

AUSTRIA & later EMPEROR, he died 1519. By his marriage he became the third CHIEF of this ORDER and the succession descended to the Austrian House of HAPSBURG. The present GRAND MASTER de l'Ordre de la Toison d'Or, Austria, is S. M. I. et R. FRANCOIS-JOSEPH Charles: Emperor d'AUTRICHE. The ORDER is reserved to SOVEREIGNS GRAND PERSONNAGES and CHEVALIERS. The decoration consists of a sheep's fleece in gold pendant from a peculiar gold chain made up of alternating double fusils & pierres á feu (flints) interlaced & a motto, "Ante ferit quam micat" being the devise or badge of the Duke of Burgundy—A Red ribbon—[see heading]. Some of the present CHEVALIERS of this ORDER, AUSTRIA, are: OTHON I king de BAVARIA & comte Palatin du Rhine, his uncle Prince LUITPOLD the Regent, ALBERT king of SAXONY, LEOPOLD II king of BELGIUM, UMBERTO I king of ITALIE, Jean II prince de Liechtenstein, Charles I king of Roumania etc. MAXIMILIAN & MARIE de BOURGOGNE had Philippe le Bel Archiduc d'AUSTRIA king of SPAIN d. 1506—His two sons were FERDINAND king of Hungary later Emperor 1556 who became king of Austria & the eldest son CHARLES V Emperor H. R. E. 1519 & king of ESPAGNE, Spain, who was the CHIEF or Grand Master of the SPANISH ORDER. Now (1897) held by ALPHONSE XIII king of SPAIN, Castille, Leon, Aragon, Jerusalem, Navarre, Grenada, etc. comte de Habsbourg etc. The order differs slightly from Austria in having leaves just above the fleece & a motto "Pretium Laborum Non Vile" Those who are Chevaliers: WILHELM II emperor of GERMANY [Allemagne], FREDERIC Grand-Duc de BADEN CHARLES-ALEXANDRE Grand-Duc de SAXE-WEIMAR-EISENACH, ALBERT prince de PRUSSE & regent de Brunswick, CHRISTIAN IX king de DENMARK, GEORGE I king des HELLENES, Greece CARLOS I king de PORTUGAL, NICOLAS II Emperor & Autocrat of all the RUSSIAS & tsar of Moscow, OSCAR II king of SWEDEN & NORWAY, ABDUL-HAMID KHAN grand-sultan of Turkey, ALBERT EDWARD prince of WALES duke of Cornwall etc. Knight of the Garter, MUTSUHITO emperor of JAPAN, etc. The rightful CHIEF of this ORDER in SPAIN is Don CARLOS de BOURBON duc de Madrid & king d'ESPAGNE as CARLOS VII (Charles). The present duc d'ORLEANS is to be made a Chevalier of the Austrian ORDER. "The discovery that the Duke of Orleans is not eligible for the decoration of the Golden Fleece surprised the Court of Vienna. A new Knight of the Golden Fleece must have had Roman Catholic ancestors on both sides for eight generations, and his pedigree must be without flaw or stain for the same period. It appears not only that the Regent Orleans married an illegitimate daughter of Louis XIV (Mlle. de Blois), but also that the late Duchess of Orleans (Princess Helena of Mecklenburg-Schwerin), the mother of the Count of Paris, was all her life a Protestant and a member of the Lutheran Church." After Charles V died in