



SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM
KNIGHTS OF MALTA
FEDERATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES

Magisterial House

MAGISTERIAL DECREE 03 / 2018

To all Dames and Knights, Brethren of
Our Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights of Malta
Federation of Autonomous Priories,
let it be known by the present letters that

We, Jose, by the Grace of God Hereditary Regent and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus, Hereditary Prior Procurator General of the Grand Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Villedieu and by the Will of Our fellow Knights Grand Master and Head of State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also said of the Knights of Malta, in virtue of the Constitutional powers bestowed upon Us, and

considering the constant and swift growth and progress of Our Sovereign Order and State in Several countries, regions, territories and communities ;

considering that the structure of Our Sovereign Order must correspond at all times to the real needs and perspectives of growth and of enlargement of our Humanitarian work in favour of all of those in need, who constitute the reason of Our existence as a Knightly Order;

considering not only the recent growth of our Sovereign Order in several countries, regions, territories and communities, but also that we have now in all of these places the human resources and the structure required to dully render honor this truly historical growth;

also considering that the competence, high moral principles and exemplary humanitarian values of the Knights appointed hereinafter by the present Decree, who are known and dear to Us, must constitute an example to all of our Knights and Dames;

having had all the above stated facts in consideration and, in accordance with all the Articles of Chapter II and the Articles nr.º 2 and nr.º 3 and nrº 8 of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter,

We come to decree and We do decree:

ARTICLE 1. By the present Decree We create the following structures of our Sovereign Order:

a) *The Grand Priory of the Castilian Speaking Latin America*
to coordinate the work and the Knights and Dames of Our Sovereign Order in the countries, territories and communities in the American Continent that have as native language the Castilian, with the obvious exception of the Kingdom of Spain and its territories;



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b) *The Priory of Singapore*

to coordinate the work and the Knights and Dames of Our Sovereign Order in the territory of the Republic of Singapore ;

c) *The Priory of Hong Kong*

to coordinate the work and the Knights and Dames of Our Sovereign Order in the territory of the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong of the People's Republic of China.

ARTICLE 2. The Priories aforementioned in Article 1. of Our present Magisterial Decree are NOT, can NOT and will NOT, now or in the future, be considered, styled or recognized as Autonomous, for any purposes whatsoever, since they are integrant parts of the structure of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem (KMFAP), said of the Knights of Malta, and therefore can NOT, and will NOT exist out of the context of this Federation.

ARTICLE 3. If, for any reason whatsoever one or more of the Priories created and constituted by Our present Decree will attempt to separate, act without the knowledge and the consent of Our Magisterial House, or act apart or independently from The Federation of Priories (KMFAP), from its Grand Master or its Government, or against their specific orders and instructions, its leaders, as well as all of the Knights and Dames supporting them, will automatically be dishonorably expelled from Our Sovereign Order, and accordingly to the seriousness of the situation, the Grand Priory, itself, may be considered and declared by The Prince Grand Master as extinct, null and dissolved, all this being valid from the day of the event on and with no right of appeal of any kind.

ARTICLE 4. By the present Decree We come to appoint to lead the newly created Priories, having taken in consideration their high qualities, honourability and capabilities, Our following Knights:

a) *Sir José Manuel Gonzalez Testino* to the position of **GRAND PRIOR OF THE CASTILIAN SPEAKING LATIN AMERICA**

b) *Sir Yen Koon Desmond Teo* to the position of **PRIOR OF SINGAPORE**

c) *Sir Prof. Man Philip " Nagar " Lai* to the position of **PRIOR OF HONG KONG - PRC**

who will perform their duties reporting directly and exclusively to the Grand Master and to the Lieutenant General of our Sovereign Order.

ARTICLE 5. The above-named Grand Prior and Priors, as well as the Grand Prior of the Maltese Languge, appointed by Our Magisterial Decree nr° 06/17 and the Prior of Florida, appointed by Our




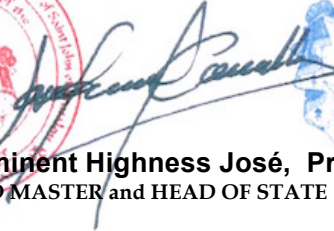

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Magisterial Decree nr° 01/18, all start their functions on this date and will be formally inaugurated in their high functions during the first coming Ceremony to which they can be present, separately or jointly.

ARTICLE 6. The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.

This decree, was given in three pages at Our Magisterial House in Malta, in the city of Zejtun “ Città Belland “, on this 8th day of the month of March of the year of our Lord 2018 and to it We affix Our Hand and Seals in use at this House.



His Most Eminent Highness José, Prince
GRAND MASTER and HEAD OF STATE