

LIST OF SELF STYLED OR FALSE ORDERS OF ST JOHN

1. In addition to the Alliance Orders, over the years there have been literally hundreds of organisations, which style themselves as orders of St John or of Malta. While some of these organisations have certainly involved themselves in charitable works, none have any claim to legitimacy. Many appear to have been creations of individuals bent on backing up spurious claims to nobility, while others have been little more than fraternal societies allowing individuals to enhance their personal image by dressing up in robes and elaborate insignia. Finally, a number of self-styled 'Orders of St John' have been or are of extremely dubious character, little more than confidence tricks designed to take large sums of money from gullible people. In the latter category, a number of organisations have offered appointments at various levels of their organisations ('knighthoods' for example) which, while totally worthless in and of themselves, can only be attained on payment of a large fee. At least one self-styled 'Order of St John' in the United States has been found guilty in Federal Court of selling worthless 'diplomatic passports'.
2. Many of the self-styled orders have originated in the United States and many of these in turn are splinter groups tracing their origin to what was most likely the original self-styled English speaking order, which was established in New York City in 1908. This organisation later moved its headquarters to the town of Shickshinny in Pennsylvania. As a result this 'order' and its various iterations are referred to as 'Shickshinny Orders'.
3. A peripheral, although still major, concern of the Alliance Orders (see [Annex A](#)) is the proliferation of these false 'Orders of St John'. The main concern of the Alliance is the damage to the good name of the Order of St John that can be and has been done by the activities of some of these false orders. To combat the activities of the false orders, the Alliance established the False Orders Committee, headquartered in Rome but with its Secretariat in Germany. All five of the Alliance Orders are represented on the Committee, which works to expose the activities of the false orders and to educate the public to the risks inherent in becoming involved in one of these organisations.
4. Although the ADO does not wish to forbid its members from becoming involved with organisations that are not illegal, members of the ADO are cautioned to take extreme care in dealing with 'Orders of St John' that are not one of the Alliance Orders. At best, ADO members involved with these organisations risk being embarrassed by their involvement, and could find themselves the victims of nefarious financial schemes or even unwittingly involved in illegal activity.
5. The list below comprises the names of known self-styled or false 'Orders of St John' (ie not being one of the five Alliance Orders). Some of the orders named may no longer be in existence. Additionally, some of the 'orders' listed are for groups that have experienced splits or schisms. The result of this is that in some cases there are two, three or more 'orders' in existence with the same title, each claiming to be the only legitimate 'order' and each repudiating the claims and authenticity of the other branches of the schism. The list comprises:

American Grand Priory of the Sovereign Order of St John, Knights of Malta Under the Imperial Protection of H.I. & R.H. the Czarevich and Grand Duke of Russia Alexis Nicolaievich Romanoff.

Autonoma Prioratet Sancti Iohannis Baptistae, Riddarbröder af St Johannes af Jerusalem Hospital.

Autonomous Priory of Dacia of the Order of Malta.

Dynastic Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastical Knightly Order of Malta of St John of Jerusalem, Priory of St Andrew.

French Fraternity of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Grand Priory of America of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Grand Priory of Canada of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Grand Priory of Malta of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller.

Hospitaller Knights of St John the Baptist.

Hospitaller Order of St John, United States Grand Priory.

International Grand Priory of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.

International Knights of St John.

International Langue of the OSJ.

Knights Hospitaller of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem Chevaliers de Malte.

Knights of Malta/Sovereign Hospitallers Order of St John of Jerusalem/the International Grand Chancellery.

Knights of Malta Priory of the Holy Trinity of Ville Dieu.

Knights of Malta Sovereign Order of Reformed Hospitallers of St John of Jerusalem.

Knights of Malta, Sovereign Order of the Hospitallers of St John of Jerusalem, OSJ.

Knights of St John and Malta.

Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Byzantine Protectorate.

O.S.J. Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem: Knights Hospitaller of Malta under the hereditary protection of the Royal House of Yugoslavia.

Order of Knights Hospitaller.

Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights of Malta) Priory of Famagusta.

Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller Under Royal Charter of H.M. King Peter II of Yugoslavia/Patron: H.R.H. Prince Karl-Vladimir Karageorgevich.

Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.

Order of St John the Baptist of Puerto Rico.

Order of St John the Baptist.

Order of St John of Jerusalem 'Knights Hospitaller', Russian Grand Priory (under the Constitution and Royal Charter of his late Majesty King Peter II of Yugoslavia).

Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta (America).

Order of St John of Jerusalem of Antioch.

Ordre Souverain de St-Jean de Jerusalem, chevaliers de Malte.

Portuguese Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Priory of St John, The Sovereign Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.

Priory of the Holy Savior of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitallers of Malta.

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Ville-Dieu of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.

Real Archicofradia de los Santos Juan Bautista y Evangelista de los Caballeros de Malta ad Honorem de Catanzaro.

Regular Order of St John of the Holy Land, Knights Hospitaller.

Royal Archconfraternity of the Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist of the Knights of Malta, ad honorem of Catanzaro (Barcelona chapter).

Royal Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, Ecumenical, A Reigning Territorial Sovereignty.

Scottish-American Order of St John.

Sovereign Imperial Russian Chivalric Order of Malta (Souveraner kaiserliche-russischer Malteser-ritter-orden).

Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem Ecumenical Knights of Rhodes and Malta, OSJ.

Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem Knight of Malta Ecumenical.

Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta United States Priory of the Order of St John Knights of Malta Ecumenical.

Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem Russian Greek Orthodox Ecumenical.

Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Ecumenical Knights of Malta, Grand Priory of Castile and Leon.

Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, a.k.a. Ecumenical Knights of Malta.

Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, Ecumenical and Reigning Territorial Sovereignty, OSJ.

Sovereign Military Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta Headquarters.

Sovereign Order Knights of Malta OSJ-SA of Krac.

Sovereign Order of Orthodox Knights Hospitaller of St John of Jerusalem, Former Russian Grand Priory in St Petersburg.

Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem in the Americas.

Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, the Hospitallers, Knights of Malta.

Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller.

Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, Russian Grand Priory of Malta.

Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, Priory of the Holy Saviour.

Sovereign Order of the Coptic Catholic Knights of Malta.

Sovereign Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in Denmark (a breakaway organisation from 61).

Sovereign Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem of Denmark (Ordo Domus Hospitalis Sancti Joannis Hyerosolomitani).

Sovereign Order of the Hospitallers of St John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta, OSJ, Inc.

Sovereign Order of the Knights Hospitaller of St John of Jerusalem in the State of Florida.

Sovereign Order of the Orthodox Knights Hospitaller of St John of Jerusalem.

The Byzantine Protectorate of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem.

The Federation of Autonomous Pories of The Order of St John of Jerusalem—Knights of Malta.

The Imperial Russian Order of St John of Jerusalem, Ecumenical Foundation.

The Sovereign Military and Hospitaler (sic) Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, Ecumenical.

The Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta.

Union of Descendants of Hereditary Commanders and Knights of the Russian Grand priory of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

Union of Hereditary Commanders and Knights of the Grand Priory of Russia of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

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