



Statute of the White Knights for Charity

Preamble

The White Knights for Charity is a knightly-inspired humanitarian Order established under the spiritual and moral guidance of *Doninu (Malta) International*. Rooted in Christian values and inspired by the sacred scripture of Ephesians 6:10–18, we dedicate ourselves to defending the vulnerable, combating injustice, and serving the poor with honour, humility, and unwavering faith.

Article 1 – Name and Legal Nature

1. The name of the organisation is *White Knights for Charity*.
2. It is a non-political, non-profit, non-commercial humanitarian Order.
3. The Order may affiliate with religious and secular charitable initiatives, provided such associations uphold the core principles of charity and the protection of human dignity.

Article 2 – Headquarters

The headquarters of the Order shall be located in Malta, with international chapters permitted under the supervision of the central leadership.

Article 3 – Founding Authority

The White Knights for Charity is founded by *Doninu (Malta) International* and Chev. (Jean) Pierre Calleja SoC, in unity with all persons of goodwill committed to a life of service.

Article 4 – Mission and Objectives

The Order shall pursue the following objectives:

1. To defend the poor, the sick, the persecuted, and the forgotten.
2. To actively fight against injustice, abuse, and systemic oppression.
3. To provide humanitarian aid, shelter, food, and moral support to those in need.
4. To promote values of peace, charity, justice, and mercy.
5. To develop and support initiatives in education, child protection, health, and sustainable development.

Article 5 – Spiritual Foundation

The Order takes its spiritual foundation from **Ephesians 6:10–18**, the Armour of God:

“Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes...”

Each Knight pledges to live according to this scripture, wearing the symbolic armour of truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God.

Article 6 – Membership

1. Membership is open to all persons of goodwill who dedicate their life to charity and justice, irrespective of nationality, provided they commit to the mission and spiritual values of the Order.
2. Members are referred to as **Knights** or **Dames**, and shall be known as *White Knights of Charity*.
3. There shall be ranks within the Order, determined by years of service, contributions to the mission, and moral integrity.

Article 7 – Leadership and Governance

1. The Order shall be led by a Grand Master, assisted by a Council composed of elected Commanders .
2. The Vice-Leader of Doninu (Malta) International, currently Chev. Conrad Pace, shall serve as the Deputy Grand Master unless otherwise stated by the founding authority.
3. Leadership is to be exercised with humility, justice, and service to others.

Article 8 – Uniform and Symbols

1. The official uniform shall reflect the values of modesty, dignity, and readiness for spiritual and humanitarian battle, in reference to Ephesians 6.
2. The insignia shall feature a white cross on a red field, representing purity, sacrifice, and divine mission.

Article 9 – Code of Honour

Every member shall:

- Live a life of service to others.
- Reject all forms of corruption, hatred, and exploitation.
- Speak truth with love, and act with mercy.

- Attack arguments, not persons – promoting peace through dialogue and justice.

Article 10 – Chapters and Federation

1. The Order may establish chapters internationally, with prior authorisation from the Grand Council.
2. The Order shall form part of the **International Federation “ Alliance of Love”** based in Brussels, which unites organisations of similar mission.

Article 11 – Funding

1. The Order shall not engage in for-profit activity.
2. It shall be funded by voluntary donations, partnerships with other charitable bodies, and in-kind support.
3. All financial or in-kind assistance shall be used strictly for the mission of the Order.

Article 12 – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets shall be transferred to a charitable organisation with similar goals, preferably within the Doninu (Malta) International network.

Article 13 – Amended

This statute may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council, following consultation with Doninu (Malta) International and its spiritual advisors.

Article 14 – Structure of the Order

1. The Order is governed by the following hierarchical structure:
 - **Supreme Chapter of the Order:** The highest deliberative body composed of all active full knights.
 - **Grand Master:** The spiritual and administrative head of the Order.
 - **Council of Commanders:** A governing council assisting the Grand Master in executing decisions and overseeing various branches and missions.
 - **Regional Commanderies:** Local chapters led by appointed Commanders operating under the Order's values and statutes.
2. All members must act in loyalty, unity, and respect towards their superiors and one another.

Article 15 – Roles and Duties

1. **The Grand Master:**
 - Represents the Order internationally and spiritually.
 - Oversees all governance, appoints key officials, and ensures fidelity to the founding values.
 - May be the Founder or a person elected by the Supreme Chapter.
2. **The Grand Chancellor:**
 - Acts as the chief administrative officer.
 - Coordinates documentation, correspondence, records, and the legal affairs of the Order.
3. **The Knights and Dames:**
 - Serve in the missions of charity, justice, and protection of the vulnerable.
 - Take a public or private oath of loyalty to the values of the Order.
 - Are expected to participate in charitable initiatives and knightly duties.
4. **Chaplains:**
 - Provide spiritual guidance and blessings for the Order's work.
 - Ensure that all actions align with Christian moral values.

Article 16 – Uniform and Symbols

1. The official uniform of the Order shall be inspired by **Ephesians Chapter 6:10–18**, representing the Armor of God:
 - The **belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit, and boots of peace.**
 - Colors: Predominantly white with gold or red details representing purity and divine justice.
2. Members shall wear a **white cape with the insignia of the Order.**
3. The emblem of the Order shall include a knightly shield, a red cross, and the scriptural reference **Ephesians 6:11**: *“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”*

Article 17 – Code of Honour

1. All members pledge to:
 - Live by the Gospel and defend the oppressed.
 - Refrain from any actions of corruption, violence, or injustice.
 - Be peacemakers, truth-bearers, and compassionate servants.
2. Violation of this code may lead to disciplinary measures, including suspension or expulsion by the Supreme Chapter.

Article 18 – Spiritual Foundation

1. The Order is an inspiration but open to all men and women of good will who respect its principles and mission.
2. Members shall be encouraged to live a life of prayer, virtue, and service.
3. The Order celebrates an annual spiritual gathering with Mass, reflection, and renewal of vows.

Article 19 – Financial and Material Support

1. The Order is non-profit and does not collect membership fees.
2. All resources are voluntary donations and used solely for missions aiding the poor, sick, refugees, and those in need.
3. The Order may collaborate with other organisations, foundations, or institutions in line with its aims.

Article 20 – Relationship to Doninu (Malta) International

1. The White Knights for Charity is spiritually and administratively affiliated with **Doninu (Malta) International**, which acts as the Founding Humanitarian Organisation and oversees the charitable missions of the Order globally.
2. The President and Founder of Doninu (Malta) International, **Chev. (Jean) Pierre Calleja SoC**, also serves as the International Grand Chancellor of the Order.

Article 21 – International Presence

1. The Order may establish international chapters under the name “White Knights for Charity – [Country/Region]”, provided they adhere to this statute.
2. Coordination among international branches is supervised by the Council of Commanders.

Article 22 – Admission and Promotion

1. Admission to the Order is granted by recommendation and approval of the Grand Master and Council of Commanders.
2. Ranks may include:
 - Knight/Dame of Charity
 - Knight/Dame Commander
 - Grand Officer

- Grand Cross
 - Grand Chancellor
 - Grand Master
3. Promotions are based on merit, service, and virtue, not status or wealth.

Article 23 – Dissolution

1. The Order may only be dissolved by a decision of the Supreme Chapter with a two-thirds majority.
2. In the event of dissolution, all remaining resources will be donated to charitable initiatives aligned with the Order's mission.

Article 24 – Amendments

1. This statute may be amended by the Supreme Chapter with approval of two-thirds of active members present.
2. Any amendment must maintain fidelity to the original vision and values of the Order.

Article 25 – Entry into Force

1. This statute enters into force on the date of its official adoption by the Founders.
2. It shall be made publicly available through Doninu (Malta) International and the official channels of the Order.

Article 26: Membership Admission Process

1. **Eligibility**
Membership is open to individuals of good will, from all walks of life, who embrace the values of faith, charity, justice, and peace, and who commit themselves to the Order's mission.

2. Application

A written application must be submitted to the Grand Council, accompanied by:

- A letter of motivation;
- Endorsement from at least one existing member;
- Any other documentation required by the Council.

3. Approval

The Grand Council shall review applications and decide by a two-thirds majority. All decisions are final.

Article 27: Rights and Duties of Members

1. Rights

Members have the right to:

- Participate in activities, ceremonies, and missions of the Order;
- Vote in General Assemblies (where applicable);
- Wear the insignia and uniform of the Order, as regulated;
- Receive recognition for their charitable and knightly service.

2. Duties

Members must:

- Uphold the Christian values and mission of the Order;
- Act with dignity, humility, and integrity;
- Participate in charitable missions and spiritual formation;
- Respect the hierarchy and rules of the Order;
- Defend the poor, vulnerable, and victims of injustice.

Article 28: Spiritual and Charitable Activities

The Order shall:

- Promote regular prayer, retreats, and formation grounded in Charity teachings;
- Organize humanitarian missions for the poor, sick, and marginalized;
- Cooperate with churches, NGOs, and public institutions to uphold human dignity;
- Advocate against social injustice, poverty, and persecution of the innocent.

Article 29: Code of Conduct

1. **Knightly Honour**

Every member shall conduct themselves as a true Knight: brave, truthful, humble, and charitable.

2. **Disciplinary Measures**

Any member who violates the principles of the Order may be:

- Warned;
- Suspended;
- Expelled (upon decision of the Grand Council).

A fair hearing shall be granted in all disciplinary cases.

Article 30: Insignia and Uniform

1. **Uniform**

Members shall wear a distinct uniform based on the symbolism of Ephesians 6:10–18, representing the Armor of God, including:

- Belt of Truth;
- Breastplate of Righteousness;
- Shoes of Peace;
- Shield of Faith;
- Helmet of Salvation;
- Sword of the Spirit (symbolically).

2. **Insignia and Decorations**

The Order may issue decorations, medals, and ranks based on merit, commitment, and service.

Article 31: Financial and Non-Financial Character

1. **Non-Profit Status**

The Order shall operate on a non-profit basis. All resources are to be used solely for mission-related purposes.

2. **Donations and Support**

The Order may receive voluntary donations or in-kind support but shall never engage in commercial activity.

Article 32: International Relations and Affiliations

The Order may:

- Affiliate with other knightly orders or ecclesial/humanitarian institutions;
- Open chapters in other countries;
- Act under the umbrella of *Doninu (Malta) International* and within the international *Federazzjoni Alliance of Love*;
- Maintain its independent character while collaborating with religious and civil authorities.

Article 33: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution:

- All assets shall be donated to a charitable or ecclesiastical body aligned with the Order's mission;
- No member may benefit personally from the assets of the Order.

Article 34: Amendments to the Statute

Any proposed changes to this statute must be:

- Submitted in writing to the Grand Council;
- Approved by at least two-thirds of its voting members;
- Ratified in an Extraordinary Assembly.

Article 35: Oath of the White Knights

Every admitted member shall solemnly proclaim the following Knightly Oath:

“I, [name], do solemnly vow before God and the brethren of this Order, to serve faithfully as a White Knight for Charity. I shall defend the poor, protect the vulnerable, seek peace and justice, and uphold the truth in word and deed. Clothed in the Armor of God, I pledge to walk in humility, speak with mercy, act with courage, and never turn away from the call to love. So help me God.”

This oath may be administered during an official investiture ceremony by the Grand Prior or a designated officer.

Article 36: Liturgical and Devotional Life

1. **Spiritual Guidance**

The Order shall have a Chaplain or Spiritual Director, approved by the Grand Council, preferably ordained or approved by a Christian ecclesial authority.

2. **Devotions**

Members are encouraged to engage regularly in:

- Holy Mass or Christian prayer;
- Bible reading, especially Ephesians 6;
- Acts of penance, reconciliation, and spiritual retreats;
- Pilgrimages and moments of silence and contemplation.

Article 37: Titles and Roles

The Order shall structure its members into the following roles:

- **Knight/ Dame (White Knight of Charity)** – Basic full member.
- **Commander** – Regional leader of an active mission or chapter.
- **Grand Prior** – Head of the Order in a given nation or province.
- **Grand Chancellor** – Administrator of the Order's affairs.
- **Spiritual Chaplain** – Responsible for spiritual guidance.
- **Grand Master** – Supreme head of the Order worldwide.

Appointments are made by the Grand Council, under the Grand Master.

Article 38: Founding and Oversight

1. **Founding Body**

This Order is established as a project under the guidance and spiritual

umbrella of **Doninu (Malta) International**, with endorsement by the **Federazzjoni Alliance of Love**.

2. **Moral Oversight**

The Order shall remain true to its spiritual heritage and Charity values, with ultimate spiritual oversight reserved to a trusted ecumenical panel of clergy and lay leaders.

3. **Independence**

While rooted in Charity tradition, the Order respects the dignity of all people of good will and cooperates with other religions and secular humanitarian bodies for the common good.

Article 39: Official Symbol and Motto

1. **Emblem**

The emblem of the Order shall feature a white cross surrounded by a golden shield, with the inscription:

“Justice, Peace, Charity”,

and below it the full citation:

“Put on the full armor of God.” (Ephesians 6:11)

2. **Motto**

The motto of the Order is:

“Knights for Justice and Peace.”

Article 40: Entry into Force

This Statute shall enter into effect immediately upon formal ratification by the founding members and shall be signed, sealed, and archived by the Grand Council.

Article 41: Relationship with Other Orders and Federations

1. **Affiliation**

The White Knights for Charity may affiliate, collaborate, or enter into formal alliance with other knightly, charitable, humanitarian, or faith-based Orders and federations, provided such bodies do not contradict the values set forth in this Statute.

2. Federazzjoni Alliance of Love

The Order recognizes the **Federazzjoni Alliance of Love**, based in Brussels, as its spiritual and legal umbrella federation. All activities shall remain aligned with the mission and moral vision of this Federation.

Article 42: Non-Discrimination

1. Inclusivity

While founded on Christian values, the Order welcomes members of all nations, races, and backgrounds who share its mission, and will not discriminate based on ethnicity, gender, disability, or social status.

2. Ecumenical Respect

The Order is open to dialogue and joint service with other Christian denominations and other faith traditions committed to charity, peace, and justice.

Article 43: Internal Rules and Amendments

1. By-Laws

The Grand Council may adopt by-laws and internal rules to regulate operational matters not detailed in this Statute.

2. Amendments

This Statute may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Grand Council and must remain faithful to the founding principles and to the spiritual guidance of Ephesians 6.

Article 44: Legal Personality and Headquarters

1. Legal Status

The Order may be established as a non-profit association, religious brotherhood, or other lawful legal form under the jurisdiction of its primary country of operation, subject to compliance with international human rights and charity law.

2. **Headquarters**

The provisional international headquarters shall be in **Brussels, Belgium**, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Grand Council.

3. **Recognition**

The Order does not require government recognition to operate as a faith-based, spiritual, and humanitarian entity, but may seek such recognition where beneficial and lawful.

Article 45: Dissolution

1. **Dissolution Procedure**

Should the White Knights for Charity be dissolved, all assets, insignia, and mission documents shall be transferred to a body continuing the mission of Christian charity and defense of the vulnerable, preferably within the **Federazzjoni Alliance of Love**.

2. **No Private Benefit**

Under no circumstance shall any member benefit personally from the dissolution of the Order.

Article 46: Final Blessing and Dedication

This Order is hereby entrusted to the divine protection and guidance of the Lord Almighty. Inspired by the Holy Scriptures and committed to the Armor of God, may the White Knights for Charity go forth boldly in love, in truth, and in service.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God...”

(Ephesians 6:10–11)

Adopted this day, [insert date], by the Founding Members of the White Knights for Charity.

Signed in honor, truth, and humble service,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. C. Kelly', written over a horizontal line.