



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

**MAGISTERIAL DECREE 21 / 2019**

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 of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, ( KMFAP ) also said of the Knights of Malta, in virtue of the Constitutional powers bestowed upon Us, and**

**having received on this day the official Final Sentence with no possibility for further Appeal given by a Court of Law of Prague, Czech Republic who found our Knight hereinafter mentioned guilty, among others, of wrongdoing involving an amount of 600.000 € ( Six Hundred Thousand Euros ) perpetrated by him together with others ;**

**having also known on this day that this Knight is using the title of “ State Secretary for Political Affairs “ of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Our Government for some official contacts without having ever been appointed as such by the Grand Master and Head of the State of the Government of this Federation, who, in accordance with the Article 4<sup>th</sup> of the Chapter 7 of Our Constitutional Letter is the ONLY ENTITY in this Federation to have the power and the right to grant all conferments and appointments;**

**Considering that for the structure of Our Sovereign Order to be able to respect, observe and correspond to its glorious historical and traditional past, has, at all times, to be served by Knights and Dames of high value and incontestable human and moral qualities;**

**Considering that, above all, the Knights and Dames of The Federation must fully respect and obey to the laws and legislation of the Countries where they live or work and must, in all situations, be, and behave as, exemplar citizens;**

**Considering that the aforementioned Final Sentence, which is part and parcel of the present Decree, was given by a Court of Law of a Sovereign State for which The Federation has the highest respect and confidence in the competence, righteousness and equity of its sentences and that the questions in issue only involve the said Knight's personal behavior and do not pertain to the Federation affairs nor they involve our Sovereign Order and State in any way ;**

**Also having in consideration that in accordance with the Paragraph 1 of Article 11 of The Universal Declaration of the Human Rights – 1948 - of the United Nations, any person is entitled to the presumption of total innocence until a final verdict and sentence is dully given by a Court of Law and that in this case a Final Sentence has been given by a Court of Law ;**



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**Having had all of this facts in consideration and in accordance with Our Constitutional Letter, namely the following Chapters and Articles:**

**Chapter VII - POWERS OF THE GRAND MASTER**

*Article 3<sup>rd</sup>. - In all matters concerning the Federation the decisions of the Grand Master are final, irrefutable and irrevocable.*

**Chapter XV - THE MAGISTERIAL COURT OF PEACE OF THE FEDERATION**

*Article 5<sup>th</sup>. - The disciplinary sanctions, depending on the gravity of the fault or infraction, which the Grand Master or the Magisterial Court of Peace may adopt are as follows:*

*d) Obliteration or Expulsion.*

**Chapter XXIV – ON THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ALL THE KNIGHTS AND DAMES OF THE FEDERATION  
IV - ON THE OBLIGATIONS OF OUR KNIGHTS AND DAMES**

*Article 1<sup>st</sup>. - All Knights and Dames have the obligation to respect, comply and enforce the legislation of their home countries and of the countries where they live or work, the legislation of the Federation, including the present Constitutional Letter, and also the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights of the United Nations.*

**We come to decree and We do decree:**



**ARTICLE 1.** Sir MAXIMILIANO TURI, also known as Sir “ Max “ Turi is by the present Decree downgraded to the rank of Knight.

**ARTICLE 2.** Sir MAXIMILIANO TURI, also known as Sir “ Max “ Turi is by the present Decree **EXPELLED WITH DISHONOUR** from Knighthood in Our Sovereign Order and dishonourably discharged from any and all of his eventual positions and assignments in the Government of the State of this Federation.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Expulsion mentioned in Article 2 of the present Decree also entails the immediate total cancellation and revocation any eventual diplomatic assignments and subsequently of the Diplomatic Passport and of any letters or Credentials issued in name of Mr. Maximiliano Turi, as well as the waiver of all the inherent Diplomatic immunities of which the holders of Diplomatic Passports enjoy while on the exclusive service of the State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem – Knights of Malta –. The Documents of Identification here mentioned must be returned at once to the Office of The Prime Minister.

**ARTICLE 4.** The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.

This decree, was given in Two pages with Five pages attached, at Our Magisterial House on this 15th day of the month of October of the year of our Lord 2019 and to it We have hereunto set Our hand and the seals in use at this House .



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