



## **Golden Fly (Order of Valour) As Jewels of honour During the New Kingdom**

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### **Abstract**

There were a large number of insects represented in Ancient Egypt such as bees, beetles, locusts and flies. The common housefly was a source of the disturbance everywhere in Ancient Egyptian life. It is difficult and impossible to identify the species of flies depicted in Egyptian art but it has been suggested that the Egyptians may have been familiar with them during their daily life.

For the prevention of diseases which could have been caused by insects, Ancient Egyptians did their best to get rid of them due to the wide spread of some of them such as flies.

Fly amulets appeared in the late predynastic period until the New Kingdom, there were made of various materials. During the New Kingdom flies made of gold had a special significance and it was used not only as jewellery of ornamented purpose but also as order of valour.

The aim of this current research is to highlight the golden fly (order of valour) as jewels of honor during the New Kingdom

To achieve that, the author based this research on collecting information from literature and museums catalogues as well as interpreting them to represent the importance of the research subject.

The results obtained revealed that fly made of gold had a special significance in the New Kingdom. This golden fly was considered as an honour awarded to people who took part in the struggle against the enemies of Egypt especially the Hyksos kings to drive them out of it. It perhaps symbolizes persistence in the face of opposition.

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