
OF THE
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD
IN
DENMARK.

ORDER OF KNIGHTHOOD

D. E. W. A. R. S.

D E N M A R K.

T H E O R D E R

O F T H E

E L E P H A N T.

THIS, which is the most illustrious Order of Denmark, was instituted by Christian the First, on the marriage of his son John with Christina of Saxony, in the year 1478 since which time it has subsisted without interruption or degradation. It is now conferred only on the Princes of the blood, foreign princes, or noblemen of the first rank. The Knights of it are addressed by the title of Excellency. On ordinary occasions they wear the badge of the Order pendent to a sky blue watered ribbon, worn sash-ways over the right shoulder, and a star of eight points embroidered in silver on the left side of their outer garment. But on days of ceremony they wear it pendent to a collar of gold composed of Elephants and towers alternately enamelled Proper. The badge is an elephant, on his back a

Elephant

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D E N M A R K.

T H E O R D E R

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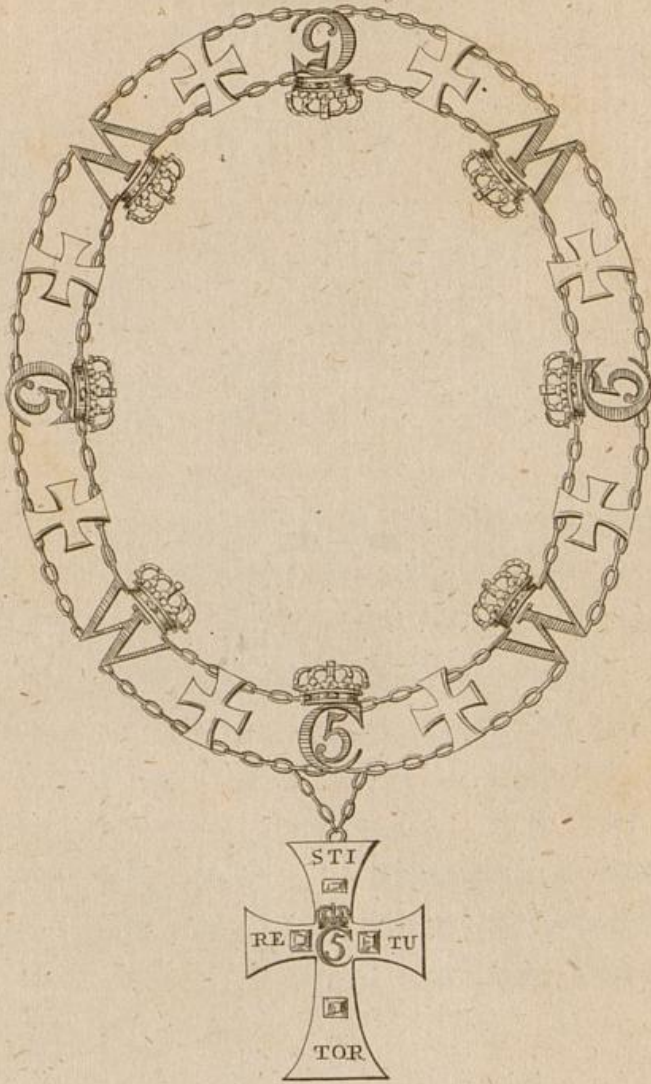
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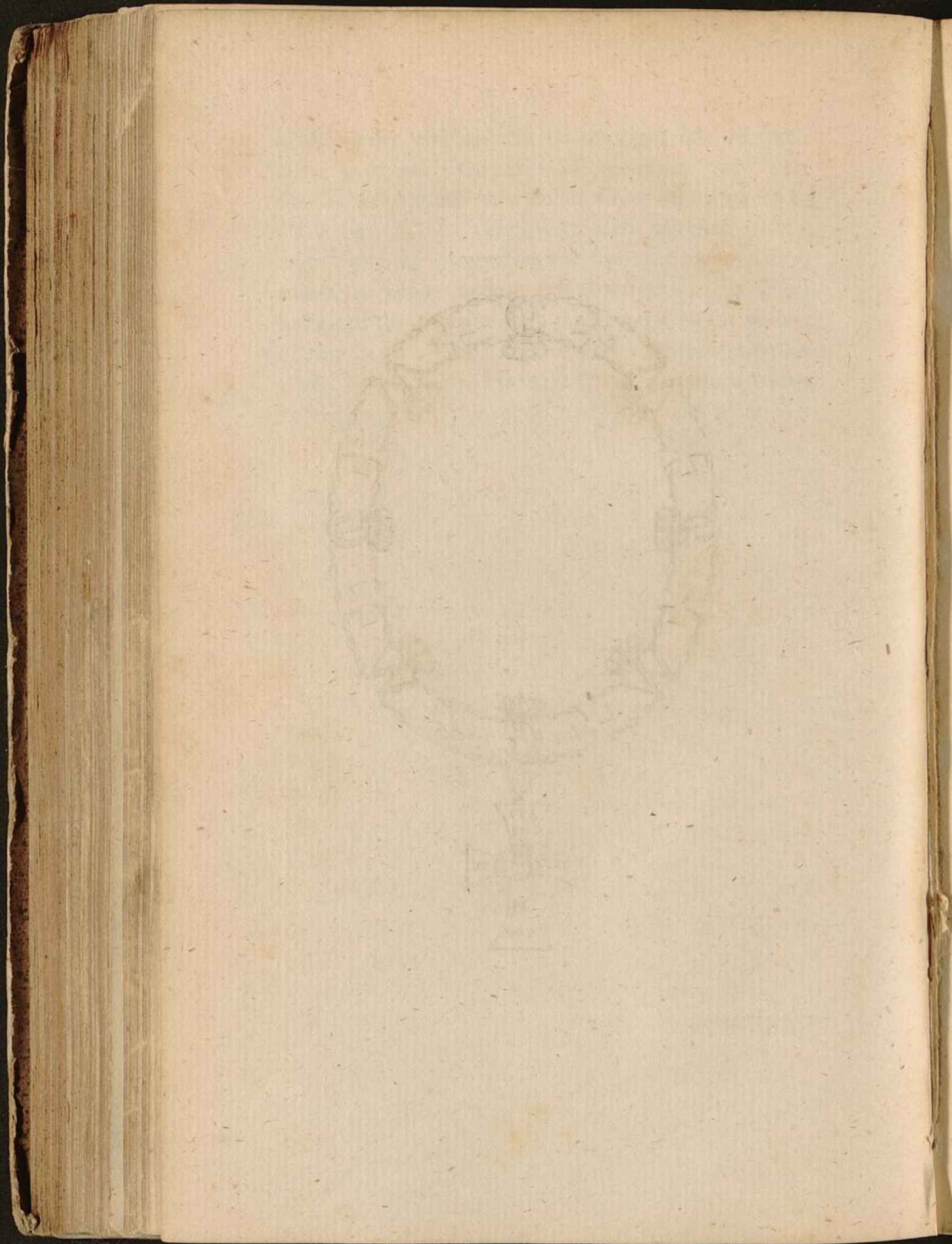
THE time of the first institution of this Order is uncertain, some placing it in the first age of the Danish monarchy, and others under Waldemar the II^d, in the year 1219, when they say it was instituted by that Prince in commemoration of a miraculous standard, by means of which he gained a victory over the Livonians: however this may be it certainly became obsolete, and was revived in the year 1671 by Christian the Vth. The Knights were at its revival confined to a certain number, but now they are numerous and not limited to any. They wear on ordinary occasions the badge of the Order pendent to a broad white watered ribbon edged with red worn scarf-ways over the right shoulder, and a silver star surmounted with the ensign

of the Order embroidered on the right side of their outer garment. On days of ceremony they wear the badge pendent to a collar which is composed of the letters W. C. alternately, each crowned with a regal crown of Denmark; between the letters a cross enamelled white, and in the C a figure 5, the W alluding to the institutor, and the C and 5 to the reviver of the Order. The badge is a cross Pattée enamelled white, on the centre the letter C and 5 crowned with a regal crown, and this motto *Resitutor*. See plate 22,

Danbrog

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D E N M A R K.

THE ORDER

O F

F I D E L I T Y.

SOPHIA, consort of Christian VIth, instituted this Order in the year 1732; during her life it continued to flourish, but on her death it was abolished, and only such as she conferred it on are allowed to wear the ensign of it. The badge of the Order was a star of eight points enamelled white, cantoned with rays of gold: on the centre an Escutcheon quarterly: first and fourth, Gules, a lion rampant Or, supporting a Danish Axe Argent; second and third, Azure, an eagle displayed Or. It was worn pendent to a crimson ribbon edged with gold. See plate 23.

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THE O W B R H

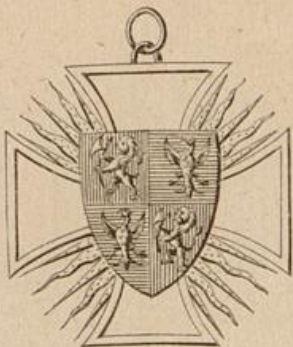


F I D E L I T Y

SOPHIA, countess of Chester, illustrious this
Order is to speak, saying that this is composed
thoroughly for our dearth in as of silver and only such
as the quantity is an old silver to wear the origin of
it. The design of the Order is a lion of silver, raised
crowned with a crown, and holding a scepter of gold, and the
center of Elizabeth's emblem, and the words
GOD'S SACRAMENT OF LIVING A BLESSING
AFTER, around the neck, and the words
Ours was put on to a common ribbon
with the motto

Fidelity

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S. Catherine of Mount Sinai

