

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

Magisterial House

MAGISTERIAL DECREE 10 / 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 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 work which constitutes the reason of Our existence as a Knightly Order;

considering the need to develop the Arts as a form of Culture and of the National Identity of each Nation, and considering also also that we have now the human resources and the structure required to dully start a competent work;

also considering that the competence, the moral principles and humanitarian values of the Knight appointed hereinafter by the present Decree, who is 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, by proposal of Our Lieutenant General 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

Department of Arts of the Grand Priory of the Most Boly Trinity of Villedien



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ARTICLE 2. The Department 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 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 Department 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 its Government, or against their 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 Department, 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. By the present Decree We come to appoint due to his qualities and capabilities,



to the position of

DEPUTY GRAND PRIOR FOR ARTS OF THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY OF VILLEDIEU

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 " Cittá Belland ", on this 24th day of the month of July of the year of our Lord 2019 and to it We affix Our Hand and Seals in use at this House.