Coinage of the Knights of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in Rhodes and Malta

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem came into being c. 1070, when a hospice was founded by the Benedictine monks of St. Mary of the Latins of Jerusalem, to care for the increasing number of western pilgrims. The building was located on the site where, according to the tradition, the conception of St. John the Baptist was proclaimed by an angel. The Order was chartered by Pope Paschal II as The Hospitallers of St. John in 1113, at a time when the Order had already taken on a military aspect.

The defeat of the Crusaders at Hattin in 1187 forced the Order to leave Jerusalem to settle north of Tripoli, before settling in Acre 1192. The 13th century saw the Order becoming increasingly military and aristocratic. In 1291, Acre was taken by the Mamluks and the seven only knights who survived the fall of the city fled to Cyprus then under the rule of Henry II of Lusignan, where they settled momentarily. The situation suited neither the Order and their needs of independence, nor the king of Cyprus for whom they represented too powerful a guest. This led, in 1306, to the alliance of the Order with the Genoese adventurer Vignolo de’ Vignoli in the prospect of conquering the disputed island of Rhodes, where they in fact settled in 1309 - the completion of the capture of the island as a whole being effective as of the following year.

Of major significance was the fact that Pope Clement V had given his blessing and confirmed the possession of Rhodes by the Hospitallers by grant, thus preventing Philip IV of France from attempting a repeat of the destruction of the Templars in order to lay his hands on their wealth. In fact, Clement V decreed that all the Templars possessions be turned over to the Hospitallers, a fact which explains how and why the Knights of Rhodes had the means to impose themselves as a major force in the eastern Mediterranean, thus offering useful resistance for several centuries against the expansion of the Ottoman Empire.

RHODES

Hélion de Villeneuve (1319-1346)

OSJ001 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer, head facing, in front of patriarchal cross on steps, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.86g (Schlumberger pl. IX, 17). A beautiful coin with a superb old cabinet tone, nearly extremely fine and rare. £1,950

Ex Campion collection, 1937
Stewart collection

OSJ002 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer, head facing, in front of patriarchal cross on steps, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.78g (Schl. pl. IX, 17). Of a different style than the previous piece, very fine with a lovely dark tone. £1,475

OSJ003 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer, head facing, in front of patriarchal cross on steps, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.53g (Schl. pl. IX, 17 var.). Slightly double struck in parts of reverse legend, very fine and rare. £1,175

Ex Stewart collection
OSJ004  AR Asper (1/2 Gigliato), Grand Master kneeling left in prayer, head facing, in front of patriarchal cross on steps, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 1.89g (Schl. pl. IX, 14). A lovely coin, delightfully toned, extremely fine, reverse nearly so, and very rare. £2,250

Dieudonné de Gozon (1346-1353)

OSJ005  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.92g (Schl. pl. IX, 19). With a light tone, very fine and rare. £1,875

Pierre de Corneillan (1353-1355)

OSJ006  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, rev floriated cross with shields of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.75g (Schl. pl. IX, 23). Some light creasing, otherwise very fine. £975

Roger de Pins (1355-1365)

OSJ007  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, pine cone behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.82g (Schl. pl. IX, 21). A pleasing good very fine with a nice old cabinet tone. £775

OSJ008  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, pine cone behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.78g (Schl. pl. IX, 21). Nearly very fine. £325
OSJ009  AR Asper 1/2 Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, pine cone behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 1.79g (Schl. pl. X, 5). **Holed by the Grand Master’s feet, otherwise toned very fine and very rare.** £550

Raymond Bérenger (1365-1374)

OSJ010  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.74g (Schl. pl. X, 7; F. pp. 57-59). **Traces of overstriking, very fine.** £345

OSJ011  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.85g (Schl. pl. X, 7; Ash. 1208-10). **Reverse slightly off centred and some double striking, lightly toned very fine.** £375

Robert de Juilly (1374-1377)

OSJ012  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.89g (Schl. pl. X, 8; Furse 4 var.). **Somewhat weakly struck in parts but with a strong portrait of the Grand Master, good very fine with a nice tone and rare.** £975

OSJ013  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.94g (Schl. pl. X, 8). **A little weak in parts, otherwise very fine.** £690
Juan Fernandez de Heredia (1377-1396)

OSJ014 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, family arms above gothic G behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.88g (Schl. pl. X, 9 var.). Toned very fine. £675

OSJ015 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.88g (Schl. pl. X, 9). Nearly very fine. £750

OSJ016 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, coat of arms above letter I behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.89g (Schl. pl. X, 9 var.). Somewhat double struck, otherwise toned very fine. £750

OSJ017 AR 1/3 Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, family arms above gothic G behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 1.34g (Schl. pl. X, ...; Furse pp. 66-69). Some tiny digs on obverse, otherwise nicely toned, nearly very fine and rare. £975

Ex Stewart collection

Philibert de Naillac (1396-1421)

OSJ018 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps above a gothic A, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.95g (Schl. pl. X, 11 var.). Weakly struck in parts, good fine with a light tone and rare. £625

OSJ019 AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps above a gothic A, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.87g (Schl. pl. X, 11 var.). Uneven but very fine and rare. £875
Anton Fulvian (1421-1437)

OSJ020  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving a banner from St. Mark standing right, rev Christ standing facing in an ellipse with nine stars, 3.32g (Schl. pl. X, 15 var.). A strong good very fine with clear details, very rare and attractive. £3,450

OSJ021  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left, gothic M behind him, receiving a banner from St. Mark standing right, rev Christ standing facing in an ellipse with nine stars, 2.88g (Schl.-; Furse-). Clipped, otherwise nearly extremely fine with particularly well struck head of the Grand Master and extremely rare. £3,300

OSJ022  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, G below, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.86g (Schl. pl. X, 14 var.). Toned very fine and extremely rare. £1,350

OSJ023  AR Gigliato, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer in front of patriarchal cross on steps, G below, coat of arms behind him, rev floriated cross with shield of the Order at the end of each limb, 3.92g (Schl. pl. X, 14 var.; Furse 4 var.). Weakly struck in parts on a slightly irregular flan, otherwise very fine and extremely rare. £1,250

Pierre d’Aubusson (1476-1503)

OSJ024  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ standing facing, surrounded by nine stars, in an ellipse, 3.52g (Schl. pl. XI, 1; F 6). A pleasing specimen, good very fine with some reddish toning. £2,650

OSJ025  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ standing facing, surrounded by nine stars, in an ellipse, 3.47g (Schl. pl. XI, 1; F 6). Weakly struck in parts on a slightly wavy flan and some minor marks on edge, otherwise very fine. £1,450

Emery d’Amboise (1503-1512)

OSJ026  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, 
rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.48g (Schl. pl. XI, 4; Furse 17). Slightly wavy flan, good very fine and rare with an excellent provenance.

Ex Signorelli Sale, part IV, Santamaria 25 January 1954, lot 835
Stewart collection

£1,675

OSJ027  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, 
rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.48g (Schl. pl. XI, 4 var.; F 9). About extremely fine.

£2,650

OSJ028  AE Denier, type 3, Paschal lamb to left, head to right, rev cross pattée with a cross in each angle, within a dotted circle, 0.46g (Schl. pl. XI, 12). Some striking imperfections, but with a nice light green patina, nearly very fine and very rare.

£425

Fabrizio del Carretto (1513-1521)

OSJ029  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.48g (Schl. pl. XI, 14; F 11). Well struck and attractive, about extremely fine.

£2,750

OSJ030  AV Ducat, Grand Master kneeling left in prayer and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.49g (Schl. pl. XI, 14; F 11). About extremely fine.

£2,350
After the Fall of Rhodes, on the 1st of January 1523, the remaining knights under their ageing Grand Master Philippe Villiers de l’Isle Adam, sailed to Crete and then on to Messina. Following personal negotiations between Pope Hadrian VI and the Grand Master, the Hospitallers were eventually given the islands of Malta and Gozo - where they settled as of October 1530.

Although they were not very well-received by the local population, they set about actively fortifying the island’s defences, even though the Grand Master was still harbouring hopes of reconquering Rhodes. By the time of Villiers de l’Isle Adam’s death in 1534, Malta had been established as the permanent home of the Knights and a glorious future awaited, until finally the last, and worst Grand Master, Ferdinand von Hompesch, surrendered the island to Napoleon in June 1798.

**Juan de Homedes (1536-1553)**

**OSJ031** AR 2 Tari, 1543, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev Paschal lamb to left, head turned back, with a banner of the Order, date below, 5.68g (R.S. 14). *Toned, good very fine and very rare.* £1,450

**OSJ032** AR 2 Tari, 1552, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev Paschal lamb to left, head turned back, with a banner of the Order, date below, 5.66g (R.S. 19, *this coin*). *Toned good very fine and very rare.* £1,675

**OSJ033** AR 2 Tari, 1553, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev Paschal lamb to left, head turned back, with a banner of the Order, date below, 5.48g (R.S. 20). *Darkly toned, very fine and very rare.* £1,275

**OSJ034** AR Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev Paschal lamb to left, head turned back, with a banner of the Order, 2.54g (R.S. 24). *Toned very fine and extremely rare.* £1,275
Jean de la Vallette (1557-1568)

OSJ035  AR 4 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev St. John the Baptist standing facing, holding a cross and pointing at a lamb at his feet, 10.60g (R.S.12). A small flan crack at 7 o’clock, toned good very fine and very rare. £825

OSJ036  AR 4 Tari, undated, same description, 10.16g (R.S.18). Slightly weakly struck in parts of legend, otherwise good very fine with a dark tone and very rare. £990

OSJ037  AR 4 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 11.69g (R.S.33). Some faint old scratches under the tone in right obverse field, otherwise nicely toned, pleasing very fine and very rare. £725

OSJ038  AR 4 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 11.56g (R.S.37). Nicely toned, nearly extremely fine and rare. £775

OSJ039  AR 4 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 11.64g (R.S.39). Pleasantly toned, good very fine and very rare. £725
OSJ040  AR 4 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 11.67g (R.S.52 var.). With a fantastic head of St. John, nicely toned, nearly extremely fine and very rare.  £775

OSJ041  AR 4 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 11.70g (R.S.56). Two edge splits, nearly extremely fine with a nice tone and very rare.  £625

OSJ042  AR 2 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev St. John standing facing, 5.55g (R.S.79). Beautifully toned, almost extremely fine and very rare.  £1,675

OSJ043  AR 2 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a raised charger, 5.76g (R.S.83). Some old light scratches beneath cabinet tone, otherwise good very fine and very rare.  £3,150

OSJ044  AR 2 Tari, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 5.64g (R.S.83/87/88). A very interesting mule, good very fine with a light tone and extremely rare.  £1,850
Pietro del Monte (1568-1572)

OSJ045  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the Order banner from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.38g (R.S.1; F 6). Despite a tiny dig between M & P next to the standard, a very attractive coin, extremely fine with much luster and rare. £3,450

OSJ046  AR 4 Tarì, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a charger, 11.47g (R.S.3). An attractive coin, pleasantly toned, extremely fine and very rare £2,250

OSJ047  AR 2 Tarì, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev head of St. John on a raised charger, 7.53g (R.S.12: this coin). Toned, very fine and extremely rare. £2,350

Jean Levesque de la Cassière (1572-1581)

OSJ048  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.43g (R.S.1; F 7). Slightly weakly struck in parts, otherwise extremely fine and very rare. £2,650

OSJ049  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.43g (R.S.2; F 7). Nearly extremely fine and very rare. £2,750
OSJ050  AE Picciolo, undated, arms of the Grand Master, rev Maltese cross, 0.45g (R.S.27). Almost very fine and very rare. £115

Hugues Loubenx de Verdala (1582-1595)

OSJ051  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.42g (R.S.4; F 8). Slightly weak on St. John’s face, nearly extremely fine with some lustre and extremely rare. £2,250

Martin Garzes (1595-1601)

OSJ052  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.41g (R.S.6; F 8). Good very fine and very rare. £1,950

OSJ053  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the Order banner from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.38g (R.S.6; F 9). Very fine and very rare. £950

OSJ054  AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, rev Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.38g (R.S.11 var.; F 9). Good very fine and very rare. £1,500
Alof de Wignacourt (1601-1622)

**OSJ055**  
AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the Order banner from St. John standing right, *rev* Christ surrounded by eleven stars in an ellipse, 3.40g (R.S.1; F 10). *A well detailed strike, nearly extremely fine with some lustre and extremely rare.*  
£1,875

**OSJ056**  
AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the Order banner from St. John standing right, *rev* Christ surrounded by nine stars in an ellipse, 3.32g (R.S.5; F 10). *Lustrous, nearly extremely fine and very rare.*  
£1,425

**OSJ057**  
AR 4 Tarì, 1609, crowned shield quartered with the arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, dividing value, *rev* head of St. John on a charger, 10.37g (R.S.12: *this coin*). *Some old scratches beneath old cabinet tone, good very fine and very rare.*  
£950

**OSJ058**  
AR 4 Tarì, 1620, crowned shield quartered with the arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, dividing value, *rev* head of St. John on a charger, 10.51g (R.S.16). *Toned, good very fine and extremely rare.*  
£1,275

Antoine de Paule (1623-1636)

**OSJ059**  
AV Zecchino, undated, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing facing, raising his right hand in benediction, *rev* Christ standing facing surrounded by eleven stars in an ellipse, 3.39g (R.S.3; F 11). *Slightly weakly struck in parts, otherwise nearly extremely fine and extremely rare.*  
£9,950
OSJ060  AR 4 Tari, 1623, crowned quartered shield of arms dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 10.63g (R.S.6: this coin). Pleasing very fine and very rare. £875

OSJ061  AR 4 Tari, 1629, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 10.31g (R.S.16). Nearly extremely fine and very rare £975

OSJ062  AR 3 Tari, 1626, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master dividing value, rev Maltese cross dividing date, 7.74g (R.S.22). Toned very fine and extremely rare. £925

OSJ063  AR 3 Tari, 1628, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master dividing value, rev Maltese cross dividing date, 7.89g (R.S.24: this coin). Almost extremely fine and very rare. £975

OSJ064  AE 3 Piccioli, undated, quartered arms of the Order and of the Grand Master, rev large 3, 1.77g (R.S.45). Very fine for issue. £55
Jean-Paul Lascaris Castellar (1636-1657)

OSJ065  AR 4 Tari, 1637, crowned quartered shield of arms dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 10.64g (R.S.4: *this coin*). Toned, nearly extremely fine and rare. £925

OSJ066  AR 4 Tari, 1648, crowned quartered shield of arms dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 10.49g (R.S.19). Pleasantly toned, extremely fine and very rare. £1,100

OSJ067  AR 3 Tari, 1649, crowned quartered shield of arms dividing value, rev Maltese cross dividing date, 7.76g (R.S.36). Edge imperfection by 3 o’clock, otherwise toned good very fine and very rare. £525

OSJ068  AE 4 Tari, 1641, reading “LASCRIS” in obverse legend, crowned quartered shield of arms dividing sun and moon, rev two clasped hands between date and value, all within a line of clouds (R.S.56). An extraordinarily attractive specimen, nearly extremely fine and very rare. £1,150

Martin de Redin (1657-1660)

OSJ069  AR 2 Tari, undated, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master, 5.12g (Sch. p.203, 1; F p.338). Toned very fine and rare. £1,875
Nicolas Cotoner (1663-1680)

OSJ070  AR 4 Tari, 1663, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 9.47g (Sch. p.105; R.S. 1). Somewhat weakly struck in parts, very fine and very rare. £1,675

Ex Hess-Divo Sale 267, lot 819

OSJ071  AR 4 Tari, 1667, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 10.42g (R.S.6). Slightly double struck on reverse with weak legends, but very fine and very rare. £1,950

Ex Glendining’s Sale, 22 May 1974, lot 139

OSJ072  AR 4 Tari, 1668, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master dividing value, rev head of St. John on a charger, 10.64g (R.S.7: this coin). Pleasantly toned, good very fine and extremely rare. £2,350

Adrien de Wignacourt (1690-1697)

OSJ073  AV Zecchino, 1691, Grand Master kneeling left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing facing to right, date in exergue, rev crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ellipse, 3.45g (R.S.2; F 15). Good very fine and extremely rare. £3,750

Bought Seaby, London, 1965
Ramon Perellos y Roccaful (1697-1720)

OSJ074  AV 2 Zecchini, undated, F RAIMVNDVS PERELLOS M M HOS HIER, crowned arms of the Grand Master quartered with those of the Order, in an ornate shield supported by palm branches, rev. MIHI GLORIA HOSTIBVS EXITIVM, a knight standing facing holding the flag of the Order in his left hand, and brandishing a sword with the right hand, 6.82 (R.S.7; Sch. p.118, 1; Azz.817; Fr.20). Struck on a large flan, very fine and of the highest rarity. Probably one of only 3 specimens known, and missing from every major collection. £19,000

OSJ075  AR Carlino (1/2 Tari), crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield, rev. crowned arms of the Order, 1.36g (R.S.20; KM 131). Toned good very fine and rare. £350

Antonio Manuel de Vilhena (1722-1736)

OSJ076  AV 4 Zecchini, 1723, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev. crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield, 13.79g (R.S.10; F 26). An important coin, nearly extremely fine and extremely rare. £7,750

Bought Münzen und Medaillen, Basel 1965

OSJ077  AV 4 Zecchini, 1724, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev. crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield, 13.75g (R.S.16; F 26). Extremely fine with a nice red tone and very rare. £7,250

Bought Seaby, London 1966

OSJ078  AV 2 Zecchini, 1723, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev. crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield, 6.94g (R.S.26; F 27). Nearly extremely fine and very rare. £4,650
OSJ079  AV Zecchino, 1725, crowned arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master on a round shield between two palm branches, rev knight kneeling to left and receiving the banner of the Order from St. John standing right, 3.44g (R.S.42; F 28). With some nice red toning, very fine with a better obverse and very rare. £2,850

OSJ080  AR 2 Scudi, 1724, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev two oval shields bearing the arms of the Order and of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate cartouche under a crown, 29.66g (R.S.54; Dav.1594). Some haymarking on obverse but generally a very attractive piece, good extremely fine and very rare. £1,875

Ramon Despuig (1736-1741)

OSJ081  AR 2 Scudi, 1738, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate cartouche under a crown, dividing date at top and value at bottom, 24.66g (R.S.2; Dav.1598). Lightly toned, about extremely fine and very rare. £975

Bought Nascia, Milan 1963

OSJ082  AR Scudo, 1738, draped and cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate cartouche under a crown, dividing date at top and value at bottom, 12.38g (R.S.17). Beautifully toned, extremely fine and very rare £2,250

Bought Ratto, Milan 1963
OSJ083  AR Scudo, 1738, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate cartouche under a crown, dividing date at top and value at bottom, 11.92g (R.S.12).  
Almost very fine.  
£175

Ex Glendining's Auction, 22 May 1974, lot 196

OSJ084  AR 6 Tari, 1739, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, rev head of St. John on a charger, date in exergue, 6.86g (R.S.18: this coin).  An important coin, toned, nearly extremely fine and extremely rare.  
£6,500

Bought Münzen und Medaillen, Basel 1965

Emmanuel Pinto (1741-1773)

OSJ085  AV 4 Zecchini, undated (1741-1742), cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown (R.S.4; F 31a).  Some light adjustment marks, very fine with a red tone and rare.  (NGC Graded as XF40)  
£2,250

OSJ086  AV 2 Zecchini, undated, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master on an ornate shield under a crown, 6.88g (R.S.11; F 32a).  Very fine and very rare.  
£2,350

OSJ087  AV 2 Zecchini, undated, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, 6.94g (R.S.14; F 32a).  With an appealing red tone, about very fine and very rare.  
£1,475
OSJ088  AV Zecchino, undated, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, *rev* arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, 3.25g (R.S.20; F 33a). *A very attractive coin, nearly extremely fine with much lustre and very rare.* £1,675

OSJ089  AV 20 Scudi, 1764, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, date in exergue, *rev* crowned arms of the Order over Maltese cross surrounded by Order chain dividing value at bottom, 16.74g (R.S.28; F 34). *A tiny edge split at 2 o’clock, otherwise nearly extremely fine with a nice red tone and very rare.* £2,450

OSJ090  AV 20 Scudi, 1765, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, date below, *rev* crowned arms of the Order over Maltese cross surrounded by Order chain dividing value at bottom, 16.62g (R.S.29; F 34). *Nearly extremely fine and very rare.* £2,450

OSJ091  AV 20 Scudi, 1764, arms of the Order and of the Grand Master in ornate shields between laurel branches under a crown, *rev* St. John standing facing, holding the banner of the Order and pointing at Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 15.57g (R.S.22; F 35). *Lustrous extremely fine, and rare.* £1,950

OSJ092  AV 10 Scudi, 1756, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, *rev* St. John standing facing and holding the banner of the Order, Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 7.89g (R.S.34; F 36). *Pleasing good very fine and rare.* £990
OSJ093  AV 10 Scudi, 1762, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield between two laurel branches and under a crown, rev St. John standing facing holding the banner of the Order and pointing at Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 7.87g (R.S.46; F 36). Good very fine. £890

OSJ094  AV 10 Scudi, 1763, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield between two laurel branches and under a crown, rev St. John standing facing holding the banner of the Order and pointing at Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 7.89g (R.S.48; F 36). Extremely fine with much lustre and rare. £1,275

OSJ095  AR 30 Tarì, 1757, lettered edge “H”, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, rev St. John standing facing holding the banner of the Order, the Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 29.03g (R.S.65 var.). Very fine. £325

OSJ096  AR 15 Tarì, 1759, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, rev St. John standing facing holding the banner of the Order and pointing at the sky, the Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 14.51g (R.S.107; KM-). Beautifully toned, very fine and rare. £135

OSJ097  AR 15 Tarì, 1761, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield between laurel and palm branches and under a crown, rev St. John standing facing holding the banner of the Order and pointing at the sky, the Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue, 14.62g (R.S.109; KM 259). Some light adjustment marks on reverse, very fine. £185

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OSJ098  AR 15 Tarì, 1769, arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master in an ornate shield under a crown, rev St. John standing facing holding the banner of the Order and pointing at the Paschal lamb at his feet, value in exergue (R.S.118; KM 258.2). Some light adjustment marks on the edge of both sides, toned good very fine for issue. £165

Ex Glendining’s Sale, 22 May 1974, lot 271
Francisco Ximenez de Texada (1773-1775)

**OSJ099** AV 20 Scudi, 1773, draped and cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, *rev* arms of the Order next to the arms of the Grand Master in ornate shields under a crown dividing value at top, 16.62g (R.S.1; F 38). *Some faint hairlines in obverse field, otherwise nearly extremely fine and very rare.* £4,400

**OSJ100** AV 10 Scudi, 1773, draped and cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, *rev* arms of the Order and arms of the Grand Master on ornate shields beside each other under a crown dividing value at top, 8.38g (R.S.6; F 39). *A very pretty coin with a lovely red tone and attractive surfaces, brilliant extremely fine and very rare.* £2,400

**OSJ101** AR 2 Scudi, 1774, draped and cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, date below, *rev* arms of the Order and arms of the Grand Master on ornate shields beside each other between palm and laurel branches under a crown dividing value at top, 23.59g (R.S.15; Dav.1605). *Edge imperfection at 11 o’clock, otherwise very fine and rare.* £260

**OSJ102** AR Scudo, 1773, draped and cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, *rev* arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master on a round shield in an ornate frame under a crown dividing date at top and value at bottom, 12.00g (R.S.17; KM 286). *Very fine and rare.* £250
OSJ103  AR Scudo, 1774, draped and cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, *rev* arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master on a round shield in an ornate frame under a crown dividing date at top and value at bottom, 12.11g (R.S.21; KM 286). *Very fine and rare.* £275

Emmanuel de Rohan (1775-1797)

OSJ104  AV 20 Scudi, 1778, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, *rev* arms of the Order and arms of the Grand Master on oval shields beside each other under a crown, value below, 16.61g (R.S.2; F 43). *A superb coin with reflective fields and much lustre, all of extremely fine and rare.* £3,950

OSJ105  AV 20 Scudi, 1782, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, *rev* arms of the Order and those of the Grand Master on oval shields beside each other under a crown dividing value at top, 16.53g (R.S.7; F 43). *Some light adjustment marks on reverse, almost extremely fine with much lustre and very rare.* £2,150

Bought Ratto, Milan 1963

OSJ106  AV 10 Scudi, 1778, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, date below, *rev* arms of the Order and those of the Grand Master on oval shields beside each other under a crown, value below, 8.14g (R.S.8; F 44a). *Nearly extremely fine with much lustre and very rare.* £2,150
OSJ107  AV 10 Scudi, 1782, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master right, rev arms of the Order and those of the Grand Master on oval shields beside each other under a crown, value below, 8.14g (R.S.11; F 44). A very attractive coin, all of extremely fine with much brilliance and very rare. £2,750

OSJ112  AR 30 Tari, 1798, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master on a shield forming the body of a double headed eagle under a crown, dividing date and value at top, 29.96g (R.S.12; Dav.1611). In exceptional condition for issue, without any adjustment marks, all of extremely fine and scarce. £1,475

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OSJ113  AR 15 Tari, 1798, cuirassed bust of the Grand Master left, rev arms of the Order quartered with those of the Grand Master on a shield forming the body of a double headed eagle under a crown, dividing date and value at top, 14.80g (R.S.16). Some light adjustment marks, toned good very fine and very rare. £525

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