

The Martinist Order

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The Order, in its whole, is above all a school of moral chivalry, trying hard to develop spirituality in its members by the study of the invisible world and its laws, by the exercise of devotion and of intellectual assistance, and by the creation in each spirit of a faith, all the more solid because it is based on observation and science. Martinism derives directly from Christian Illuminism and has adopted its principles:

- Forming the real centre of this living University, that will one day recreate the marriage without division of Science and Faith, without epithet, Martinism tries to be worthy of this name by establishing superior schools of metaphysical and physiological science, disdainfully moved away from classical teachings under the pretext that it is occult.
- Our epoch of scepticism, of adoration of the material world and of atheism, needed so badly a frank Christian reaction, independent of all clergies, that in all the countries where it has penetrated, Martinism has saved many souls from doubt, despair and suicide. It brought back to the comprehension of Christ many spirits that certain clerical actions had moved away from Faith.
- Not asking from its members any contribution, nor entrance fees into the Order, neither asking any regular tribute from the Lodges to the Supreme Council, Martinism has remained faithful to its spirit and origins by making material poverty its very first rule.
- Martinists want to be Christians, free from any clerical connection, and the accusations of “Satanism” will just make them shrug their shoulders, while asking Heaven for mercy for those who slandered them unfairly.
- Martinists do not practise any magic, be it white or black. They study, they pray and they forgive injustices.
- Martinism does not ask its members for any oaths of passive obedience, nor does it impose on them any dogma, be it materialistic or clerical, thus leaving them in a perfect freedom of consciousness.
- We simply remain fervent Knights of Christ, enemies of violence and vengeance, resolute synarchists, opposed to any anarchy from above or below, in one word, Martinists, as have been our glorious ancestors Martines de Pasqually, Claude de Saint-Martin and Willermoz!