



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

Magisterial House

MAGISTERIAL DECREE 01 / 2020

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 growth and progress of Our Sovereign Order and State ;

considering that the actual 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 the good and committed work done until now by Our Priory of Florida of the United States of America, created by Our Magisterial Decree number 01/2018, and also the fact that we have now there the human resources and the structure required to upgrade this Priory to the highest level;

also considering that the competence, high moral principles and exemplary humanitarian values of the Knight appointed hereinafter by the present Decree, who is well known and very 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 We upgrade the Priory of Florida, and create the

GRAND PRIORY OF FLORIDA

to coordinate the activities and the Knights and Dames of Our Sovereign Order in the territory of the State of Florida of the United States of America.

ARTICLE 2. The Grand Priory aforementioned in Article 1. is NOT, can NOT and will NOT, now or in the future, be considered, styled or recognized as Autonomous, for any purposes whatsoever, since it is an integrant part of the structure of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign



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Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, 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, the Grand Priory 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, from its Grand Master or against His 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 and dissolved, all this being valid from the day of the event on and with no right of appeal of any kind.

ARTICLE 4. In accordance with Our Constitutional Letter the Grand Priory created by the Article 1 of the present Decree is part of the Structure of Our Order and as such must act, but since it is NOT part of the Government of Our Sovereign State, it must NOT engage in any Governmental activities.

ARTICLE 5. By the present Decree We come to appoint

Sir James Angleton Junior, KCMG
to the position of

GRAND PRIOR OF FLORIDA

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

ARTICLE 5. 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 04th day of the month of February of the year of our Lord 2020 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