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CIRCULATION MOTOR VEHICLES OF SOVEREIGN MILITARY
ORDER OF MERCY
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2 December, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIANCE COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
LEO 394

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1 December, 1944,

Subject : Motor Vehicle Circulating Permits.

To : Regional Commissioner, Lazio Umbria Region.
(Attention : Chief of Motor Transportation Division).

1. Transmitted herewith is an application form for a circulating permit completed by the Sovereign Military Order of ~~the~~ ^{St. Mary} of U.S.A. in respect of a motor vehicle No. 62756 ROMA.
2. The Order is an old established welfare society connected with prisons, and the families of prisoners, and works in conjunction with the procurator.
3. On the recommendation of the Prisons Division of this Sub Commission, it is requested that a circulating permit and a standard petrol ration card, be issued in respect of the vehicle in question. The Secretary of the Order will attend at the Registration Center, with the Licenza di Circolazione issued in respect of the vehicle and the fee of 50 lire for the issue of the permit.
4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Commerce Sub Commission, this Headquarters, in accordance with instructions contained in POL Instruction No. 1.

Wm. C. Ballance *may*
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fw JOHN W. CH. P. H.
Colonel J. G. B. ...
Director, Public Safety
Sub Commission

(Attention: Chief of Motor Transportation Division).

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4. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Commerce Sub Commission, this Headquarters, in accordance with instructions contained in POL Instruction No. 1.

Enclosure.

1 Application form.

Copy:

Commerce Sub Commission.
(Attention Major A.S. Dyerston)

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fw JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Colonel J. G.D.
Director, Public Affairs
Sub Commission

Wm. Ballance

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This Order had done fine
work before and during the
war but it has not done
much now because of lack of
Transport. it is a very old
Welfare society and helps
prisoners families

Recommend approval

C W Hanby
Major

Revisions

Anything known
please concerning the work
not to be performed by
this Order.

W.C. Ballance
Major

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TRANSLATION

TO : ALLIED COMMAND
TRANSPORT OFFICE IN ROME.

PATRONAGE for the
Assistance at the Prisoners
and post-prisoners.

The Sovereign Royal Order of the Mercy (S.M.O. Aragon U.S.A.)
assist the prisoner's families and collaborate with this
Patronage with its Knights at the assistance in all prisons
in Rome and Province. The Order needs to go with its Knights
in Rome and in many other localities (Tivoli, Civitavecchia,
Viterbo) and has many difficulties in these moments of
poor transports.

We know that the Grand Magister of the Order ask for the issue
of a circulating permit for a motor vehicle at its service
and we forward this request at your kind consideration.

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Procuratore del Regno
Roma

Roma, 7 novembre 1944



CONSIGLIO DI PATRONATO
per l'assistenza carce-
raria e post-carceraria

On. COMANDO ALLEATO

UFFICIO TRASPORTI in ROMA

Il C.R.M.O. della Mercede (S.M.O.d'Aragona U.S.A.) at-
tende all'assistenza delle famiglie dei carcerati e colla-
bora per mezzo dei suoi Cavalieri ai compiti propri di Que-
sto Patronato. Per lo svolgimento delle sue attività be-
nefiche ed assistenziali (fra cui ispezioni nelle abita-
zioni delle famiglie dei carcerati e accesso ai vari isti-
tuti di pena in Roma e circoscrizione) Esso ha sovente bi-
sogno di spostarsi per mezzo dei suoi Cavalieri nella Cit-
tà e fuori (Tivoli, Civitavecchia, Viterbo ecc.) e la man-
canza o il difetto dei normali mezzi di trasporto paraliz-
za i suddetti compiti.

Si è a conoscenza che il Gran Magistero dell'Ordine chie-
de l'autorizzazione per l'uso di un automezzo e, pertanto,
si incoraggia l'eventuale accoglimento della istanza, per
cui sarebbe grandemente favorita l'opera di assistenza di
Questo Consiglio di Patronato.

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per Il Procuratore del Regno 6952
Presidente del Consiglio di Patronato
presso il Tribunale di Roma

Prof. R. E. L. L. L.



Sovereign Royal Military Order of Mercy
of the U. S. A.

L'Espresso per l'Italia

ROMA

Via Quattro Fontane 147

N.71 PR.L

Rome, October 31st. 1944

To: Transport Office,
A.M.G.,
ROME

In compliance with your verbal request and in connection with the application filed by our Grand-master for the circulation permit for a motor-car, I wish to supply the following information:

- The Order of Mercy for the rescue of slaves was founded by James I of Aragon in 1218; it is, therefore about 800 years old.
- The glorious ancient history of the Order has become known through the numerous works dealing with it.
- In 1934, Father Garrido Blanco -who was at the time Grand-master of the Order, vested the Major Commandery of Kansas City, Mo., with the prerogatives of Grand Doctorship and the Baly of Americas, Prof. Paschal L. Romeo, with the rank of Grand-master.
- On Dec. 21. 1936 Paschal L. Romeo, in his capacity, together with Z.Z. Williams and L.G. Hartshorn, appeared before Mary Alice Cooper, Public Notary in Jackson County, and deposited with same the pro-forma Decree of incorporation of the Sovereign Royal Military Order of Mercy of the United States of America.

Said Decree was registered in the Archives of the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, Custodian of the Seal of the State, Dwight H. Brown, as certified by document issued to Jefferson City by the afore-mentioned Secretary of State and countersigned by the Chief Chancellor J. R. Holman.

- In the "Case of the request for a decree of incorporation of the Royal Military Order of Mercy, the County Courts of Jackson County, after fulfilling requisite procedure ordered, decreed and sentenced the creation of a political and corporative body by the name of Royal Military Order of Mercy" (John D. Burns Chancellor, M.L. Brosnahan Asst. Chancellor).
- It is wellknown how extensively the Order has operated in America.
- In Italy, in the meantime, the Order continued its charitable activity.
- In July 1943 the "Gran Magistero" instituted a Lieutenantancy for Italy and appointed the undersigned Lieutenant.
- In September 1943 the "Gran Magistero" instructed the writer to form a clandestine committee against the Nazis. The activity of this Committee was reported to the War Ministry under the caption "Group Avv. Cocola" and is mentioned in reports made by other clandestine groups ("Commissione visitatrice del carcere" Battaglione Messe), as well as in newspapers and books (e.g. "Roma sotto il terrore nazi-fascista" by Armando Trosio).
- At present the Order has its quarters in Via Quattro Fontane 147, a Center for distribution of food in Via S. Girolamo della Carità 64, A Medical Center at the same address, and is planning to open a few more, particularly in view of the forthcoming winter.
- Furthermore, the Order is taking over three schools in different sections in Rome, far away one from the other.
- We consider it, therefore, essential to have a motor-car at our disposal.

- In Naples the "Assistenzario dei Liberati del Carcere" is entrusted to the Order of Mercy and it is hoped that, in consideration of the very satisfactory results obtained, other Institutions of this kind will be entrusted to this Order.

- We are now organising the "Association of the Italian Knights of the Order of Mercy", which, of course, shall have no political aims or objects, although, obviously, in view of the nature and character of the Royal Military Order, it is not difficult to determine what its political sentiments might be.

- From the foregoing it is clear that it is absolutely necessary for the Order to obtain through your kindness a circulation permit for the Italian liberated territory. The motor-car will be used by the Dignitaries of the Order i.e. the Grand-master and the Lieutenant, when necessary, by the Physician of the Order whenever requested to assist poor patients at home, and Knights of the Order having special duties for the supervision and organization and holding regular authorization issued by this Office under its own responsibility.

Trusting to receive a favourable reply, we remain,
Yours truly,

IL LUOGOTENENTE PER L'ITALIA PI. M. T.

Am. Enzo Cuccia



SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTERDOM
OF THE
ROYAL MILITARY ORDER OF ARAGON (Mercy)
U. S. A.

1. UOGOTENENZA D'ITALIA
Via dei Bresciani 23

Kansas City, Mo.

Rome October 23rd, 1944

A.C. Transportation Office

Rome

We have the honor to apply for a permit of free circulation in the City of Rome and in the other territories liberated of a Fiat car 508, N. 62756, Rome, in the name of Gino Bartolucci.

The car will be driven by Mr Ignazio Cocola and some time by Gino Bartolucci.

Our Order is a Corporation of the State of Missouri relating to "Benevolent, Religious, Beneficial, Educational, and Miscellaneous Associations, under Article 10, Chapter 32, of Revised Statutes of 1929, operating all over the world. We need said car for we are engaged in active propaganda for the assistance of prisoners and their families, those liberated from prison, and other assistential and welfare work.

Thanking you in advance, We remain,

Very Truly Yours

THE S. R. M. O. of Aragon of the U.S.A.

Z. Z. Williams, Sec'y

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