

# Button

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This round metal diaper pin badge is in the colors of the green, white and red patriotes. It features a black-and-white portrait of a man (François-Marie-Thomas-Chevalier de Lorimier). Black lettering surrounds the illustration.

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Materials metal, paper, plastic

Measurements 2,1 cm

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## Historical context

This button illustrates the execution by hanging of François-Marie-Thomas-Chevalier de Lorimier, known as Chevalier de Lorimier, on February 15, 1839, at the Pied-du-Courant prison in Montreal.

A politically committed and fervent patriot, de Lorimier became involved in the rebellions and was forced into exile in the United States in January 1838, like many other patriot leaders. Across the border, he took an active part in organizing a new insurrection.

Arrested on November 12, 1838 as he attempted to flee to the United States for a second time, he was convicted on January 21, 1839 of high treason and sentenced to death. On February 15, 1839, he was led to the gallows along with four patriots: Amable Daunais, Charles Hindelang, Pierre-Rémi Narbonnem and François Nicolas.

These executions were the result of the British army's repression of the Patriote uprisings of 1837-1838, the culmination of a political crisis born of the desire to reform the political system in sock Canada.

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