

## **ORDER OF THE WHITE EAGLE**

- Originally Polish Order, it was founded by King Vladislav I in commemoration of his son's marriage in 1325. However, only in 1705 the Order was brought back to life, and became the Highest Polish Award, after being conferred upon Peter the Great by Polish King August II on November 1, 1705.
- When Poland was annexed to Russia after the Napoleonic War of 1812, the Order became incorporated with other Russian Orders, not only after February 4, 1921, it was yet again revived for solely Polish use.
- The Order had one class and was awarded for services in both Civil and Military divisions. It could come with diamonds (for exceptional services), military type insignia came with swords.
- Non-Christian version of the Order had cross replaced with the Imperial Eagle.



- 2003 **Neck badge.** Ca. 1850's. GOLD. 76 mm. No markings. Was given to those already awarded by the Order of St. Andrew the First Called. Shishkov p. 285. Production of Orders without any marks was typical in Russia for Mid 1800's. *Extremely rare*  
*Condition:* Few very minimal cheeps of enamel, minimal wear \$ 25,000
- 2004 **Breast Star.** By Albert Keibel. 1880's – 1890's. 89 mm. Silver. Enameled. Gold plated. Hall-marked 84, Imperial warrant mark, 'Keibel' firm mark.  
*Condition:* Choice and absolutely problems free with all original gilding remain \$ 4,000