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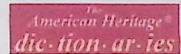
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Legion of Honor

n.

A high French civilian and military decoration, instituted in 1802.

[Translation of French Légion d'honneur.]

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Knight's
badge of the
Legion of
Honour



The **Légion d'honneur** (**Legion of Honor** (AmE) or **Legion of Honour** (ComE)) is an Order of Chivalry first established by Napoléon Bonaparte, First Consul of the French Republic, on May 19, 1802. It is the most senior Order in France, and appointment to the Legion is a great honour. The Order has five classes:

- **Grand Cross**
- **Grand Officer**
- **Commander**
- **Officer**
- **Chevalier** (Knight)

The Order's motto is *Honneur et patrie*.

History

The Order replaced the old Orders of Saint Michael, The Holy Spirit, Saint Louis, Saint Lazarus and Mount Carmel.

The order is conferred upon men and women, either French citizens or foreigners, for outstanding achievements in military or civil life. In practice, in current usage, the order is conferred, in addition to military recipients, to many entrepreneurs, high-level civil servants, sport champions as well as other people with high connections in the executive.

According to some sources, Napoleon declared: *On appelle ça des hochets, je sais, on l'a dit déjà. Et bien, j'ai répondu que c'est avec des hochets que l'on mène les hommes.* — "These are called [trinkets], I know, it has already been said. Well, I answered that it's with [trinkets] that you lead people." (The French word *hochet* means a child's rattle).

Composition



Grand Officer's badge 

The President of France is the Grand Master of the Order and appoints all other members of the Order—by convention, on the advice of the Government. Following Continental practice (unlike the British orders), the Legion of Honour has no Sovereign. Its principal officers are the Chancellor and Secretary-General.

The Order has a maximum quota of 75 Commanders Grand Cross, 250 Grand Officers, 1,250 Commanders, 10,000 Officers and 113,425 (ordinary) Chevaliers. As of 2000 the actual membership was 61 Commanders Grand Cross, 321 Grand Officers, 3,626 Commanders, 22,401 Officers and 87,371 Chevaliers. Appointments of veterans of World War II, French military personnel involved in the North African Campaign and other foreign French military operations, as well as wounded soldiers, are made independently of the quota.

In 1998, all surviving veterans of World War I from any country who had fought on French soil were made Chevaliers of the Legion if they were not so already, as part of the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the war's end. In December 2004, on the occasion of his 110th birthday, France's oldest surviving veteran of the war, Franklin Flocquet, was promoted to Officer.

Members convicted of severe crimes (*crimes* in French) are dismissed *de jure* from the order. Members convicted of lesser felonies (*délits* in French) can be dismissed too.

Wearing the decoration of the Legion of Honour without having the right to do so is an offense.

Insignia

- The *badge* of the Legion is a five-armed 'Maltese Asterisk' (for want of a better description — see Maltese Cross) in gilt (in silver for chevalier) enameled white, with an enameled laurel and oak wreath between the arms. The obverse central disc is in gilt, featuring the head of Marianne, surrounded by the legend *République Française* on a blue enamel ring. The reverse central disc is also in gilt, with a set of crossed tricolore, surrounded by the Legion's motto *Honneur et patrie* (Honour and Fatherland) and its foundation date on a blue enamel ring. The badge is suspended by a enameled laurel and oak wreath.
- The *star* (or "plaque") is worn by Grand Cross (in gilt on the left chest) and Grand Officer (in silver on the right chest) respectively; it is similar to be badge, but without enamel, and with the wreath replaced by a cluster of rays in between each arm. The central disc features the head of Marianne, surrounded by the legend *République Française* and the motto "Honneur et patrie".
- The *ribbon* for the badge is plain red.

In summary,

- Grand Cross - wears the badge on a sash on the right shoulder, plus the star on the left chest;
- Grand Officer - wears the badge on a ribbon with rosette on the left chest, plus the star on the right chest;
- Commander - wears the badge on a necklet;
- Officer - wears the badge on a ribbon with rosette on the left chest;
- Chevalier - wears the badge on a ribbon on the left chest.

The badge or star is not worn usually, except at the time of the decoration ceremony or on a dress uniform. Instead, one normally wears the ribbon or rosette on one's suit.



Original Knight insignia (1804)



Late Empire Knight insignia: the front feature Napoleon's profile and the rear, the imperial Eagle. An imperial crown joins the cross and the ribbon.



Louis XVIII era (1814) Knight insignia: the front features Henry IV's profile and the rear, the arms of the French Kingdom (three *fleurs de lis*). An royal crown joins the cross and the ribbon.



Rear of a Republican cross, with two crossed French flags



Fifth Republic Knight insignia: the centre features Marianne's head. A crown of laurel joins the cross and the ribbon.

Palace and Museum of the Legion of Honour



First handling of a *Légion d'Honneur* on the 16 August 1804 at the camp of Boulogne

The **National Museum of the Legion of Honour** (*Musée national de la Légion d'Honneur*) is housed in the "Hôtel de Salm" on the Left Bank of the River Seine in Paris, otherwise known as the **Palais de la Légion d'honneur**. It was built between 1782 and 1787 by the architect Pierre Rousseau for the German Prince Frederick III of Salm-Kyrbourg. The revolutionary government nationalised the building, and from 13 May 1804 it became the seat of the newly created *Légion d'honneur*. It was destroyed by fire under the Paris Commune in 1871, but was reconstructed with the support of funds raised among recipients of the *Légion d'honneur* and of the military medals which it also commemorates. An imitation of this building was constructed in San Francisco (the California Palace of the Legion of Honor), and also serves as a museum.

The address of the Palace is:

2, rue de la Légion d'honneur
F-75007 Paris
Open daily (except on Mondays) 2–5 pm
RER: Musée d'Orsay (opposite the main entrance of the Musée d'Orsay)

Officers of the Order

- **Grand Master:** Jacques Chirac
- **Grand Chancellor:** Jean-Pierre Kelche
- **Secretary-General:** Jacques Carrère

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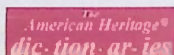
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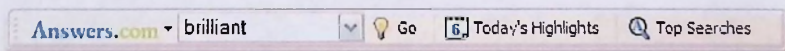


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April 25 - May 7th

Jonas Godall
Edith Wharton

> Norman's invitation, but
> Paris is a little too far from 79th Street. This is
> therefore for Norman:
>
> My dear Norman, First of all my warmest
> congratulations for this well
> deserved Légion d'Honneur and my deep, gratitude for
> inviting me to attend
> the ceremony.
> To the last minute I thought that I might make it: I
> would have loved to see
> the ruban rouge hanging on your lapel.
> Unfortunately, between the
> complications of having now to get a new visa to
> reach your country and some
> pressing -and as usual slightly late- work to
> finish, I am stuck here. Why
> do nice people like you and me still have to work in
> our old age?
> I do hope nevertheless to see you one of these days
> in New York or in Paris
> to duly celebrate the event.
> Encore toutes mes félicitations et peut-être à
> bientôt.
> Best to you all. Jean
> PS I lost the Brooklyn Heights adress, which
> prevented me to send a proper
> and handwritten letter for the occasion ! If you
> could send it to me some
> day, merci d'avance. J
>
>
>

Norris

From: "jmwordcraft" <jmwordcraft@yahoo.com>
To: <nrmcm@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 10:38 AM
Subject: Fwd: Bravo-pls print for Norman at 142

--- ROSENTHAL <jean.rosenthal@club-internet.fr> wrote:

> From ROSENTHAL Mon Feb 27 07:31:45 2006
> X-Apparently-To: jmwordcraft@yahoo.com via
> 206.190.37.239; Mon, 27 Feb 2006 07:35:09 -0800
> X-Originating-IP: [194.158.96.109]
> Return-Path: <jean.rosenthal@club-internet.fr>
> Authentication-Results: mta338.mail.scd.yahoo.com
> from=club-internet.fr; domainkeys=neutral (no sig)
> Received: from 194.158.96.109 (EHLO
> delay-3v.club-internet.fr) (194.158.96.109)
> by mta338.mail.scd.yahoo.com with SMTP; Mon, 27
> Feb 2006 07:35:09 -0800
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> (relay-cv.cs.clubint.net [172.16.1.59])
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> for <jmwordcraft@yahoo.com>; Mon, 27 Feb 2006
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> User-Agent: Microsoft-Entourage/11.2.1.051004
> Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 16:31:45 +0100
> Subject: Bravo
> From: ROSENTHAL <jean.rosenthal@club-internet.fr>
> To: jmwordcraft <jmwordcraft@yahoo.com>
> Message-ID:
> <C028D9F1.271%jean.rosenthal@club-internet.fr>
> Thread-Topic: Bravo
> Thread-Index: AcY7supvKQHbIKemEdqD1AANK3VrbA==
> Mime-version: 1.0
> Content-type: text/plain;
> charset="ISO-8859-1"
> Content-transfer-encoding: quoted-printable
> Content-Length: 632
>
> Dear Judith, I would have been delighted to answer

Revised March 1

Wed. March 1
noon, 142 JBM and NM
print interview with Nerve.Com
(online magazine)
interviewer: William Doig
212-625-9914 X 232

7:15 PM PICKUP NM, JBM
In-Limo company, dispatcher Isaac or Izzy Goldman
201-871-1880
conf#04494

To Majority Report (Air America)
641 Sixth Ave, bt 19th & 20th Sts., 4th floor
SPECIAL NOTE FOR JOHN
Bldg door will be locked—10 min before arrival call
Logan, producer,
cell phone 917-331-8123 or
212-871-0915
she will be downstairs to let you in on arrival

on air at 8:34pm, confirmed
15-20 min segment

car will wait, on to
Hannity and Combs (Fox News TV)
1211 Sixth Ave bt 47th and 48th
producer, Michael, cell 917-860-1525
ofc Michael 212-301-3928
John, en route call Michael so he'll be waiting at security
desk in lobby when you arrive.
on air app. 9:40pm, 5-10 min segment
NM, JBM, Hannity and Combs

Thurs 2 March
contact Ruth Baldwin
212-209-5407
cell 646-239-9616

*****12:15pm time confirmed w/ Lopate Producers**
In-Limo company, dispatcher Isaac or Izzy Goldman
201-871-1880
conf: 04495

arrive at studio 12:45pm

Note: Bring photo ID

Leonard Lopate Show

Municipal Bldg, One Centre Street
North entrance (foot of Chambers St)
clear security to enter, go to 25th floor
walk toward glass doors/wall phone
phone X8460—you will be met
40-min on-air interview (one break midpoint)
call Lopate production office en route
212-669-8460 so they'll meet you on 25th fl.

return to 142

Thurs Mar 2 evening
5:30pm
car to pick up NM, NCM, JBM
In-Limo company, dispatcher Isaac or Izzy Goldman
201-871-1880
conf #04496

6:30pm arv green room
Ethical Culture Society, 2 West 64 Street at CPW
7pm guided conversation 50 min
Dotson Rader, moderator

(Book TV/C Span taping, also R. Stratton
TV One (French)
after program, NM and JBM to side room
5-10 min on camera with Bruce Frankel
TV One (French)

booksigning

afterward car for NM, NMC, JBM to
O'Neil's. 49 W 64 St
cash bar, buffet for 60
car will wait, back to 142

Fri March 3
noon, 142 NM/JBM
half-hour print interview
Financial Times UK
(to be featured in Sunday magazine)
Daniel Swift
contact info TK

2:30-3pm Dr. Nicolosi arrives 142
NM and NMC to sign portrait to be auctioned for charity
NM and NCM to receive gift copy of same portrait
Rhonda 312-907-4400

5:pm Heights Car, NM, NCM
arv Cultural Office of French Consulate,
972 Fifth Ave at 79th Street
taken to green room OR ceremony room (depending on arrival)
6:30 Amb Levitte introduces NM, 5 minutes
confers the Legion of Honor
NM speaks 10-15 min
champaign reception, greet guests
business dress
contact: Amb Jean-David Levitte
202-944-6227
Paula Cianci 212-439-1462
finished by 8pm

Sat. March 4
dinner, Gay and Nan Talese
6:15 Heights Car
7 pm drinks, dinner 8pm
109 East 62 Street
NY NY 10021
212-832-7963 (home)
212-782-7963 (N office—Ronite, asst)

Sunday March 5 clear

Mon March 6th
party, Schlessingers
Norris has details

Tuesday 7 March
Due date, Matt and Selina

Wed March 8 or earlier,
NM to Ptown

Tuesday 14 March due date for Peter and Alice

tentative—
Mar 15, 16, 17 or 18
Gail Levin, Marilyn Monroe doc shoot
in Ptown

Dear Mr. Mailer,

We spoke at your home in Brooklyn last Friday for an interview for the online magazine, Nerve.com. First, let me thank you again for being so gracious, and I'm glad you seemed pleased with the chat. Part of the agreement was that you would be allowed to review all your direct quotes. Here is a transcript. If you could please review them and either call me at the number below or have Judith McNally call me by 3pm today, Tuesday, that would be very helpful. Thank you very much.

**Sincerely
Will Doig
Nerve.com
212 - 625 - 9914 ext. 232**

Norman prefaces the interview:

Let me warn you in advance, I used to be in possession of a reasonably good syntax. That's no longer true. I'm also hard of hearing -- particularly when I don't like a question, like a number of politicians. Well, if you can't divert the incoming point of a tough question, you shouldn't be a politician.

On Scott McClellan:

Yeah. To say something truly mean about him, and maybe even unfair, he is the fat boy who wouldn't bend over. Though I guess that's actually a positive remark.

On Donald Rumsfeld:

I'll give away a secret: my father and Rumsfeld have a certain physical resemblance. They weren't alike in other ways, but that gave me a certain sense of Rumsfeld being an interesting guy, at the very least. Not to defend him. It's just that he's the only one of those people who I think is real. Part of combat wisdom is to know who you're up against. Which enemies are you going to respect, and which are you going to despise? If you despise them broadside, then you're in the ranks of the politically correct, and in real spiritual trouble.

On his feelings about political correctness:

You could boil water with that aversion.

On internet dating:

Let me get this straight. They meet up on the internet? In other words, "I'm blank-blank-blank, I like blank-blank-blank..." I have no experience in that direction. The nearest I ever came was about sixty years ago. [To John] I don't think I ever told you this story. About sixty years ago, I got into a correspondence with this woman. When you're an author, people can send a letter to your publisher to get it to you. So we wrote and wrote and wrote. Finally, I said, "If you're serious and you're coming to New York, take a room at this hotel, and I'll come there, and when you open the door I want you to be stark naked." And it came to pass. That's the nearest I ever came to online dating. So I did have a few romances by mail. It's not shocking to me. In fact, I can see where it has a libidinous edge, this idea that you can start with a lack of knowledge about someone and, step by step, move into more intimacy.

On how women control men:

I think women are in control mainly because they see themselves from early girlhood as future coaches. They're in control the way a coach is in control. Coaches can handle athletes who are much more powerful than they are. You have guys who could kill you with a punch, and his little Jewish manager says, "Listen, you dumb fuck! How many times do I have to tell you to keep your right up around your ears? Do I need to tie a string to your fucking head?" And this big oaf of a guy is like, "Gee, ok boss. I'm so sorry." You could use that as a paradigm for marriage.