



Solemn Pokrovska Ceremony of Knight Fest Award Presentation 2019 and IV "Golden Knight – Saint Stefan Despot of Serbia" Sword Presentation

Palace of Serbia

14 October 2019 at 6 p.m.



With the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia, under the auspices of Her Royal Highness Princess Linda Karađorđević, the Royal Order of Knights organised this year, for the fourth time, the presentation of the "Golden Knight – Saint Stefan Despot of Serbia" sword at the Serbian Presidency – the elite Palace of Serbia. This year, the honour to present swords and charters had HRH Prince Đorđe Karađorđević, being the founder of the Royal Order of Knights and one of the benefactors of this event. The ceremony was led by Miša Ćirić and Hadži Zoran Mrđenović, President of the Royal Order of Knights and Knight Fest director. Three prestigious swords were presented at the event – the first one to

professor Slavenko Terzić PhD, who besides being acknowledged in scientific circles, was also a long-time Serbian ambassador to Russia, the second sword was presented to Electric Power Industry of Serbia – EPS for the support given to the Royal Order of Knights.



The third and most important was presented to the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovič Putin. On his behalf, this prestigious award was received by the First Counsellor of the Russian ambassador to Serbia, Alexander Komanihin.



Besides the swords, Art and Culture Knight charters were presented to the associates and friends as a token of appreciation for the support and contribution to the Knight Fest and other activities of the Royal Order of Knights.



The charters were presented to numerous media, city and state institutions and artists and knight organisations which participated at this year's festival.



Among others, the charter winners were Jovan Memedović, a journalist at the national TV and radio broadcaster RTS, Dragana Veljković, a journalist at Radio Belgrade, opera singer Slavko Nikolić, legendary trio "Lutajuća srca", Jovan Maljoković orchestra, cultural society KUD Koturović, instrumentalist Miloš Nikolić, jazz orchestra Nika, professors Milan Lazić, Nebojša Porčić, Jelena Kunarac, Miloš Ivanović, writer Veselin Gatalo, physician Rade Antić, actress Gorica Popović, filigrana artisan of Prizren Siniša Cvetković, Belgrade Hippodrome, Belgrade Fortress, Religious Voluntary Fostering, Lasta enterprise, Yugoslav Film Archive, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs, knights from Russia, Belarus, Poland, Czech Republic, and many others.



Artistic programme was also organised as a part of this event. Just like in glorious medieval times of the Nemanjić dynasty, ensemble "Renaissance" welcomed guests at the Palace of Serbia central spot with HRH Prince Đorđe Karađorđević.



The gala evening followed this exceptional event at the Palace, when the guest artists performed – duet "Krin", ensemble "Fenečki biseri", teachers' choir from Novi Sad, KUD Koturović, drama studio "Gamajun", childrens' church choir "Orlić".

Every year at the Old Court and Palace of Serbia in Belgrade, the Royal Order of Knights organises a solemn ceremony of knight swords presentation to deserving institutions and people, as well as the presentation of knight charters to participants of the Knight Fest, the festival of knight culture at Belgrade Fortress. Each time, the main award "Golden Knight – Saint Stefan Despot of Serbia" is presented to a nominated person, known world-wide and deserving of the title "Golden Knight". For the first time, in 2016, that award was presented to the globally acknowledged Serbian tennis player and benefactor Novak Đoković. In 2017 the winner of this award was Steven Seagal, a Hollywood actor and director. In 2018 the sword was presented to Arnaud Gouillon, a French humanitarian who has been giving donations to the Serbian people in Kosovo and Metohija for 10 years.



This year, on 14 October, when the feast of the Protecting Veil of the Most Holy Theotokos is celebrated, at the Palace of Serbia, the founder of the Royal Order of Knights HRH Prince Đorđe Karađorđević presented a prestigious sword to the President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Vladimirovič Putin, who is in Serbia considered to be one of the greatest world knights of today, the guardian of overall justice and knighthood.

The sword which is presented at the solemn ceremony is specially hand minted for that occasion and it is a replica of a medieval one and a half hand Serbian sword of Saint Despot Stefan Lazarević with engraved ornaments on the blade, leather handle and casing. The sword presented by HRH Prince Đorđe Karađorđević is the most beautiful and most authentic historical reconstruction of a globally acknowledged Serbian sword ever made in Serbia.

At a time when spiritual, cultural and civilisational values are at a very low level, with this move not only do we ennoble, but also educate our public as well as the world's.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_fmJGIXSK8