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ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD  
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THE HISTORY OF THE

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## S W E D E N,

## THE ORDER

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## S E R A P H I M,

OR OF

## J E S U S.

THIS, which is now the chief Order of Sweden, was first instituted by Magnus the II<sup>d</sup>, in the year 1334, after the siege of Upsal, the metropolitan city of that kingdom. It continued to flourish from that time until the Reformation's being introduced under Gustavus Vasa. It was set aside, and lay dormant, until February 1748, when it was revived and set on a most respectable footing by Frederick the First. The



badge of this Order is a star of eight points enamelled white, the center blue with the arms of Sweden, and the initial letters I. H. S. over the H a cross, the arms enclosed with four Seraph's heads, and in the arms under the lowest crown the passion nails. The Seraphs heads are between the double points of the star, and over the upper points is the regal crown of Sweden, by which it is pendent on ordinary occasions to a sky-blue watered ribbon worn scarfwise over the right shoulder, the Knights having also a star of eight points embroidered in silver on the left side of their outer garment. But on extraordinary occasions and days of ceremony they wear the badge pendent to the collar of the Order, which is composed of eleven golden heads of Seraphs, with wings expanded, and eleven blue Patriarchal crosses enamelled on gold, all joined together with chains of gold, as may be seen by the print of it given in plate 77.

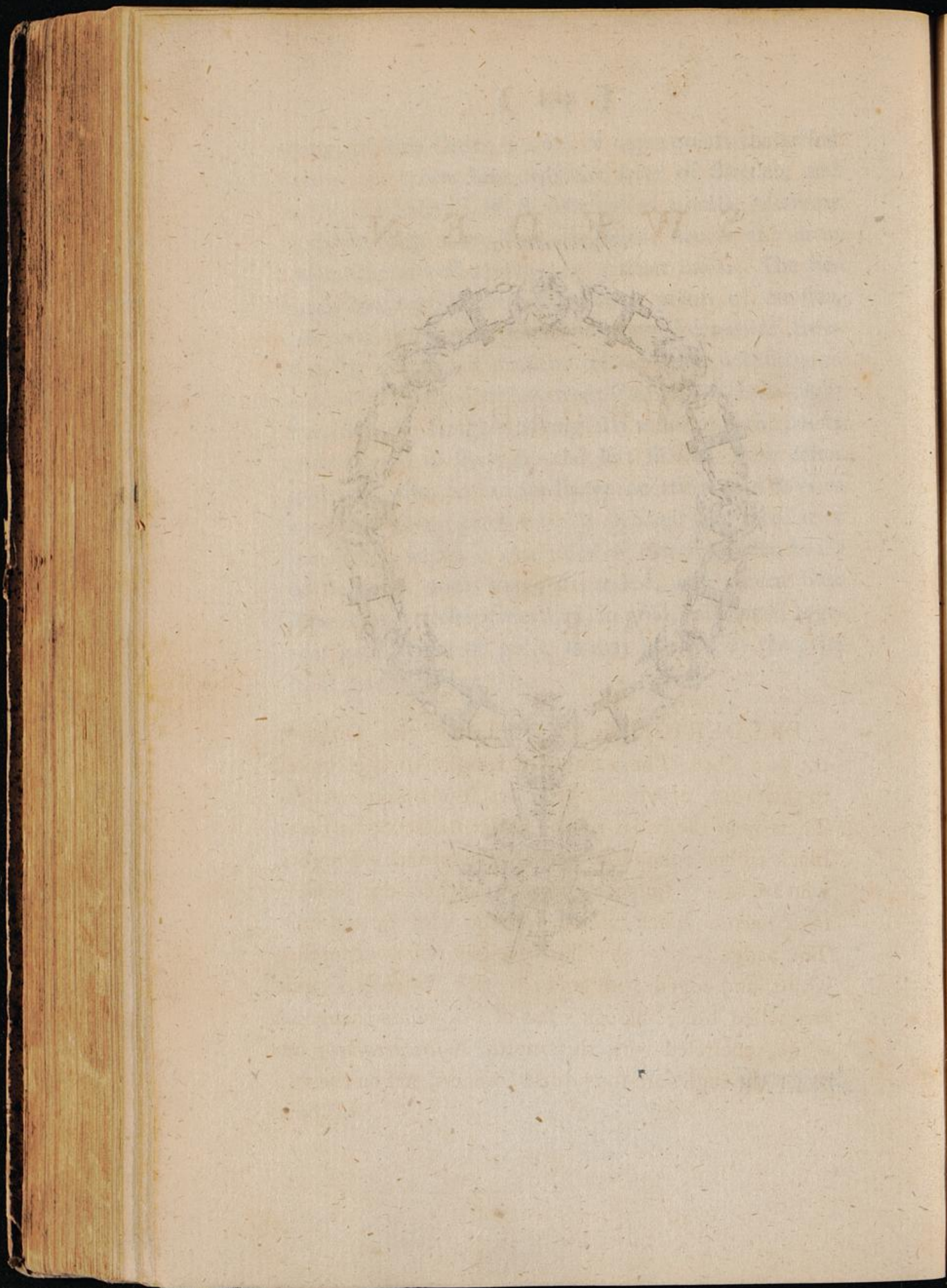


*Seraphim*

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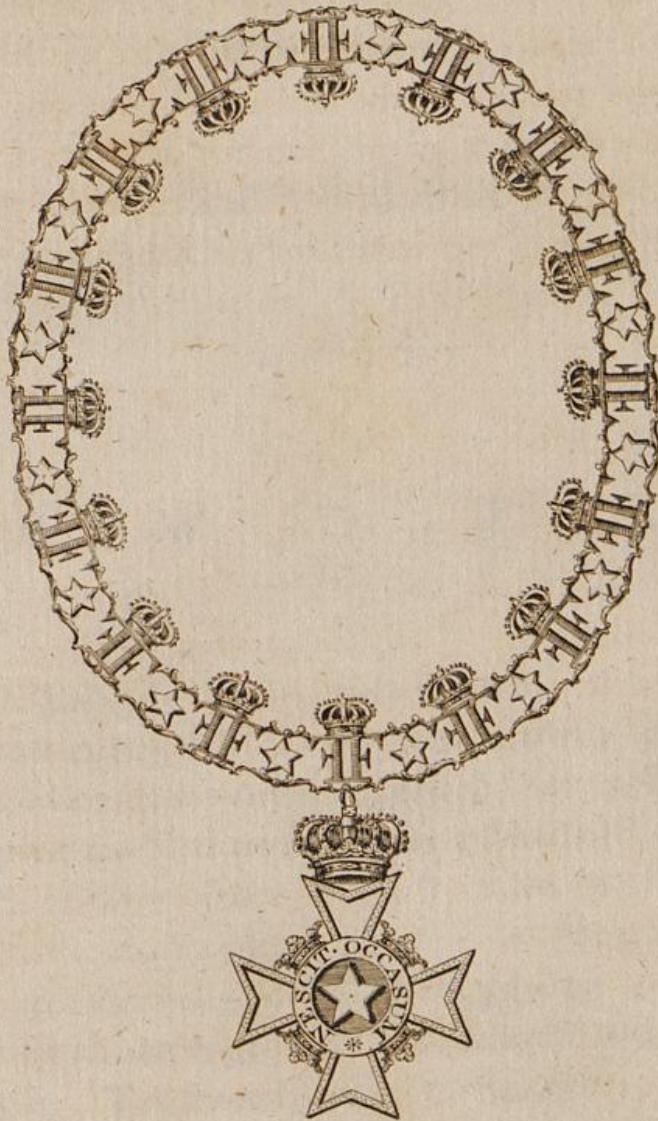
## P O L A R S T A R.

FREDERICK the First instituted this Order in the year 1748. The number of Knights of it is limited to thirty-six, of which twelve are styled Commanders. These wear the badge of the Order pendent to a broad black ribbon round the neck. The ordinary Knights, who are twenty four in number, wear the badge pendent to a narrow black ribbon, at the coat button-hole. The badge is a golden star of eight points enamelled white, and edged with gold; on the centre is a circle enamelled blue, thereon a star of five points enamelled white, encircled with this motto, *Nescit Occasum*; between the angles are four ducal coronets, and on the two



upper points a regal crown of Sweden. The collar of the Order, which is worn on days of ceremony, is composed of gold chased ornaments linked together, encompassing mullets of five points enamelled white and edged with gold, and two letters F back to back enamelled blue edged with gold alternately, the letters crowned with the regal crown of Sweden richly chased. For both the badge and the Order, see plate 78. It is to be observed that in the number of thirty-six, which composes this Order, neither the Princes of the blood, the Senators of the realm, nor the Knights of the Seraphims, are included.











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## S W O R D.

GUSTAVUS VASA first instituted this Order in the year 1525; but, having soon declined and fallen into oblivion, it lay dormant until the year 1748, when Frederick the First revived it as a Military Order. It consists of three classes: the first, called Grand Crosses, wear a star embroidered in silver on their outer garment, and the badge of the Order pendent to a straw-coloured ribbon edged with blue fashwise over the right shoulder. The second, called Commanders, wear the badge and ribbon in the same manner, but without any star embroidered on their outer garment. The third class, called Junior Knights, wear the badge pendent



dent to a narrow ribbon of the same sort at the coat button-hole. The ensign is a gold cross of eight points enamelled white, and edged with gold. In the center, which is enamelled blue, is a sword erect, white hilt and pommel Gold, between three ducal coronets Gold; between the four points of the cross are four ducal coronets, and towards the ends of the points six swords Gold, in chief, two in saltire, the scabards enamelled blue; in base two in saltier also; on the dexter and sinister sides one in pale, with belts environing the others; over the two in chief is a regal crown of Sweden, the cap enamelled blue. The reverse of the badge is enamelled blue, thereon a sword in pale, white, hilt and pommel Gold, enfiled with a ducal coronet of Gold, and over the coronet this motto, *Pro Patria*. The collar of the Order is of gold, and consists of swords, their belts and guards joined by chains; on the guards are enamelled helmets blue. It is to be observed, that the Junior Knights of this Order wear to the badge only two swords in saltier in chief under the crown. For the badge and collar, see plate 79.

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## THE ORDER

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W A S A.

THIS Order was instituted by the present King of Sweden in May 1772. The classes are like those in the Order of the Sword, three, viz. Grand Crosses, Commanders, and Junior Knights, and they are distinguished from each other in the same manner. The ribbon of the Order is green and watered; the collar chased and enamelled, composed of four wheatheaves, eight shields of the arms of Sweden, each regally crowned and embellished with two caducei and as many cornucopiæ reversed; and four of the arms of Holstein, viz. a shield per fess white and red, between three passion nails, all white; the whole joined with small chains of gold; to the center is pendent a medal of gold chased and



and pierced with a Garb as in the collar, encompassed with a Swedish motto, *Gustaf. Den. tredie insicktare, MDCCLXXII*, which is the ensign.

The Grand Crosses wear the ribband and badge fast-wise over the right shoulder, with a star of eight points embroidered on the left side of the outer garment; the commanders wear the ribbon without the star; and the Junior Knights wear it to a small ribbon at the coat button-hole.

For the badge and collar, see plate 80.

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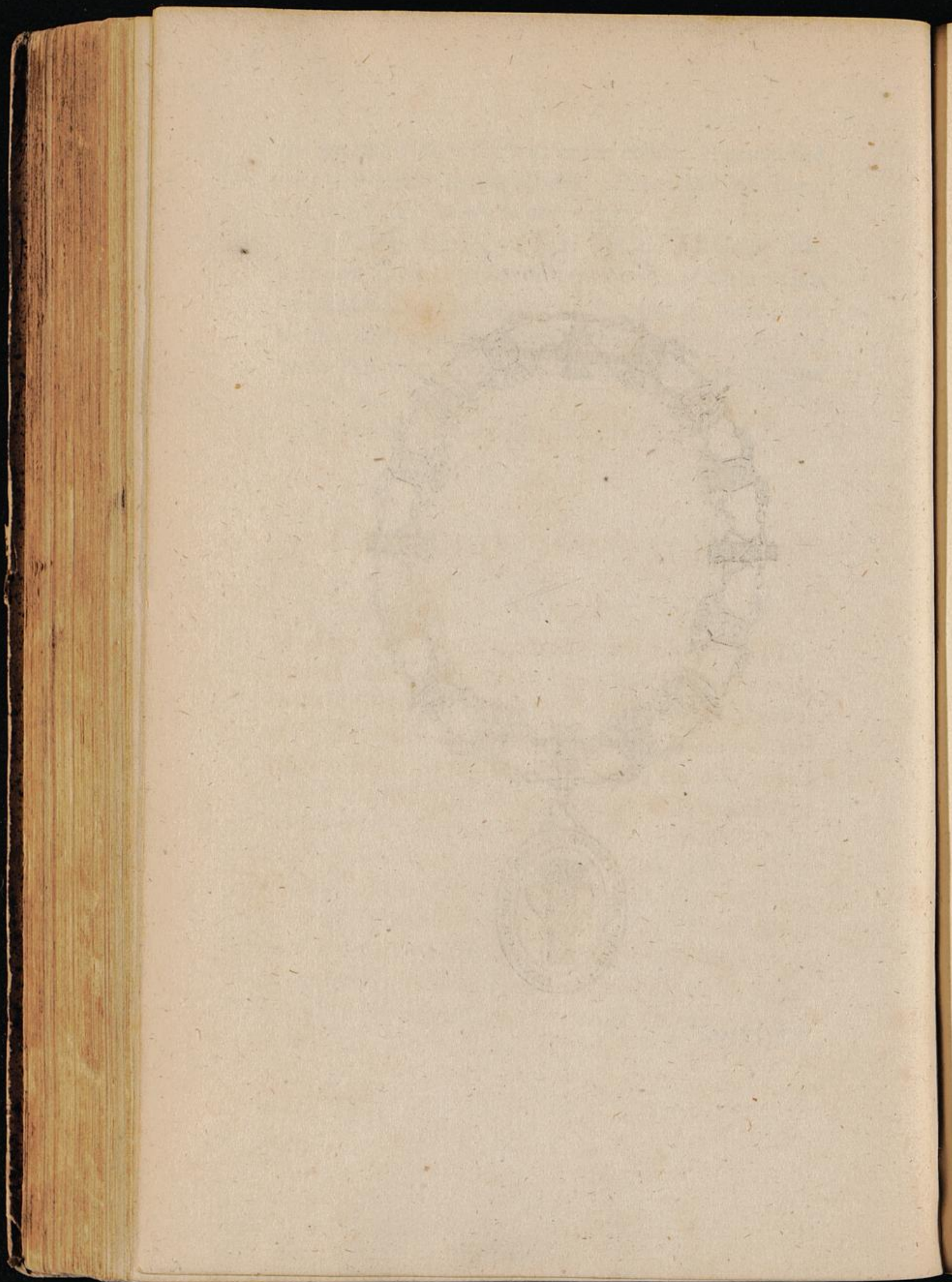


*Order of Wasa*

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## B R I C I A N O R D E R.

THIS Order was instituted, in the year 1366, by Queen Bridget, who was afterwards canonized. Though it was approved of by Pope Urban the VIIIth, it soon fell into disuse: it has never been since revived. The badge of it was a blue cross of eight points, and under it a tongue of fire; for which see plate 81.

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*Brician Order*

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*Amaranta*





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## A M A R A N T A.

THIS Order was instituted, in the year 1645, by Christina Queen of Sweden, in honor of a lady of the name of Amaranta, equally celebrated for beauty and virtue. It did not survive the foundress of it; therefore it seems unnecessary to say any thing farther about it.

The ensign of the Order was a jewel of gold, composed of two great A's, one being reversed; enriched on both sides with diamonds, and set within a wreath of laurel leaves,



leaves, banded about with white, whereon is this motto  
*Dolce nella memoria.* See plate 81.

This they wore either pendent to a gold chain, or a  
crimson, or blue ribbon, which they please.

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T H E O R D E R

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S A V I O U R

O F T H E W O R L D.

THIS Order is said to have been instituted by Eric King of Sweden, about the year 1561; but it was soon afterwards abolished, on the introduction of the Reformation under Gustavus Vasa. Little is known or can be said of the badge or collar of it.



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THESE are the names of the  
persons who have been  
appointed to the office of  
agents of the Society  
of Friends in the  
United States of America  
for the year 1840.

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## L A M B O F G O D.

JOHN the Great, King of Sweden, instituted this Order at Upsal, on his coronation in the year 1564; but soon after its institution it was laid aside. The badge of it was a medallion representing Christ supported by two angels kneeling, and a figure of the Paschal Lamb pendent to it. As little is known with precision either of it or of the collar of the Order, it has been thought unnecessary to give a plate.



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J A M E S O F G O D

JOHN the Great King of Sweden, in the  
Order at Light, on his coronation, the year 1719, has  
soon after its institution it was laid aside. The badge  
of it was a rebellion representing Christ supported by  
two angels kneeling, and a figure of the Father and  
pendant to it. As little it known with freedom that  
of it or of the coat of the Order, it has been the right  
unnecessary to give a price.