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**IN DECEMBER 2012, BENEDICT XVI RECOGNIZES THE O.S.M.T.H.
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Benedict XVI ° **The Pope of the Templars**

Over the years, both as Cardinal and later in his Pontificate, Joseph Ratzinger has shown sympathy for the Knights Templar.

Let's see some examples:

1. A few years ago one of the periodic commemorations of the life and work of Saint Bernard of Chiaravalle was held solemnly in the Cisterciense abbey of Casamari in Ciociaria, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger presided over the celebrations. The event was also attended by a group of knights from the Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolimyitani Ordo, led by the Italian grand tutor Rocco Zingaro di San Ferdinando, due to the fact that they fell into the white cloaks of the official uniform. An unusual event happened. Ratzinger, through his personal secretary, expressed the desire that the Templars be placed on his right during the homily and for the duration of the event.
2. In his speech Pope Benedict XVI, during the first public appearance he defined himself as "humble worker in the vineyard of God". These same words were written in the early 1300s in the "Prisoner Templar Prayer".
3. And we come to the most striking case: the document in which we speak in this special issue of our publication: the desire to reopen the Templar trial, to give the Knights back their place in history.

Unfortunately, the resignation of Benedict XVI and the advent of Bergoglio seem to have blocked this process. We would like to remind you that Bergoglio, due to pension reasons of Cardinal Ruoco Varela, a great friend of Benedict XVI, took over the Spanish Cardinal from all his posts.

The right way

by S.E. Cav. Grand Cross Marco Pirillo
Grand Chancellor of the Order



I greet with great appreciation this special issue of "Le Beaucéant", an excellent information body edited by the Commanderie "Mansio Templi Lucensis Sancti Petri" of Lucca, led for many years now by the competence of the Comm. Amerigo De Cesari, a "longtime Templar", great connoisseur of the ancient and modern history of the Order.

The unexpected initiative with which this issue deals, which Pope Benedict XVI took on in 2012, reopens a theme, or rather a wound, that we Templars, modern for the registry office, but ancient for history, still feel open, that is, our relationship with the church in general and the Pope in particular.

This is certainly not the place to retrace the painful vicissitudes of the Order, but since, in 1312, Pope Clement V°, through the bull "Vox in excelso", suspended the administrative order (neither dissolved nor abolished), the poor knights of Christ, humiliated and disoriented, were forced to live in secret. When he returned to meet, certainly in a modern way, but in the tradition, continuity and old values, the relationship with the Catholic Church, never resolved, was entrusted to the good will and understanding of individual priests, that they related and they relate to us "only" for personal esteem and appreciation, not being able to do it for institutional "duty".

In light of this, Pope Ratzinger's undeniable attention to us, which the CNN article testifies, shows that the Pope was certainly moving in conjunction with the centenary of the martyrdom of Grand Master Jacques de Molay. We do not know whether the assignment to Card. Ruoco Varela to contact our late Grand Master Dom Fernando Pinto Pereira de Sousa Fontes was unofficial, or with an official mandate with a decree of appointment, certainly a road, that right, it had been undertaken. Hopefully this is a beginning, mindful of when, in 1147, Pope Eugene III gave the Knights Templar permission to bear, as a symbol, a red Greek cross with calyx tips. We hope that that road is reopened. As far as our path is concerned, we will continue in the right, to which our motto reminds us: "Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini Tuo da gloriam"



The pope who wanted to rehabilitate the Templars

by S.E. Cav. Grand Cross Giovanni Zipponi
Grand Prior for Italy



When the most distinguished Comm. Amerigo De Cesari, whom I sincerely thank for bringing this news to light, informed me - document in hand - of the extraordinary initiative that Pope Benedict XVI had implemented at the end of 2012 against the Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani, my heart filled with immense joy.

Joseph Ratzinger on several occasions, had expressed interest and sympathy for the Knights of the Temple, but no one would have imagined that the Holy Father would come to perform an extraordinary action, such as that of trying to rehabilitate the Templars after 700 of abandonment; an even more unexpected initiative if one takes into account that the Popes who preceded him and the high ecclesiastical hierarchy had never dared, probably for fear of the historical,

juridical, moral and, of course, also economic implications.

It is sensational that Pope Ratzinger chose to place our historic Order at the center of his interest, expertly led for almost seventy years by the Grand Masters Antonio and Fernando Sousa Fontes, the last heirs of a neo-Templar genealogy that dates back to the times of the French Revolution.

In the "archipelago" of the large number of Templar Orders, which arose spontaneously, or following splits caused by personal ambitions, having chosen to start contacts exclusively with our late Grand Master, Dom Fernando Sousa Fontes, represents the legitimacy of history, culture and of the actions of the OSMTH, and the recognition of his descent from the Templar ancestors. An extraordinary testimony that must be a reason for so much pride for us that we belong to this historical Order and that we continue to defend and support in honor and glory of the same.

Unfortunately, fate has meant that this revolutionary project came to a halt the following year with Ratzinger's renunciation of the Apostolic Throne. I believe that for the leaders of the Holy Church the Knights of the Temple have returned to oblivion and that of this great initiative we will have nothing left but the news published, at the time, by the CNN broadcaster.

We must be proud that the Holy Father, Benedict XVI, with great courage and determination, has shown that he believes in our ancient and most venerable Order. An authoritative confirmation that we Knights Templar of the OSMTH are right, and will continue to be so under the guidance of the current Grand Master Dom Albino Neves, whom Dom Fernando, before dying, legitimately appointed to succeed him at the top of the Order, together with his daughter Maria Suzana Pinto de Fontes.



The document found



In 2012, in my wandering on the internet, always looking for news on the Order of the Knights Templar, I came across an article by CNN which reported the news that Pope Benedict XVI ° had commissioned the Spanish Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela, responsible of the canonical process of revision of the Templar cause, started over 700 years ago by Pope Clement V °.

I copied the text, which was in Spanish, translated it into Italian and published it on my Facebook group "Knights Templar".

As soon as possible, I talked about it with the then regents of the Italian Grand Priory O.S.M.T.H., the news was received with interest, but there was the problem that what I was holding was simply the Italian translation of an internet page that I could no longer find. And the thing was shelved.

In 2019 my transcription of the old article came into my hands, hidden in the folds of the computer and I talked about it with the new leadership of the Grand Priory of Italy.

This aroused great interest, but the Grand Prior asked me not to make public the news of this discovery, until we had managed to hold the official document proving this news.

For months and months I searched my computer for what was downloaded from the CNN website, without being able to find anything.

I tried to find that file unnecessarily. When I had already given up all hope, I find on a USB flash drive forgotten in a box, a file with a strange definition: .mht

After various difficulties in trying to open it, here it is!

Miraculously, the CNN website reappears where news of the assignment given to Cardinal Ruoco Varela is given!

Now it's official: the O.S.M.T.H. by Sousa Fontes, now run by the Grand Master D.O.M. Albino Neves, was indirectly recognized by Pope Benedict XVI, as the only descendant of the Order of the Knights Templar!

Comm. Amerigo De Cesari





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La Santa Sede nombra a Rouco Varela para atender a la Causa Templaria

Por Iván Pérez Sarmentí

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Have you ever noticed that the pallium that appears under pope Benedict XVI's coat of arms looks like the Beaucéant?

English translation of the text of the article published on the CNN website in the Spanish-Argentine language. We would like to clarify that the article was written in Argentine because the Spanish used in Argentina differs in some expressions and idioms from the native language used in Spain.

In this translation we did not want to make a literary translation, which would have led to a bad interpretation of the text, but to make it in more fluent English for a better understanding.

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The Holy See has appointed Ruoco Varela to review the Templar Cause.

By Iván Pérez Sarmenti

(CNN Rome) - The Holy See, through its spokesman Federico Lombardi, announced in today's press conference that Pope Benedict XVI has decided to appoint Cardinal Antonio Maria Ruoco Varela as responsible for carrying out the canonical process of the Templar cause started over 700 years ago by Pope Clement V °. In the thirteenth century Pope Clement V, initiated the case against the Knights Templar driven indirectly by the ambitions of King Philip IV, known as "the beautiful", which will cost the suspension of the Order, a legal situation that in actuality, since then, it continues without a definition. Pope Clement V °, under the pressure of the French king, convened in 1308, with the publication of the Bull "Regnum in coelis", the Council of Vienne, which was celebrated between 1311 and 13012, at the conclusion of which, the Bull "Vox in excelso", with which the Templar Order was suppressed. Lombardi stressed that Cardinal Ruoco Varela hoped to meet the highest authority of the Order worldwide, the Master of the organization identified as Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani , based in Portugal, the Royal Count Don Fernando Pinto Camperia de Sousa Fontes, of the royal house Sousa-Fontes; due to the fact that at the present time he is the only one who is in possession of documents and evidence that accredit the Templar lineage directly from the beginning of the persecution of the Order. At the end of the press conference, Cardinal Varela declared that he hoped to reach an agreement on the steps to follow, with respect to the fate of what currently exists of the famous Order since, to date, it is assumed that a part of the existing orders have been contaminated over the years, by Masonic groups repeatedly condemned by the Holy See. The process, which will begin during the next feast of the "Epiphany", will have to be defined in a short time, since Pope Benedict XVI ° hopes to be able to issue a document that could resolve a complaint that has lasted more than 700 years due to the ambiguity of the trial against the Templars. One of the options could be that the Holy See appoints a Cardinal to place him at the head of the organization (O.S.M.T.H.), which begins a restructuring phase and which allows the Order to regularize its position within the Catholic Church.

The protagonists



Pope Benedict XVI



**The Cardinal
Ruoco Varela**



**The Grand Master
Sousa Fontes**

Proposal

I would like to propose to the Grand Master D.O.M. Albino Neves, through the Grand Prior for Italy H.E. Cav. Gr. Cr. Giovanni Zipponi and the Grand Master Chancellor Assistant to the Grand Master, H.E. Cav. Gr. Croce Marco Pirillo, since we are not aware of the exact date on which Benedict XVI gave the commission to Cardinal Ruoco Varela, to raise December 28, the day of publication of the article that concerns us, as a day of celebration of our Order.

Comm. Amerigo De Cesari



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