

Our new appointee for the position of the Custodian of the Insignia (Custos) position has created a few changes that will make it easier for members to have their medals mounted. While I will still be responsible for the procurement, preparation and distribution of our awards, I have identified a supplier that can professionally mount the medals, both miniature and large, efficiently and to a military standard. I have personally used them in the past for my uniformed service decorations and they are excellent. The fee will be \$6.95 per large medal and \$5.95 per miniature one, plus applicable shipping charges.

Our point of contact is:

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Send your medals to the address below and be sure to include a phone number & email

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It is important to inform them of the proper order of precedence, which I will list below and will have a link to this on our website's page.

GENERAL PRECEDENCE OF MEDALS

- National Orders, decorations, and medals of the member's home country.
- National Orders, decorations, and medals awarded by other sovereign states, including the Vatican and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.
- The decorations and medals of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus.
- The Orders, decorations, and medals of the Dynastic Orders of recognized Royal and Princely Houses, as recognized by the Grand Justiciar of the Grand Officer of Arms.
- Awards of Honor and Merit awarded by the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF THE MEDALS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS

- GCMLJ – Companionate of Merit in the rank of Knight Grand Cross
- Gold Cross of Merit
- Gold Medal of Merit
- Twenty-year Meritorious Service Decoration
- KMLJ/DMLJ – Companionate of Merit in the rank of Knight or Dame
- Silver Cross of Merit
- Silver Medal of Merit
- CMLJ – Companionate of Merit in the rank of Commander
- Bronze Cross of Merit

- Bronze Medal of Merit
- OMLJ - Companionate of Merit in the rank of Officer
- MMLJ - Companionate of Merit in the rank of Member
- Donat Cross First Class
- Donat Cross Second Class
- Donat Cross Third Class
- Crusader's Medal

- Commemorative medals produced by Saint Lazarus should not be worn except at the specific event it commemorates.
- Commemorative pilgrimage medals are worn only during the pilgrimage it commemorates.
- When looking at a set of mounted medals, the highest in the order of precedence goes to the extreme right, towards the center of the chest. The rest are mounted in descending order of precedence from right to left.

I am always available to answer any questions you may have.

Atavis et Armis,

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