



# THE ORDER OF THE BULL

*FLVCTVAT NEC MERGITVR*

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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 Carodian people, by Act of Parliament, this Charter now establishes the Order of the Bull, which shall serve as the Dominion's main order of chivalry in which members of both the civil and military branches are inducted into. The Order, signified by a red and white striped sash among its recipients, is the lowest-ranked order of chivalry in the Commonwealth Realms, and as such is considered an order of merit rather than one of knighthood.

There are three Ranks of the Order - from lowest to highest, they are Calf, Bull, and Grand Bull. New members are considered Calves, and upon being a Calf for five months, are promoted to Bull. To reach Grand Bull, one must be a loyal member for a full year. The Order of the Bull is dedicated to the arms of Carolusburg, which depicts the national animal, the bull. The coat of arms of the Order is a white background with a red bull.

Appointments are at the discretion of the Sovereign and the Governor-General, and are usually in recognition of a national contribution, for public service, or for personal service to the Dominion. Membership of the order is limited to the Sovereign, the Prince of Carodia and Aurea, and no more than 16 inductees, four of which may be Honorary Foreign Members, given to foreign members or monarchs. Members *must* be legal Carodian citizens.

The Order's emblem is a heraldic collar composed of a red and white striped sash, with a golden fleece at the bottom. Members of the Order wear it on ceremonial occasions. Should the order be abbreviated, it should be abbreviated as OB. The order's motto is *fluctuat nec mergitur* (Latin: "She is tossed, but not sunk").

## REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRY TO THE ORDER

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Fount of Honour

2. The Fount of Honour for the entirety of the Dominion of Carolusburg, and in specific regards to the Order of the Bull, is the Sovereign of the Dominion. As of the 30th of March of 2022, the Fount of Honour is *His Majesty* the King, Constantine IX Vasa. He has the sole right of conferring all titles of honour, including life peerages, knighthoods and gallantry awards to all Carodian, as well as foreigners.

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

- a) Do considerable and extraordinary good to the Dominion of Carolusburg, in either civil or military service,
- b) Obtained one or more military or civil decorations in their service to the Dominion, with exceptions given to Honorary Foreign Members,
- c) Have the explicit approval of *His Majesty* the King or *His Excellency* the Governor-General, and in the case of appointments to the Order via Parliament, majority support in the House,
- d) To be a faithful and devout Stefanist,
- e) And to swear the Sacred Oath in a ceremony.

Initiation Ceremony

3. The ceremony to induct someone into the Order of the Bull is relatively new. The inductee will come before the Governor-General and bow - either by sitting on the ground or on a specially placed red stool. The oath itself is secret. From there, the Governor-General will declare to the new member that they have sworn the oath and are now a member.

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The Sash and Badge of the Order

4. The Order of the Bull allows its members and recipients to show off and indicate themselves to their fellow countrymen and countrywomen. All Members will gain their sash - a red and white striped sash draped over their uniform from the left to the right. This sash can go over any uniform other than the grey army combat uniform. Likewise, the members of the Order are given their badge - a small golden likeness of a bull - pinned to the chest of the recipient. The shield can either be that - a shield, or be directly added onto the Member's uniform should they request it.



Perks of the Order

5. Entry into the Order of the Bull grants considerable perks to those inside, which can be used to further one's career in the Dominion and around the Commonwealth. Some of these perks include:

- a) Authority over soldiers or civilians of the same rank and/or status,
- b) Free tuition to the Wolfwater Naval Academy, and will be saluted regardless if they hold a Commission,
- c) Entry into the Royal Court,
- d) A free estate in a luxurious neighbourhood in Carolusburg,
- e) Their own heraldry, with the OB collar around it,
- f) The right to the suffix OB (eg. Commodore John Doe, OB)
- g) Acceleration of promotions in the Imperial Navy or Royal Militia, and increased likelihood of civil appointments,
- h) And increased likelihood to be bestowed a noble title.