



AIMONE OF SAVOY

IN EXERCISE OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE HEAD OF THE ROYAL HOUSE

HEREBY ISSUES A PRELIMINARY DECLARATION OF THE GUIDELINES OF THE ENACTED REGULATION
GOVERNING THE DYNASTIC ORDERS

In order to ensure preservation of the moral heritage of the dynastic Orders of the House of Savoy; to restore to them all due prestige, to guarantee the quality of those who have been thus decorated; and to maintain for it the fame it rightfully deserves in view of its glorious origins through the many centuries of its history:

1. Conferment of the Ordine Supremo della Santissima Annunziata [Supreme Order of the Holy Annunciation] is hereby suspended.
The Grandi Collari [Great Collars] of the SS. Anunziata which were not conferred by King Umberto II are expected to be immediately consigned to the Duke of Savoy for safekeeping in the Vittoriano Museum, in conformity with the last Will and Testament of the late Sovereign.
2. All the Dynastic Orders have been preserved according to the spirit of the statutes in force at the time of the death of H.M. King Umberto II. Any subsequent modification not originating from the legitimate Head of the House must be considered null and void.
3. Henceforth all monetary contributions will be abolished, since the Orders have always been inspired by the criterion of gratuitousness; all ceremonies, insignias and badges will be subject to simplification.
4. All activities of the Dynastic Orders of the House of Savoy (*see above, art.2*) are herewith suspended: the hospital and charitable work of the Ordine dei Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro [Order of the Saints Maurice and Lazarus] was arrogated to itself by the State of Italy in 1948. Naturally, any of those bearing such insignia may directly undertake works of charity: either on his own spontaneous initiative; or else, again voluntarily, upon recommendation from the Order itself, notifying such to the Grand Master.
5. All those bearing insignia bestowed by the King, and those who intend to make every effort to pass down the fame of the Orders themselves, acting in conformity with tradition, will be united in a Corps formed for that purpose, and at present in the process of definition. The right to belong to the Corps will be granted to all those who were decorated bestowed honoured by H.M. King Umberto II. Admission will be open on request, following evaluation by a Commission and the approval of the Head of the Royal House.
The function of Commission, composed of five members chosen from personalities of undoubted uprightness and competence, shall be presided by Prince Aimone of Savoy, will be to evaluate: the required merits for admission, readmission and advancement in the ranks of which the Corps is composed, and cases of deprivation of the decoration.

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