



**THE  
MOST EXALTED GRAND ORDER OF  
THE VASAS**

*Notre couronne est lourde*

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## PRELIMINARY

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### Style and Name of the Order

1. Whereas the need arises to establish an order of chivalry to award the most heroic and gallant of the Sarovian peoples, the Royal Decree of 2017 established the Holy Order of the New Sarovian Empire, which is now known as the Most Noble Order of the New Sarovian Empire. With the continual succession of the title of King of the Sarovians, however, those who abdicate and retire must be properly recognized and as such, by the order of Constantine IX in 2020, the Order of the Vasas was established. It is the most senior order of knighthood in the Sarovian honours system, senior even to the Order of the New Sarovian Empire.

The Most Exalted Grand Order of the Vasas (often called the Order of Vasas) is the Empire's highest order of chivalry in which former federal monarchs may be inducted into. The Order, signified by an orange sash among its recipients, are a series of former monarchs (of New Sarovia, not minor kingdoms or dominions) who are sworn in and knighted by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, should they retire.

Much like the Most Noble Order of the New Sarovian Empire, there are three Ranks of the Order - Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander and Companion. All former federal monarchs will become Companions of the Order, and if they were ever proclaimed Caesar of Classic, are promoted to Knight Commander. There is only one Knight Grand Cross, who is the current reigning monarch (currently His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, Constantine IX).

The Most Exalted Grand Order of the Vasas allows its members and recipients to show off and indicate themselves to their fellow countrymen and countrywomen. All members will gain their sash - an orange sash draped over their uniform from the left to the right. This sash can go over any uniform other than the grey combat uniform. Likewise, the members of the Order are given their badge - a gold star with a portrait of the Emperor in the middle, pinned to the chest of the recipient. The shield can either be that - a shield, or be directly added onto the Knight's uniform should they request it.

The Order's emblem is a heraldic collar with Constantine IX's monogram and the Vasa rose around, with a gold cross with a portrait of Constantine IX hanging at the bottom.

## REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRY TO THE ORDER

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Fount of Honour

2. The Fount of Honour for the entirety of the New Sarovian Empire, and in specific regards to the Order of the Vasas, is the Sovereign of the Empire. As of the 6th of February of 2021, the Fount of Honour is *His Imperial Majesty* the Emperor, Constantine IX Vasa. He has the sole right of conferring all titles of honour, including life peerages, knighthoods and gallantry awards to all Sarovians, as well as foreigners.

Appointments are at the Sovereign's sole discretion, and are only eligible to former or current federal monarchs of the New Sarovian Empire and Commonwealth. The appointee must have specifically held the title of King of the Sarovians. Membership of the order is limited to the Sovereign and any living foreign monarchs. Knights may be kicked out should they be convicted of high treason, such as Martius Vasa. Entry into the Order grants considerable perks to those inside, which can be used to further one's career in and outside of Sarovia. Some of these perks include:

- a) Awarded a Duchy by the current Sovereign of the Empire, and thus entry into the Assembly of Peers and College of Princes,
- b) Any eligible heir (in good standing with the current Sovereign) may be granted a Viscount title,
- c) A free estate in a luxurious neighborhood in Sarholm,
- d) Their own heraldry, with the heraldic collar around it,
- e) The right to the prefix of Sir/Dame in their name depending on gender, and the post nominal of OV (eg. Lieutenant Sir John Doe, OV)
- f) No taxes,
- g) And increased likelihood of civil appointments.