



Order Of The Bath, Large Officer's Beaker In Solid Silver And Vermeil, Tria Juncta In Uno



650 EUR

Signature : Pas poinçonnée

Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : 9,5 cm

Height : 11 cm

Description

Very beautiful and large solid silver officer's cup with vermeil interior. There is no hallmark, but after testing it, I can guarantee that it is 100% solid silver. The style of the engraving and the fact that it was entirely hand-hammered indicate that it dates from around 1780-1800. It is engraved with a Maltese cross on one side and a cormorant surrounded by the Grand Collar of the Order of the Bath on the other side. The cormorant is a 'crest' as it is called in English heraldry, or a kind of abbreviation of a coat of arms by a symbol or crest. Several English noble families use the cormorant as a 'crest', including the family of the famous Cardinal Pole, who was elected pope but took so long to accept that the cardinals elected another. The collar surrounding the cormorant is that of the noble British Order of

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the Bath, established by the first Hanoverian king of England, George I. The motto 'tria juncta in uno' refers to the three crowns united in the same person. (Hanover, Scotland and England) The term 'Knight of the Bath' had existed since the Middle Ages and referred to knights created by the sovereign after a long and centuries-old ritual that included, among many other acts, a bath to wash away their sins before their knighting. This lengthy liturgy was generally reserved for candidates from the high nobility. Knights of the Bath were to be distinguished from knights of the 'carpet' or 'sword', who were knighted by a simple touch of the monarchs hand or sword. weight 187 grams.