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Silver Cutlery Set. Besançon, Circa 1745-1770. Total Weight: 2,384.6 G

5 400 EUR



Signature : Pierre-François GRANDGUILLAUME

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

| Description |
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BESANÇON, circa 1745-1770 (interlaced "C," crowned "L") Pierre-François GRANDGUILLAUME (hallmark: PFGG), admitted as a master in 1728. Very rare silver cutlery set, single-plate style, comprising seventeen place settings, or 34 pieces. All pieces are engraved with the coat of arms of Louis-René-Ferdinand QUENTIN de RICHEBOURG de CHAMPCENETZ (1760-1794), Knight of the Order of Malta (1776), known as "The Knight of Champcenez." Total weight: 2,384.6 g. The son of the governor of the Tuileries, Louis-René de Champcenez was a sharp-witted man and a feared pamphleteer during the waning days of the Ancien Régime. A contributor to the satirical newspaper \*Les Actes des Apôtres\*, he mocked revolutionaries,

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deputies, and philosophers with biting humor. After fleeing Paris following the fall of the monarchy, he returned to publish his books. He was arrested and executed on July 23, 1794.