



**His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie
President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia**

Prince Ermias was born 14th June 1960, in Addis Ababa; as the only son and heir of His Imperial Highness Prince Sahle Selassie Haile-Selassie; and of Her Imperial Highness Princess Mahisente Habte Mariam. His Late Imperial Highness Prince Sahle was the youngest son of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia.

Emperor Haile Selassie resided in the City of Bath, England, 1936-1941; as the honoured guest, of King George V; at the turbulent time that the Fascist Dictator Mussolini, had invaded and occupied Ethiopia. In 1954, Her Majesty The Queen, invited the Emperor to make an Ethiopian Imperial State Visit to England; and the Emperor was later invested as a Knight of the Garter; as a Knight of the Order of the Bath; as a Knight of the Order of St Michael and St George; as a Knight of the Royal Victorian Order; and uniquely for a foreign leader; His Imperial Majesty was also appointed a Field Marshal of the British Army. In 1965; Her Majesty the Queen and HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh visited Ethiopia; and in 1972; HRH The Princess Royal made a Private Royal Visit, there.

His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias was brought up with a deep attachment to the Christian Faith; and was educated at Olde Ride Preparatory School; and later at Haileybury School, in England, where His Mother, Princess Mahisinte retained a Royal Residence. The Prince later graduated from the University of California; and later received the diploma of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, in Boston. The Prince speaks fluent English, Amharic, and German; and has some knowledge of French and Italian. His father, Prince Sahle was a graduate of the University of Cambridge; and was a Member of Queens' College.

On 15 July 1993, Prince Ermias was appointed the President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia; by his Late Uncle; His Imperial Majesty Emperor Amha Selassie I. As such, the Prince has sought to direct the Crown Council of Ethiopia as both a spiritually, philanthropically and historically centred body; ensuring a special emphasis on religious, educational, and cultural matters; thus seeking to preserve the ancient Christian traditions of the Ethiopian people, and their literature, unique customs; and historic way of life.

His Imperial Highness is married to Woizero Saba Kebede; and lives, close to His Mother, Princess Mahisente Habte Mariam, in the Washington DC metropolitan area. The Prince has two twin sons; who were educated in England, at Wellington College; and Milton Abbey, known, respectively, as Their Imperial Highnesses, Prince Christian; and Prince Rufael.

In 2016, Prince Ermias led a Royal Delegation for a Private Royal Visit to Jamaica; as the guest of the current Prime Minister; the Most Honourable Andrew Holness. In 2017, His Imperial Highness led a Royal Visit to Canada; and later to Australia; where the Prince was received by Her Majesty's Governor-Generals, in each Commonwealth country, respectively. In 2018, Prince Ermias led a Royal Visit to the United Arab Emirates; and in 2019, His Imperial led a Royal Visit to the Kingdom of Spain, where he attended a Festival involving the reading of Poetry, and the Performance of Music.

On 22nd February 2021, Prince Ermias was graciously pleased to accept the offer to become Royal Patron of the John Bradburne Memorial Society; at the special request of the Envoy and Aide-de-Camp of His Imperial Highness; ITPC Commissioner Philip Bonn, a Knight Grand Cross of the Imperial Order of the Order of Emperor Menelik II, and long-standing friend of the Prince; who was previously a trustee and subsequently, vice-chairman and acting chairman; of the former Imperial Residence of Fairfield house, in Bath.

Philip Edward Leo Africa Bonn is a Roman Catholic, and Africanist; who earlier graduated in the subjects of Theology and the History of Art from the University of Cambridge; and (1992-1997) served as the Private Secretary to the Right Reverend Monsignor Alfred Gilbey. Philip was the Duke of Norfolk's Librarian at the University of Cambridge (1999-2004) and was a friend and pupil of His Late Eminence, Jorge Maria, Cardinal Mejia, Archbishop of Apollonia; being granted special status as a researcher at the Vatican Library, of the Apostolic Palace; where in 1999, he was admitted as a Full Member. In 2004, Philip was knighted for 'international philanthropic works'; by HRH Prince Emanuel-Filiberto; being invested by the Prince, as a '*Cavaliere dell'Ordine dei Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro*', a religious Order founded in 1572; by Papal Bull of His Holiness Pope Gregory XIII. Philip was later appointed the Associate Editor of the 'Official Record', the Book published by the Catholic Truth Society, to commemorate the 2010 State Visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom; the Pope later inviting Philip to attend a Papal Audience, at the Vatican.

In May 2019, Philip met the Head of the Zimbabwe Tourist Authority; through a chance meeting at his local Roman Catholic Church. From 10th-19th September 2019, Philip was subsequently invited to Zimbabwe, by the current Government; where he met with the Foreign Minister, the Minister of the City of Bulawayo, the Minister of Sport, the Zimbabwe Ambassador to Rwanda, and with the Permanent Secretary for Tourism. He later visited Mutemwa; and spent a memorable afternoon with the brothers; and with the people who are resident there, and who are affected by Leprosy. On 21st September 2019; Philip joined the JBMS event at Westminster Cathedral, and afterwards looked after Brother Patience; later taking him, and his brother, on a visit to the Catholic Truth Society; among other places.

His Imperial Highness Prince Ermias has recently been invited to lead a Royal Visit to Zimbabwe; subject to the travel restrictions of the current COVID-19 Pandemic. He intends to be an active Royal Patron of the John Bradburne Memorial Society; and thus joins the relatives, friends and supporters of John Randal Bradburne; and the 'Cause of Sainthood'; with Joy; and with Prayerful Devotion to Almighty God. It is thus, that the Prince, hereby; has pleasure in reading a Poem written by the Poet John Bradburne, reading from the Royal Residence; at the special request of John Bradburne's great niece, JBMS Secretary, Kate Macpherson.