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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL
RECEIVES THE GARTER

Through the grounds of Windsor Castle to the Chapel of St. George's, Sir Winston Churchill walks in solemn procession. Within the Chapel, the resting-place of kings, this man of history is to be installed as a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter by the Queen. There too in the procession are Yeomen of the Guard, two Kings of Arms, Pursuivants, and heralds, and the Knights Companions. For a moment the pages of time are turned back six hundred years.

Among the Knights Companions who walk in escort are the Duke of Portland, Viscount Montgomery, Earl Alexander and Lord Portal. Each wears the full regalia of the order with dark blue mantle hood and plumed hat. The Queen Mother, the only lady of the order present, walks with the Duke of Gloucester. With the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen, as Sovereign of the Order, makes her way to the Chapel. Earlier Her Majesty had invested Sir Winston with his insignia. Now she is to present him with the jewelled garter of the order in a ceremony that dates back to the reign of Edward III. When the installation has ended, Sir Winston re-appears at the doorway to the Chapel. Few men, in all the long history of the Garter, can have laid claim so rightfully to this great honour.

The Queen Mother and the Duke of Gloucester take their places on the Chapel steps as the Sovereign of the Order prepares to leave after the first Garter service of her reign. Sir Winston Churchill, who, in his time, has helped shape the destinies of the Queen's people, joins the honoured company of the sovereign's Knights. It is, perhaps, his finest hour.