



## THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE GUARD OF HONOR AT THE ROYAL TOMBS OF THE PANTHEON ORGANIZATION

The Institute is an Italian non-profit organization under the supervision of the Ministry of Defense. The Institute does not benefit from subsidies either from the state or from private organizations: it lives and thrives only with the annual contributions of its members, which ensures the absolute independence of the Institute.

### The President

Since its foundation, the Institute has always been chaired by the **President**, an effective officer (in auxiliary, reserve or on leave). The President is assisted by:

- 3 consultants
- 3 members of the disciplinary council
- a secretary
- regional delegates
- provincial delegates
- special appointees to specific duties (librarian, video library, press)

### The General Council

The General Council is the Parliament of the Institute. It meets annually and decides on the budget and the activities of the Institute.

In addition to those listed above, the President is assisted by a General Council which includes:

- 3 auditors plus two alternates;
- 3 members of the Disciplinary Commission;
- inspectors in the maximum number of thirty-six;
- provincial delegates and delegates in foreign countries;

The structure of the Institute is also composed of a General Council which includes:

- a) three consultants
- b) thirty-six inspectors;
- c) three members of the disciplinary commission, one of whom chosen from among the consultants;
- d) the regional delegates, provincial delegates and the delegates of foreign countries.

There is also a board of auditors (three plus two alternates) and a secretarial office.

**Staff:** the Institute currently has about 5,000 members in Italy and abroad.

### Acknowledgments of Merit:

According to the Statute in force, approved with Royal Decree no. 1348 of September 25, 1832, signed by His Majesty King Vittorio Emanuele III, the members are divided into:

- Aspiring Honor Guards
- Honor Guards (after six months from registration and having performed at least two services at the Pantheon)
- Select Honorary Guards chosen (1% of the force to be chosen among those who have performed the most services.

The following merit awards are then provided:

- Medal (with relative diploma) of Merit, instituted by His Majesty King Vittorio Emanuele III, then Honorary President of the Institute, with Royal Decree of August 14, 1920, to be awarded to members who have distinguished themselves for having contributed to the increase and prestige of the Institute;
- Medal (with relative diploma) for service Merit, established by His Majesty King Umberto II, to be awarded to members who have performed at least 6 services in the calendar year (if resident outside Lazio) and at least 18 services (if resident in Lazio).