

Patron: Lord Cobbold DL
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ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

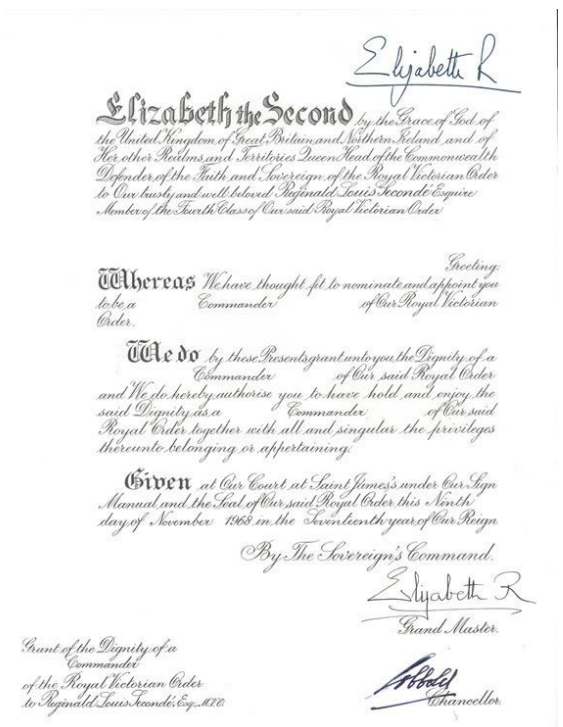
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The **Royal Victorian Order** is a dynastic order of knighthood established in 1896 by **Queen Victoria**. It recognises distinguished personal service to the monarch. There is no limit on the number of individuals honoured and admission remains at the sole discretion of the monarch. The reigning monarch is at the apex of the Order as its Sovereign followed by the Grand Master. **Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother** was the first Grand Master appointed in 1937, a position she held until her death in 2002. **Princess Anne** was appointed Grand Master in 2007.

At auction recently the Trust acquired a grant of the Royal Victorian Order awarded to **Reginald Louis Secondè** on 9th November 1968. The grant is signed by the Queen Mother and by **Lord Cobbold (1904-1987)** #490 on the web family tree, who was Chancellor of the order at that time. It also has a facsimile signature of Queen Elizabeth II.

After retiring from being the Governor of the Bank of England in 1961 Kim Cobbold (as he was widely known) became Lord Chamberlain to the Royal Household in 1963 a post he retained until 1971. It was during this time that he served as Chancellor to the Royal Victorian Order.

Sir Reginald Secondè (1922-2017) was a British diplomat who served as Ambassador to Chile (1973-1976), Romania (1977-1979) and Venezuela (1979-1982). He was the son of **Lt.**



The Grant

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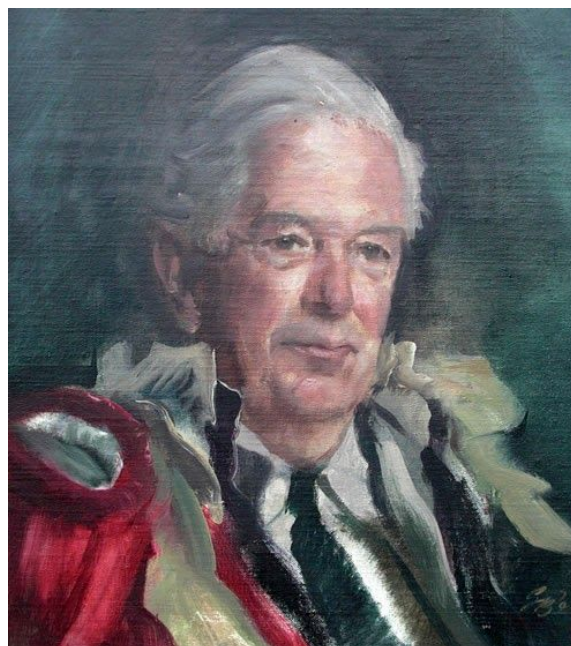
The insignia of the RVO



Sir Reginald Louis Secondè

Col. Emile Charles Secondè and Dorothy Kathleen Sutherland.

Educated at Beaumont and King's College, Cambridge, he served as a Major in the Coldstream Guards in WWII. He married **Catherine Penelope Sneyd-Kynnersley** in 1951 and they a son and two daughters.



Lord Cobbold