

Orders in Boulton's "Knights of the Crown"

This is a list of all the orders, societies and companies mentioned in D'A.J.D. Boulton's "The Knights of the Crown: The Monarchical Orders of Knighthood in Later Medieval Europe 1325-1520" (2nd edition, Boydell Press 2000).

I have arranged them in two tables, the first showing all the orders arranged by date of creation and the second showing them arranged into three groups: those featuring a saint or holy person, those featuring a creature or non-holy person, and those with an inanimate object. Note that some orders were known by several names or by compound names and so appear in more than one group (for example: the Company of Our Lady with the Swan, or Our Lady's Company with the Horse-Brake appears in all three).

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All order names by date of creation

Name	Place or Founder	Active
Fraternal Society of Knighthood of St George	Hungary	1325/6–c.1395?
Order of the Band	Castile-Leon	1330–1474?
Company of the Cloister of Ettal	Bavaria	1330/40–1348?
Company of the Grail-Templars of St George	Austria	c.1337–c.1380
Company of the Wheel	Cleves?	1342?–?
Society of St George, or Order of the Garter	England	1344–present
Company of Our Lady of the Noble House, commonly called the Company of the Star	France	1344/52–1364/80?
Company of the Holy Spirit of Right Desire, commonly called the Company of the Knot	Mainland Sicily (Naples)	1352/3–1362?
Order of the Sword	Cyprus	1347/59–1489?
Companions of the Pale Horse	Count of Berg & Ravensberg	1349
Society of the Black Swan	Count of Savoy	1350
Order of the Collar (from 1518 called Order of the Annunciation of Our Lady)	Savoy	1364?–present
Order of the True Cross	Anjou	1365/75–1384
Society of the Tress	Austria	1365/86–1395?
Society of the Wolf	Germany	1366/7
Society of the Spear	Germany	1366/7
Society of the Martin	Germany	1367
Society of the Blue Lodge	Germany	1367
Order of the Golden Shield	Bourbon	1367–1410?
Society of the Sword	Germany	1370
Society of the Moon	Germany	1371
Enterprise of the Knights of St George	Aragon	1371/9–1410?
Company of (or with) the Star	Saxony	1372
Society of the Crown	Germany	1372
Company of the Old Love	Rhenish Franconia	c.1375–c.1378
Society of the Young Male Falcon	Viscount of Thouars	1377/85
Order of the Crown	Enguerrand de Coucy-Austria	1379–1397

Name	Place or Founder	Active
Society of the Horn	Germany	1379
Society of the Griffin	Germany	1379
Company with the Lion	Rhenish Franconia	1379–c.1382
Company with St William	Helfenstein & Württemberg	1380–c.1382
Company of the Fool	Count of Cleves	1381–c.1393
Order of the Ship	Mainland Sicily (Naples)	1381–1386?
Order of the Ermine	Brittany	1381–1532?
Confraternity of St Anthony of Hainault	Albrecht I von Wittelsbach	1382–?
Companions of (or with) the Leopard	SE Saxony	1387–?
Device of the Sign	Aragon	1387?–1392
Order of the Holy Spirit or Dove	Castile	1390
Society of the Salamander	Austria	c.1390–1463?
Company of the Companions of (or with) the Sickle	SW Saxony	1391–c.1398?
Device of the Double Crown	Aragon	1392–1410
Company of the Horse-Comb or Curry-Comb	Count Adolf I of Cleves	1392/3–?
Company of the Crown of Roses	Counts of Cleves and La Marck (et al)	1393–c.1403
Device of the Jar of the Salutation, or Order of the Stole and Jar	Aragon	1403–1516
Company of the Lion	Marquis of Meissen (and son)	1407–?
Company of the Flail	Landgrave of Thuringia	1407/11–?
Society of the Dragon	Hungary	1408–1493
Company of the Lynx	northern Franconia	1410–c.1420
Company of/with the Dog-Collar	Princes of Lower Silesia	1413–c.1436
Company of the Hound, later Order of St Hubert	Duke of Bar	1416
Order of the Golden Fleece	Burgundy and the Netherlands	1430/1–present
Collar of the Scale	Castile	c.1430–1474?
Society of the Eagle	Austria	1433–1457/93
Company with St George's and St William's Shields	Austria-Alsace	1436–1439
Company of the Towel	Austria-Bohemia	1437/8–1439?
Company of Our Lady with the Swan, or Our Lady's Company with the Horse-Brake	Brandenberg / Ausbach	1440–1539 / 1484–1527
Company (or Order) of St George with the Pelican	Electoral Palatinate	1444–1449
Order of St Hubert	Jülich	1444/5–1511
Collar of the Ear of Wheat (<i>Collier de l'Epi</i>)	Brittany	1447–1488
Order of the Crescent	Anjou-Lorraine-Provence	1448
Company of St Jerome	Meissen and Electoral Saxony	1450–1464/1520
Order of the Ermine	Mainland Sicily (Naples)	1465–1494/1501
Fraternity of Knights of the Convent of Our Lady at the Sand	Guelders	1465/8–1471
Order of St Michael the Archangel	France	1469–1790

Order names by feature

Saints and holy persons	Creatures and non-holy persons	Inanimate objects
Fraternal Society of Knighthood of Saint George	Companions of the Pale Horse	Order of the Band
Company of the Grail-Templars of Saint George	Society of the Black Swan	Company of the Cloister of Ettal
Society of Saint George, or Order of the Garter	Society of the Wolf	Company of the Wheel
Company of Our Lady of the Noble House, commonly called the Company of the Star	Society of the Martin	Society of St George, or Order of the Garter
Company of the Holy Spirit of Right Desire, commonly called the Company of the Knot	Company of the Old Love	Company of Our Lady of the Noble House, commonly called the Company of the Star
Order of the Collar (from 1518 called Order of the Annunciation of Our Lady)	Society of the Young Male Falcon	Company of the Holy Spirit of Right Desire, commonly called the Company of the Knot
Enterprise of the Knights of Saint George	Society of the Griffin	Order of the Sword
Company with Saint William	Company with the Lion	Order of the Collar (from 1518 called Order of the Annunciation of Our Lady)
Confraternity of Saint Anthony of Hainault	Company of the Fool	Order of the True Cross
Order of the Holy Spirit or Dove	Order of the Ermine	Society of the Tress
Company of the Hound, later Order of Saint Hubert	Companions of (or with) the Leopard	Society of the Spear
Company with Saint George's and Saint William's Shields	Order of the Holy Spirit or Dove	Society of the Blue Lodge
Company of Our Lady with the Swan, or Our Lady's Company with the Horse-Brake	Society of the Salamander	Order of the Golden Shield
Company (or Order) of Saint George with the Pelican	Company of the Lion	Society of the Sword
Order of Saint Hubert	Society of the Dragon	Society of the Moon
Company of Saint Jerome	Company of the Lynx	Company of (or with) the Star
Fraternity of Knights of the Convent of Our Lady at the Sand	Company of the Hound, later Order of Saint Hubert	Society of the Crown
Order of Saint Michael the Archangel	Society of the Eagle	Order of the Crown
	Company of Our Lady with the Swan, or Our Lady's Company with the Horse-Brake	Society of the Horn
	Company (or Order) of Saint George with the Pelican	Order of the Ship
	Order of the Ermine	Device of the Sign
		Company of the Companions of (or with) the Sickle
		Device of the Double Crown
		Company of the Horse-Comb or Curry-Comb
		Company of the Crown of Roses
		Device of the Jar of the Salutation, or Order of the Stole and Jar
		Company of the Flail
		Company of/with the Dog-Collar
		Order of the Golden Fleece

Saints and holy persons	Creatures and non-holy persons	Inanimate objects
		Collar of the Scale
		Company with Saint George's and Saint William's Shields
		Company of the Towel
		Company of Our Lady with the Swan, or Our Lady's Company with the Horse-Brake
		Collar of the Ear of Wheat (<i>Collier de l'Epi</i>)
		Order of the Crescent
		Fraternity of Knights of the Convent of Our Lady at the Sand