

Bolivia, National Order of the Condor of the Andes Grand Cross Set, including sash badge, breast star, and sash.

The Grand Cross sash badge. Silver gilt, enamels, 51.1 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 50.7 mm in width, weighs 35.4 g including suspension and jump ring. Fine condition. The 9 and 12 o'clock arms of the cross on the obverse show damage to the surface of the enamel but no chips. The damage appears to be caused by a corrosive substance or heat. The other two arms show similar but minimal damage. Overall, the wear is not too intrusive to the eye. The reverse is in excellent condition, showing just a few microscopic contact points to the enamel, all but invisible to the naked eye.

The Grand Cross Star. Silver gilt, enamels, 71.2 mm in height, 71 mm in width, weighs 66.4 g. Three-part construction. The reverse is in silver gilt with a 56.2 mm long pin assembly and two prongs. In very fine to excellent condition, minor damage to the gilt on the edge of the 6 o'clock arm of the cross, possibly done by contact with a corrosive substance. A couple of similar tiny spots to the gilt are visible on the reverse. The hand-painted image of the condor in the center medallion is pristine, and so is the inscription "La Union es la Fuerza - MCMXXV" ("Unity is strength - 1925").

The sash is in green silk with 29mm-wide white stripe in the middle stitched on the out-facing side. In like-new, pristine condition.

The National Order of the Condor of the Andes ("Condecoración Nacional de la Orden del Cóndor de Los Andes") was instituted by the Bolivian government of Bautista Saavedra on 18 April 1925 in an effort to unify the country. Conferred to Bolivian citizens and foreigners, and institutions in recognition of either civil or military meritorious services to improve the progress and development of Bolivia, and the humanity.

The Grand Cross is conferred upon ministers of foreign affairs, diplomats, members of recognized international institutions, ambassadors, and civil servants of equal rank.

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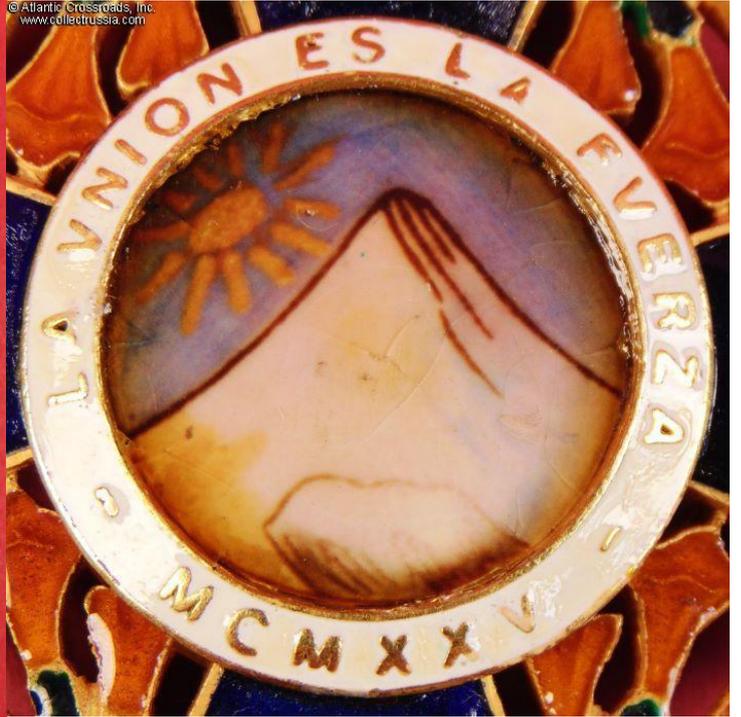


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