



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

Magisterial House

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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,

considering that the present Pandemic outbreak of COVID-19 is seriously affecting the all World;

Considering that the restrictions, for safety and preventive reasons, imposed upon Air Travels by many countries have to be fully respected by our Sovereign Order and State;

Considering that several of Our Postulants, waiting to be Knighted in coming Knighthood Ceremony of the 17th and 18th of July 2020, can not travel to attend this Ceremony due to the aforementioned restrictions and that their absence is not and can not be considered their fault;

Having had all the above stated facts in consideration and having consulted for this effect Our State Ceremonial Organizational Committee, as well as Our Lieutenant General, in accordance with all the Articles of Chapter II and the Articles n.º 2 and n.º 3 and n.º 8 of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter,

We come to decree and We do decree:

ARTICLE 1. All the Postulants who, due to the restrictions imposed by the Governments of the countries of their residence, will not be able to attend the forthcoming Knighthood Ceremony that will take place in Chateau Béla, Slovakia, on the 17th and 18th of July 2020, will, on exceptional basis, from the day of the mentioned Ceremony on, be considered as full right Knights and Dames of our Sovereign Order and Citizens of Our State.

a) These new Knights and Dames will receive by post or by other means, their Knighthood Regalia such as Mantel, Decoration, Diplomas, ID Cards as Citizens of our State, etc., which they can wear.



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ARTICLE 2. The Postulants mentioned in Article 1. of the present Decree must be present at the first Ceremony possible, to sign their Oath and to receive their Accolade of Knighthood.

a) Participation in the Ceremonial side events such as the General Chapter Meeting, Watch of Arms, Banquets, photos and other services covered by the Administrative Fee of Admission paid by the Postulants but which they could not attend, will be valid for the next Knighthood Ceremony that will take place in October 2020.

ARTICLE 3. Since the Postulants mentioned in the previous Articles of the present Decree have neither signed their Oath, nor received their Knighthood Accolade, although enjoying of the same rights and privileges of all the other Knights and Dames of Our Sovereign Order and State, can not use the Title of “Sir” or “Lady” until the said Oath is signed and the Accolade is received.

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

This decree, was given in two pages at Our Magisterial House in Malta, in the city of Zejtun “ Città Belland “, on this 3rd day of the month of July of the year of our Lord 2020 and to it We affix Our Hand and Seals in use at this House.



José, Prince



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