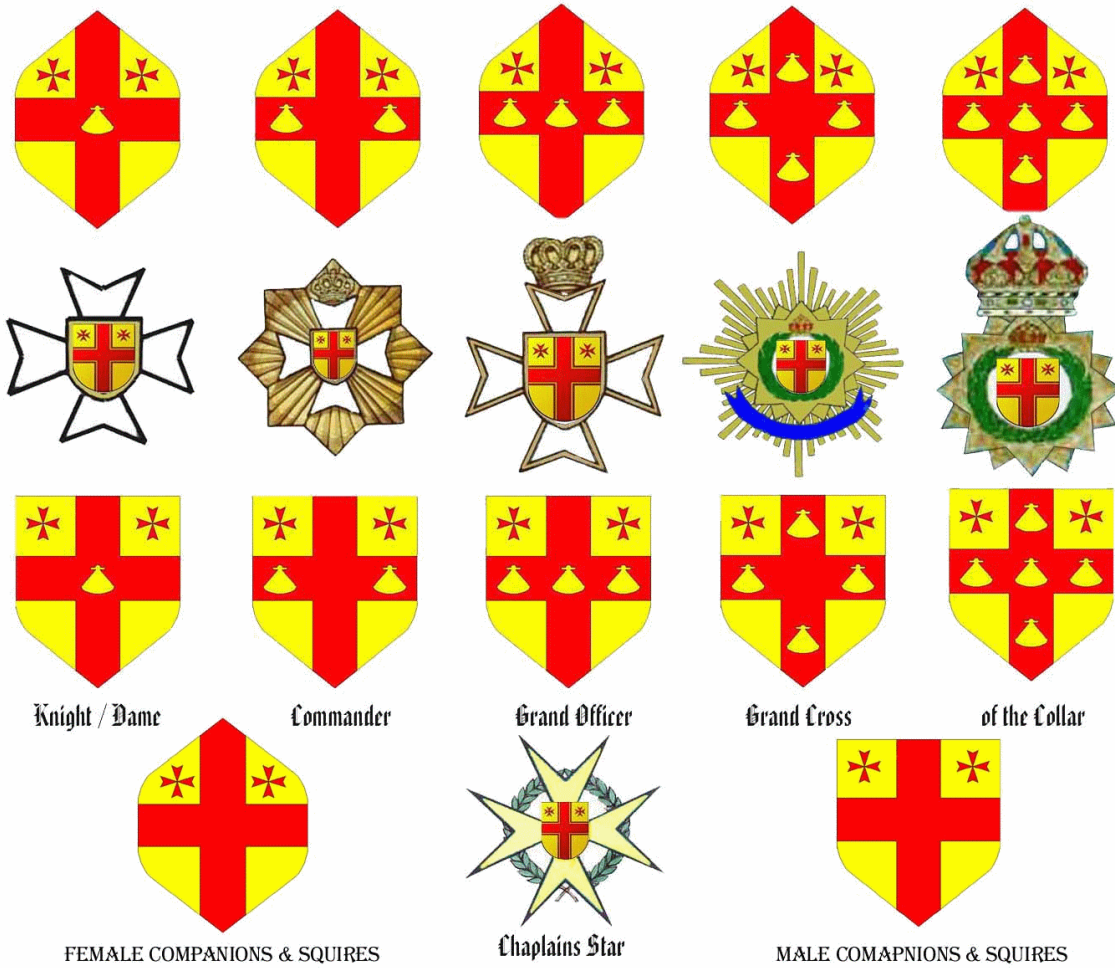
The Orders Web Site: www.st-isidore.org

The Order's Patron Saint: Saint Isidore of Seville, Doctor of the Church; Feast day, April 4th.

The Order's Charity Associations: Donations have been made to Knights of Columbus for educational fund raising and Sacred Heart Church for Educational fundraising of schools in the Middle East.

World Community Grid - UD Devices: Use of your personal computer to aid in the fight against disease.

Ranks and Honors



Nicene Creed

(modern wording)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

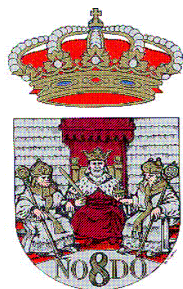
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son].
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
AMEN.



Saint Isidore of Seville
Doctor of the Church

Feast day: April 4



Isidore was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess. This didn't make life easier for Isidore. To the contrary, Leander may have been holy in many ways, but his treatment of his little brother shocked many, even at the time. Leander, who was much older than Isidore, took over Isidore's education and his pedagogical theory involved force and punishment. We know from Isidore's later accomplishments that he was intelligent and hard working so it is hard to understand why Leander thought abuse would work instead of patience.

One day, the young boy couldn't take any more. Frustrated by his inability to learn as fast as his brother wanted and hurt by his brother's treatment, Isidore ran away. But though he could escape his brother's hand and words, he couldn't escape his own feeling of failure and rejection. When he finally let the outside world catch his attention, he noticed water dripping on the rock near where he sat. The drops of water that fell repeatedly carried no force and seemed to have no effect on the solid stone. And yet he saw that over time, the water drops had worn holes in the rock. Isidore realized that if he kept working at

his studies, his seemingly small efforts would eventually pay off in great learning. He also may have hoped that his efforts would also wear down the rock of his brother's heart.

When he returned home, however, his brother in exasperation confined him to a cell (probably in a monastery) to complete his studies, not believing that he wouldn't run away again. Either there must have been a loving side to this relationship or Isidore was remarkably forgiving even for a saint, because later he would work side by side with his brother and after Leander's death, Isidore would complete many of the projects he began including a missal and breviary. In a time where it's fashionable to blame the past for our present and future problems, Isidore was able to separate the abusive way he was taught from the joy of learning. He didn't run from learning after he left his brother but embraced education and made it his life's work. Isidore rose above his past to become known as the seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn't limit his own studies and didn't want others to as well. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries.

His encyclopedia of knowledge, the Etymologies, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology. When the Arabs brought study of Aristotle back to Europe, this was nothing new to Spain because Isidore's open mind had already reintroduced the philosopher to students there. As bishop of Seville for 37 years, succeeding Leander, he set a model for representative government in Europe. Under his direction, and perhaps remembering the tyrannies of his brother, he rejected autocratic decision-making and organized synods to discuss government of the Spanish Church. Still trying to wear away rock with water, he helped convert the barbarian Visigoths from Arianism to Christianity.

He lived until almost 80. As he was dying his house was filled with crowds of poor he was giving aid and alms to. One of his last acts was to give all his possessions to the poor. When he died in 636, this Doctor of the Church had done more than his brother had ever hoped; the light of his learning caught fire in Spanish minds and held back the Dark Ages of barbarism from Spain. But even greater than his outstanding mind must have been the genius of his heart that allowed him to see beyond rejection and discouragement to joy and possibility.

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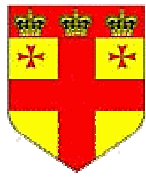
Prayer for the Internet

Prayer before using the Internet:

Almighty and eternal God,
Who has created us in Thy image
And bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful,
Especially in the divine person
Of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Grant, we beseech Thee, that
Through the example of Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor,
During our journeys through the Internet
We will direct our hands and eyes
Only to that which is pleasing to Thee
And treat with charity and patience
All those souls whom we encounter.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Arms Of Office

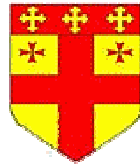
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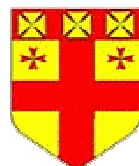
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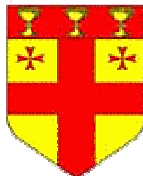
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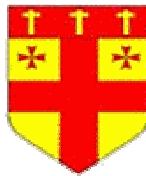
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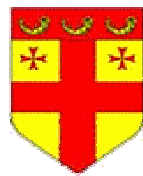
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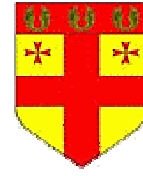
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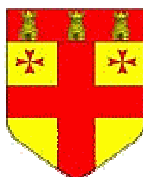
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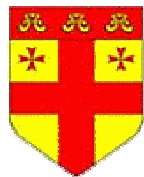
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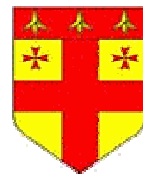
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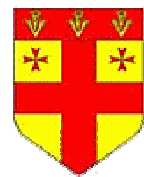
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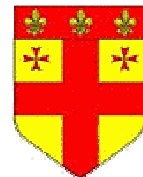
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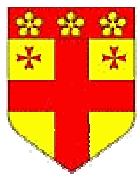
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SEVILLE PURSUIVANT



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The Order of Merit



First Class



Second Class



Third Class



The certificates issued by the Order of Saint Isidore and the College of Arms are as follows:

1. Membership Investiture Certificate
2. Promotion Certificate
3. Order of Merit Certificate
4. Certificate of Achievement
5. Letters of Patent for a Coat of Arms design
6. Appointment Letters of Office
7. Certificate of Achievement for a course in Heraldry

The Arms of the College



College Seal

Herald Seal



Our Stamps

