



Italy, Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus, Knight's badge.

Silver gilt, enamels, 42.6 mm in height incl. the eyelet, 39.3 mm in width. Suspended from a threaded ribbon in green moiré silk.

In good to fine condition. The enamel on the center parts of the cross has been replaced on both sides and does not quite match in color. The ribbon is lightly faded on the obverse side and appears to be original.

The Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus is a combination of two very ancient orders. The Order of St. Maurice was established in 1434 whereas the Order of St. Lazarus goes back even further, to a religious and military community at the time of the Latin rule of Jerusalem. In 1571, Emmanuel Philibert, fourth Duke of Savoy, revived the order of St. Maurice. Next year, it was united to the Order of St. Lazarus. This unification is symbolized by the crosses of the two orders, joined together: the green-enamelled Maltese Cross of the Order of St. Lazarus, and the white-enamelled cross of the Order of St. Maurice. Until 1946 when the Italian throne was officially abolished, Kings of Savoy served as Grand Masters of this order. And even nowadays, this order is traditionally conferred by the Dukes of Savoy in exile. The order is conferred to recognize those who support philanthropic causes and have distinguished themselves by actions benefiting mankind through arts, letters, sciences, and humanitarian disciplines.

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