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STATUTES
The Sovereign, Knightly and Noble Order of
The Lion and Black Cross
(Known also as The Order of the Lion and Black Star)
(Abbreviated as authorized 1934-35)

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1. The Order of the Lion & Black Cross is conferred by the Prince-Abbot of the ex-Abbey-Principality of San Luigi, in accordance with its institution in 1884 by Prince Henri, the first Grand Master of the Order.
2. The Dignity of Grand Master is attached to the Office of Prince-Abbot of San-Luigi, whose right it is to appoint His Successor, in consultation with the Chapter-General if He so desires.
3. The Order is International in character, and is represented in various countries by Dignitaries whose duty it is to propose those persons who desire admittance to the Order, and to be responsible for the organization of the Order in their respective territories. These Representatives must remit all monies received by them on behalf of the Order, either through an authorized financial agent or direct to the Grand Master, Whose right it is to make such use of them as He deems best without having to render account thereof.

AIMS OF THE ORDER

4. The chief Aims of the Order are (1) to unite together those who accept the ancient standards of Chivalry; (2) to help forward the complete re-establishment of the Abbey of San-Luigi, and any charitable works under its Patronage; (3) to reward those who have distinguished themselves in the service of mankind or of the Orders of the ex-Abbey-Principality; without distinction as to race or creed.

DIGNITIES OF THE ORDER

5. The Order confers the following Dignities upon those admitted to its membership, in ascending rank:

a) Chevalier b) Officier c) Commandeur
d) Grand-Officier e) Grand' Croix or Grand' Collier.

(The Dignity of Grand-Collier is reserved for Ecclesiastics of Patriarchal or other high Episcopal Rank, and for the laity who belong to de jure or de facto Reigning Houses, also for the Chiefs of States or of Religious or Knightly Orders. Yet a lower designation may be assigned by the Grand Master.)

6. Ladies admitted to the Order, in the different Ranks, receive the Title of Dame d'Honneur de l'Abbaye de San-Luigi.
7. Various other Titles may be granted under certain conditions.

CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

8 Candidates, without distinction as to race or sex, must provide the following documents and information:

- a) A request for admission addressed to the Grand Master, which may be made direct if the country in which the candidate lives does not have an Official Representative.
- b) A full biography, including date of birth; ~~evidence of having been baptized (NOT required for the C. P. H.)~~; name in full; address; profession; honours received, academic or otherwise; services rendered; Honour desired and the reason why this Honour is sought; together with all information possible as to social qualifications for the same; the names of at least three references of whom inquiry may be made. A small photograph should be inclosed if possible.

9. The Grand Master, either directly or through His Representatives, makes inquiry into each application, and later renders His decision; which, whether favourable or unfavourable, is final and not subject to question. If unfavourable, such decision is not to be interpreted as being in any way a reflection upon the candidate.

5/5 10. The candidate must include with his application the equivalent of 100f French to cover the expense of correspondence and inquiry, which amount is NOT returnable. No application can be considered otherwise. Chancellory Fees may be paid on notice being given that an application is acceptable, in amount as may be fixed from time to time. No applications can be completed until all Fees or Offerings have been taken care of, and from two to three months may elapse between the receipt of an application and the delivery of a diploma.

11. The Grand Master has the right to grant admission to the Order to anyone of His Own choice, without necessarily requiring the complete fulfilment of these Regulations. As He confers all the Offices and Dignities granted within the Order, so He may revoke them without having to give any reasons for His decision.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS

12. Members of the Order are expected to propagate the Order by every proper means in their power. They are required to maintain contact with the Grand Master or His Representatives, and to advise promptly of any change of address. They are required also to avoid all political entanglements or discussions in their capacity as members, whether collectively or singly.

INSIGNIA OF THE ORDER

13. The Cross (Star) of the Order is a Black Maltese Cross, outlined in gold, with a rampant Lion in gold in the centre upon a roundel of red. The ribbon is black with narrow gold edges.

14. The manner of wearing the Cross, and any other Regalia ordered by authority, depends upon the Rank of the member.

NOTE—No List of Members has been published to date; but as a matter of general interest it may be noted that the membership includes many of the high nobility, as well as clergy of varying rank.