

THE KNIGHTS

IN A CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST FEAST,

XXIII APRIL MCCCXLIV.¹

Founders.²

1. KING EDWARD THE THIRD, SOVEREIGN.
2. EDWARD PLANTAGENET PRINCE OF WALES.
3. HENRY PLANTAGENET EARL OF DERBY—DUKE OF LANCASTER.
4. THOMAS BEAUCHAMP THIRD EARL OF WARWICK.³
5. JOHN DE GRAILLY CAPTAL DE BUCH.
6. RALPH SECOND LORD STAFFORD—EARL OF STAFFORD.
7. WILLIAM MONTACUTE SECOND EARL OF SALISBURY.
8. SIR ROGER MORTIMER SECOND EARL OF MARCH.
9. SIR JOHN LISLE—LORD LISLE OF ROUGEMONT.
10. SIR BARTHOLOMEW BURGHESHE—LORD BURGHESHE.
11. SIR JOHN BEAUCHAMP—LORD BEAUCHAMP OF WARWICK.
12. JOHN LORD MOHUN OF DUNSTER.
13. SIR HUGH COURTENAY.
14. SIR THOMAS HOLAND—EARL OF KENT.
15. JOHN LORD GREY OF ROTHERFELD.
16. SIR RICHARD FITZ-SIMON.
17. SIR MILES STAPLETON.

¹ The knights are designated by their ordinary appellation or rank at the time of their election; to which is added the highest rank they afterwards acquired.

² The twenty-five original knights were described on the plates of their arms, pleonastically, as "FIRST FOUNDERS," to distinguish them from the successors to their stalls in the royal chapel, who, by the statutes, were to be named "Founders."

We have, nevertheless, to avoid confusion, limited the latter appellation to the primary or original knights.

³ The third earl of Warwick of the name and family of Beauchamp; and it is to be observed that the same mode of description is preserved throughout the list. The surnames are omitted when the same as the titles, except in cases of election before accession to the peerage.

18. SIR THOMAS WALE.
19. SIR HUGH WROTTESLEY.
20. SIR NELE LORYNG.
21. SIR JOHN CHANDOS.
22. SIR JAMES AUDELEY.
23. SIR OTHO HOLAND.
24. SIR HENRY EAM.
25. SIR SANCHET D'ABRICHECOURT.
26. SIR WALTER PAVELEY.

SUCCESSION OF THE KNIGHTS¹

DURING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF

Edward the Third.

27. Sir William Fitzwaryne.
Sir Sanchet d'Abrichecourt, of whom the latest notice, 20 Oct. 1345.
28. Robert Ufford 1st earl of Suffolk.
Sir Richard Fitz-Simon, of whom the latest notice, 1347-8.
29. William Bohun 1st earl of Northampton.
Sir Hugh Courtenay, ob. ante 2 Sept. 1349.
30. Reginald 1st lord Cobham of Sterburgh.
Sir Thomas Wale, ob. 26 Oct. 1352.
31. Sir Richard de la Vache.
John lord Lisle, ob. 14 Oct. 1355.

¹ According to the xviiith statute, an election in the room of a deceased knight is ordained to take place within six weeks after notification of such death to the Sovereign. No record, however, having been preserved of the precise dates of elections until the reign of Henry VI, the dates of antecedent admissions into the Order can only be conjectured upon reference to the times of vacancy, by death

or otherwise. The names of the knights, by whose death, degradation, surrender, or neglect of installation, vacancies were created, are placed in *italics*, under the names of the knights chosen in their room. Where the dates of death, particularly of several of the early knights, could not be ascertained, the latest notice of them is indicated.