

Royal Charter

THE CHIVALROUS AND RELIGIOUS ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THORNS (OCT)

-ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THORNS-
FIRST FOUNDATION: 01 JULY 1891

L'ORDRE CHEVALERESQUE ET RELIGIEUX DE LA COURONNE D'ÉPINES (OCE)

RENEWED
at Royal Palace Karuziika
06th February 2012 AD



I, Rukirabasaija Agutamba Solomon Gafabusa Iguru I., by The Grace of God,

Omukama of The Kingdom of Bunyoro-Kitara, Ruler of Hoima, Masindi, Kibaale, Buliisa and Kiryandongo, The Grandson of Kabalega, The Healer, The Orphan Protector, The Hater of Rebellion, The Lion of Bunyoro, The Hero of Bunyoro, The Hero of Kabalega, etc. etc. etc. – 49th Omukama of The Kingdom of Bunyoro-Kitara, 27th Omukama in The Babiito Dynasty, The Sovereign Head of The Royal Order of Omujwaara Kondo and The Royal Order of Engabu and The Sovereign Head, Grand Master and Protector of The Most Honourable Order of Omukama Chwa II Kabalega etc. etc. etc.- to all to whom these our Letters Patent shall come, greeting.

The current Prince-Abbot of the Chieftainship of the Ancient Abbey-Principality of San Luigi (Fezzān), The Most Reverend Professor John Kersey MUKUNGU OCR, HonLLD, DD, EdD, PhD, MBA, MMusRCM, MA, FRSA, FRGS, FSA Scot, Presiding Bishop of the Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum (The Apostolic Church of the Divine Mysteries, commonly called the Church of the Divine Mysteries or E.A.D.M.) Archbishop of Great Britain, The Apostolic Episcopal Church, New York, USA Rector Pro-Provincial of Canterbury, The Order of Corporate Reunion, New York, USA and responsible for the reorganization of the **“The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)”** has offered me the function of the Granter, Protector and the Royal Patron of this Order.

We have long and fully resolved with our-self to extend not only the boundaries of the Kingdom, but also I gladly accept with today the functions of the Granter, Protector and the Royal Patron of **“The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)”**.



I, Rukirabasaija Agutamba Solomon Gafabusa Iguru I., by The Grace of God,

Omukama by The Grace of God, Omukama of The Kingdom of Bunyoro-Kitara, Ruler of Hoima, Masindi, Kibaale, Buliisa and Kiryandongo, The Grandson of Kabalega, The Healer, The Orphan Protector, The Hater of Rebellion, The Lion of Bunyoro, The Hero of Bunyoro, The Hero of Kabalega, etc. etc. etc. – 49th Omukama of The Kingdom of Bunyoro-Kitara, 27th Omukama in The Babiito Dynasty, The Sovereign Head of The Royal Order of Omujwaara Kondo and The Royal Order of Engabu and The Sovereign Head, Grand Master and Protector of The Most Honourable Order of Omukama Chwa II Kabalega etc. etc. etc.- thank the current Prince-Abbot of the Chieftainship of the Ancient Abbey-Principality of San Luigi (Fezzān) and responsible for the reorganization of the **“The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)”**, The Most Reverend Professor John Kersey MUKUNGU for his work and his active help and support of the implementation.



We approve, that “The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns

(OCT)” is the second Order in the Chieftainship of the Ancient Abbey-Principality of San Luigi (Fezzān) after **“The Sovereign, Knightly and Noble Order of The Lion and Black Cross (OLBC)”**.



We approved, that the “The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns


(OCT)” is an order of Merit is an order of Merit and membership is confined to members of said Order who have shown particular devotion to its aims. The Order seeks in general to reward persons who have distinguished themselves in defence of the Church, of humanity, or in the philanthropic work initiated by said Order, and have shown a Christian spirit, a clean life and a noble example.




We approved, that the “The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns


(OCT)” will be awarded to reward persons who have distinguished themselves in defence of


the Church, of humanity, or in the philanthropic work initiated by said Order, and have shown a Christian spirit, a clean life and a noble example.


e approved, that all appointed people can write after their names, the appropriate post nominal like the appointed grade:



- Chevalier (KCT)


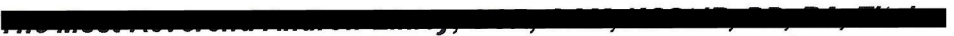
e approved, that all appointed ladies who admitted to the Order, in the different Ranks, receive the Title of "Dame d'Honneur de l'Abbaye de San Luigi".


e approved, that all appointed men who admitted to the Order, in the different Ranks, receive the Title of "Chevalier d'Honneur de l'Abbaye de San Luigi"


ow ye that we, of our special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, have ordained, established, and granted, and by these present for us, our heirs, and successors do ordain, establish, and grant, that henceforth for ever there shall be a Order Chancellery consisting of a Grandmaster, Grand-Chancellor, Chancellor and Treasurer, who shall be called and named Chancellery of the "**The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)**" of which same Order we by these presents declare our-self Royal Protector and Royal Patron.


e approve and grant that the **Office of the Grand Master** of said order always connected to eternal time with the **Office of the respective "Prince-Abbot and MUKUNGU of the Chieftainship of the Ancient Abbey-Principality of San Luigi (Fezzān)"**; currently **The Most Reverend Professor John Kersey MUKUNGU of the Chieftainship of the Ancient Abbey-Principality of San Luigi (Fezzan)**. With this Office we will for us, our heirs, and successors do grant and ordain the Grade of "Grand Master", the addresses "Excellency" with all the rights and privileges.


e would appreciate if the **Office of the Chancellor** of said order would be taken over actually by . With this Office we will for us, our heirs, and successors do grant and ordain the Grade of "Chancellor", the addresses "Excellency" with all the rights and privileges.


e would appreciate if the **Office of the Treasure** of said order would be taken over actually by . With this Office we will for us, our heirs, and successors do grant and ordain the Grade of "Treasure", with all the rights and privileges.


nd by presents for us, our heirs, and successors we do make, ordain, create, and constitute to the same Chancellery of the "**The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)**", one body corporate and politic, in fact, deed, and name, really and fully, and that by the same name they may have perpetual succession.

e approved, that the Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** can appoint "Representatives" and "Order Chapter's" in every country. The Order Chapter's will lead in the following ranking: Order Chapter Governor – Order Chapter Captain – Order Chapter Treasurer.

nd that they and their successors, by the same name of the Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"**, may and shall be in all future times persons able and capable in law to have, acquire, receive, and possess lands [and] tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, liberties, privileges, franchises, jurisdictions, and hereditaments whatsoever to them and their successors in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life, lives, or years, or otherwise in whatsoever manner, and also goods and chattels, and all other things, of whatsoever kind, nature, sort, or quality they may be (the Statute concerning alienation in mortmain notwithstanding).

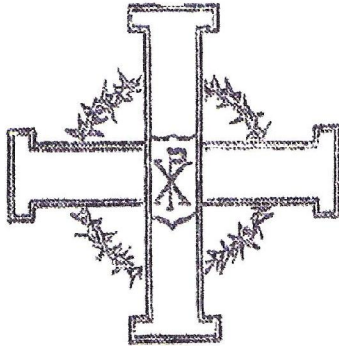
nd also to give, grant, and assign and to grant, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, and to do and execute all acts and things necessary of and concerning the same, by the name aforesaid.

nd that by the name of the Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"**, they may henceforth for ever be able and have power to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, to defend and to sue and be sued be defended, in whatsoever Courts and places, and before whatsoever Judges, Justices, and other persons and officers of us, our heirs, and successors, in all and singular actions, both real and personal, pleas, suits, complaints, causes, matters, things, and demands whatsoever, of whatsoever kind, nature, or sort they may or shall be, in the same manner and form as any of our lieges within this our Realm of Bunyoro-Kitara, being persons able and capable in law, or as anybody corporate or politic within this our Realm of Bunyoro-Kitara, may be able and have power to have, acquire, receive, possess, give, and grant, to plead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered, to defend or be defended.

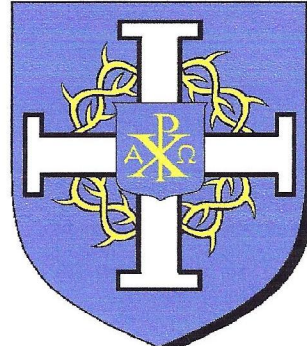
nd that the same Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid and their successors forever may have a Common Seal, to serve for transacting all causes and to have a Common seal, alterable at pleasure and affairs whatsoever of them and their successors; and that it may and shall be good and lawful to the same Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid, and to their successors for the time being, to break, change, and make anew that Seal from time to time, as it shall seem most expedient to them.



We approve, give and grant moreover by these Chancellery of the “**The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)**” aforesaid, and to their successors forever, in testimony of our royal favour towards them and of our peculiar esteem for them, to the present and future ages, these following great blazons of honour, that is to say:

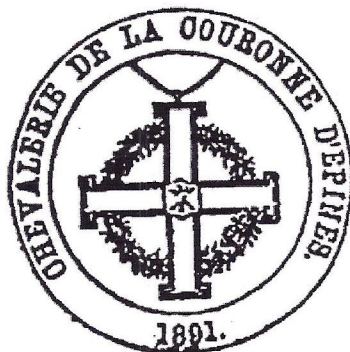


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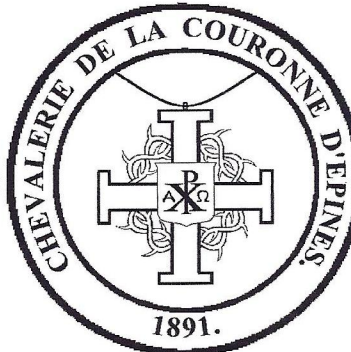


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The Cross (Star) of the Order is a Cross of Jerusalem in white enamel, surrounded by a Crown of Thorns in gold on a shield of blue enamel. The ribbon is watered red with narrow white edges.



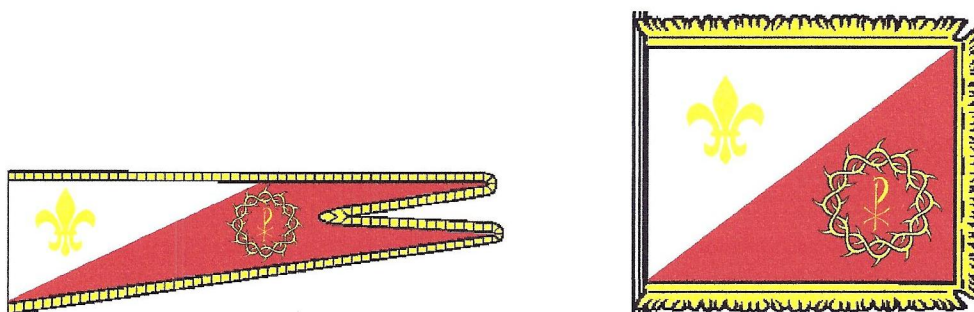
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Renewed, 2012

The Seal of the Order is round with the Cross of the Order center, surrounded by “CHEVALERIE DE LA COURONNE D'EPINES. 1891.”

We approve, give and grant moreover by these Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid, and to their successors forever, in testimony of our royal favour towards them and of our peculiar esteem for them, to the present and future ages, these following banner of honour, that is to say:



The Flag and the Banner of the Order is of silk, half white bearing the Fleur de Lys and half red bearing the Crown of Thorns, with the monogram of Christ in the centre.

And that they so met together and assembled, or the major part of them, shall and may have full authority, power, and faculty from time to time to draw up, constitute, ordain, make, and establish such laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, and constitutions as shall seem to them, or to the major part of them, to be good, wholesome, useful, honourable, and necessary, according to their sound discretions, for the better government, regulation, and direction of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid, and of every Member of the same, and to do and perform all things belonging to the government, matters, goods, faculties, rents, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and affairs of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid; all and singular which laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, and constitutions so to be made as it is aforesaid, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, firmly enjoining, do order and command, that they shall be inviolably observed from time to time, according to the tenor and effect of the same.

So nevertheless, that the aforesaid laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, and constitutions so to be made as it is aforesaid, and every one of them, be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the laws, customs, acts, or statutes of this our Realm of Bunyoro-Kitara.

And further, of our more ample special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have given and granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors do give and grant to the aforesaid Chancellery of the aforesaid **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"**, and to their successors forever, or to any three of them or to the major part, full power and authority from time to time to elect, nominate, and appoint one or more Typographers or Printers, and Chalcographers or Engravers, and to grant to him or them, by a writing sealed with the Common Seal of the aforesaid **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"**, and signed by the hand of the Grand-Chancellor for the time being, faculty to print such things, matters, and affairs touching or concerning the aforesaid **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"**, as shall have been committed to the aforesaid Typographer or Printer, Chalcographer or Engraver, or Typographers or Printers, Chalcographers or Engravers, from time to time, by the Chancellery of the aforesaid **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"**, or any three of them, or by the major part; their corporal oaths first to be taken, before they be admitted to exercise their offices, before the Chancellery for the time being, or any three or more of them, in the

form and effect last specified; to which same Chancellery, or to any three of them, we do give and grant by these presents full power and authority to administer the oaths aforesaid.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, firmly enjoining, do order and command all and singular the Justices, Mayors, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and other officers, ministers, and subjects whomsoever of us, our heirs, and successors, that they be from time to time aiding and assistant to the aforesaid Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid, and to their successors forever, in and by all things, according to the true intention of these our Letters Patent.

Although express mention of the true yearly value or of the certainty of the premises, or of any of them, or of other gifts or grants before these times made by us or by any of our progenitors or predecessors to the aforesaid Chancellery of the **"The Chivalrous and religious Order of the Crown of Thorns (OCT)"** aforesaid, is not made in these presents; or any statute, act, ordinance, provision, proclamations or restriction the contrary thereof heretofore had made, enacted, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, of matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding.

In witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Our-self, at Court of Royal Palace Karuziika, the 06 day of February 2012, in the 18 year of Our reign.



H.M. Rukirabasaija Agutamba Solomon Gafabusa Iguru I.
Omukama of Bunyoro-Kitara
49th Omukama of the Kingdom Bunyoro Kitara
27th Omukama in the Babiito dynasty

