



THE MOST ESTEEMED ORDER OF THE GRIFFON

Nossa força é a lealdade ao Imperador

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PRELIMINARY

Style and Name of the Order

1. The Order of the Griffon was established in 294 AS (June 2022) by imperial decree and letters patent at the wish of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor. During the Jacobite Rebellion, there were many ideas floated about creating an “Order of Loyalists” to reward Lusophones for sticking with their rightful Emperor, Constantine IX. This morphed into the Fraternity of Loyalists, a fraternity created by order of the Emperor but which never was elaborated on. To celebrate His Imperial Majesty’s 20th Stefanic Year on the throne, the Order of the Griffon was created to complement the Fraternity of Loyalists.

The Most Esteemed Order of the Griffon is the third and lowest order of chivalry in the New Sarovian Empire and Her Colonies and Dominions, where both civilians and soldiers may be awarded. The Order is signified by a green sash among its recipients; they are sworn in by the Emperor in an elaborate ceremony.

There are three Ranks of the Order - Knight Grand Cross, Knight Commander and Companion. New members become Companions of the Order, and upon being a Companion for five months, are promoted to Knight Commander. To reach Knight Grand Cross, one must be a loyal knight for a full year. The Order is dedicated to the image of the Griffon: the symbol of English Sarovians is the lion and the symbol of the Lusophone Sarovians are an eagle, which the griffon is both; symbolising unity and strength.

Appointments are at the sovereign's sole discretion; but almost all consist of the reasoning that the individual exhibits extreme loyalty to the sovereign and to strengthening Lusophone and Anglophone unity in the New Sarovians. There may be no more than six members of the Order of the Griffon at a time, excluding the Emperor. Knights *may* be kicked out should they be convicted of treason, though this is incredibly rare.

The Order’s emblem is the Fraternity of Loyalists badge, as well as the green sash of the Order. It’s motto is “Nossa força é a lealdade ao Imperador”, or “Our Strength is loyalty to the Emperor”, in Portuguese. Members of the Order wear the green sash at ceremonial occasions. Should the Order be abbreviated, it shall be as OG.

REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRY TO THE ORDER

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 Griffon, is the Sovereign of the Empire. As of the 6th of July of 2022, 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.

In order to become a member of the Order of the Griffon, one must:

- a) Demonstrate absolute loyalty to the Emperor over all,
- b) Pursue unity in the New Sarovian Empire for both Anglophones and Lusophones,
- c) Have no previous criminal Sarovian record,
- d) Know both English and Portuguese, or be in the process of learning both,
- e) To be a faithful and devout Stefanist,
- f) And to swear the Sacred Oath in a ceremony.

Initiation Ceremony

3. The ceremony to induct someone in the Order of the Griffon is relatively new. The inductee shall approach His Imperial Majesty and bow; and salute him in both English and Portuguese. The Emperor shall then read the citation of the recipient's award, and ask the inductee if they wish to enter the Order. The recipient shall affirm their decision, and then scream Long live Emperor Constantine IX! In both English and Portuguese. From there, the Sovereign will tap his sword on the shoulders of the inductee, and after he sheaths his sword, the new Knight will equip his/her Knight uniform and sabre.

PERKS OF THE ORDER

The Sash and Badge of the Order

5. The Order of the Griffon allows its members and recipients to show off and indicate themselves to their fellow countrymen and countrywomen. All Knights will gain their sash - a dark green sash draped over their uniform from the left to the right.



Perks of the Order

6. Entry into the Order of the Griffon 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) Authority over soldiers or civilians of the same rank and/or status,
- b) Entry into the Imperial Court,
- c) Their own heraldry, with the OG collar around it,
- d) The right to the prefix of Sir/Dame in their name depending on gender, and the suffix OG(eg. Lieutenant Sir John Doe, OG)
- e) Acceleration of promotions in the Imperial Sarovian Constabulary, and increased likelihood of civil appointments,
- f) And increased likelihood to be bestowed a noble title.